

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2410	sb0381	lr1293	hb0146	LARS Facility Renovation
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Rosapepe				Pena-Melnyk
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County			\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS), Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, and renovation of the LARS facility.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Nancy Graham, Executive Director		301-776-0442	ngraham@laureladvocacy.org	
			ntgraham@gmail.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. (LARS) is a faith-based organization that assists individuals and families from the Laurel community who are experiencing crisis situations. LARS provides the following services: 1) Transitional Housing; 2) Permanent Housing; 3) Stipends to deter eviction and utility stoppage; 4) Employment Services; 5) Assistance with applications public services (ie. SSI, Maryland Energy Assistance Program...); 6) Referral for services including mental health counseling and addictions treatment; and 7) Food Pantry.</p>				

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
6/30/09	2/1/10	4/1/10	10/1/10
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
225,000		1,536	2,000+
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2009	\$100,000	Building Construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. 311 Laurel Avenue Laurel, Maryland 20707			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			21
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
8	12	\$840,436	\$1,000,000+
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3,400		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	5,500		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1967

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services has owned our current facility since 1999, and few repairs have been made other than general repairs to keep us operational. The food pantry is too small so food flows into other parts of the building. We also lack proper refrigeration, and cannot even consider the purchase of new refrigeration because the space is not available, and our electrical system could not support the voltage of another industrial system. LARS also lacks office space and has some staff doubled up in offices. We also have to coordinate work times to allow each person to have access to an office they share. The lack of space prohibits us from utilizing interns and many operational volunteers. These challenges make our work very difficult with such high demands for our services. Last year LARS served 1,536 individuals and families (unduplicated count).

Safety is also another factor of concern. The buildings stairwells are external, so two staff members are isolated in basement offices and out of ear shot of the remainder of the staff.

LARS also needs updating for our handicap accessibility.