

The South Beach Psychiatric Center's budget increase of \$1,426,830 — to \$11,004,900 — was the second largest given to any of the state's 29 such facilities.

Budget figures show the number of employes at the center increased by 264 between 1973 and last year, the number of inpatients increased by 205 and the number of outpatients decreased by 1,470.

In addition to its operating budget, the center also has \$2,176,376 in unexpended capital

construction funds, according to the budget. That money is earmarked for construction of a hospital for patients at the Ocean Breeze institution.

The Arthur Kill Narcotics Rehabilitation Center's proposed budget for the next fiscal year is \$7,629,000 up \$81,853 from the current year. Payroll and related costs increased slightly, despite the fact that there were 21 fewer employes at the facility last year than the year before.

There were 34 more inpatients at the facility last year than in 1973, and 28 fewer non-resident patients, according to the budget.

The state's \$11,287,000 appropriation for construction at SICC is part of New York's estimated \$12,203,000 share of

the cost of the project. The construction program is expected to cost about \$24.4 million, with completion in February 1978.

The budget for the Department of Environmental Conservation provides an additional \$904,000 in state appropriations for the construction of the Oakwood treatment plant, which eventually receive and treat sewage from most of the South Shore. Previous state contributions to the project have amounted to \$7.2 million.

The agency's budget also indicates that some \$6 million previously appropriated for shore erosion protection on the Island's East Shore and elsewhere around New York Harbor will be carried over into the next fiscal year.

The state's allocation of \$500,000 for construction of the North Richmond Mental Health Center is the first installment of its estimated \$2.5-million share in construction costs for the facility.

Current plans, according to a spokesman for St. Vincent's, call for groundbreaking for the facility to take place in the spring of 1976, with completion about two years later. The facility, which will be built on a site adjoining the medical center, will provide inpatient care for about 35 persons in addition to serving outpatients.

The center's total estimated cost is about \$7 million, according to the hospital spokesman.