

5M to Bolster Mental Units

State mental institutions and schools for the retarded, including Willowbrook State Hospital on Staten Island, are to receive \$5 million in state funds at once, Gov. Rockefeller announced yesterday.

The money, he said, is part of \$20 million earmarked for the Department of Mental Hygiene when the Legislature approved more than \$400 million in additional taxes during a special session that ended New Year's Eve.

The remaining \$15 million, bringing the department's budget to \$600 million, will be made available in April.

Willowbrook has been the target of charges that patients received inadequate treatment. Administrators there said lack of money prevented better services.