

How Island fared in state budget

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ALBANY — Here is a summary of how Staten Island programs fared in the \$16.6-billion budget approved this week:

Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook — \$38.4 million. The budget projects a loss of 1,145 positions from the Willowbrook institution for the retarded, a majority through attrition and transfers to other institutions and community residences. The cuts reflect a state plan to drop the center's resident population from 940 to 250 in the next 12 months under the terms of a court decree.

South Beach Psychiatric Center — \$23.1 million, an increase of \$2.6 million over the year before.

Institute for Basic Research, Willowbrook — \$7.2 million, an increase of \$823,700 over the year before. The center does research in mental retardation and is affiliated with the Staten Island Developmental Center.

College of Staten Island — Approximately \$19.4 million, the specific allocation is left to the City University of New York (CUNY), which dispenses funds to city colleges. Under the original Carey budget, it was projected that the Island college would lose 29 faculty positions. But the Legislature added \$7.3 million to the governor's recommended appropriation to CUNY, some of which will be used to save the jobs of 14 teachers at the Island school.

Staten Island Ferry — \$5 million in operating aid, about the same as last year.

New York City Transit Authority — \$258.9 million, about the same as last year.

Willowbrook Review Panel — The Legislature voted no funds for this court-appointed monitor of programs for former and current Staten Island Developmental Center residents. Carey is trying to gain an appropriation through separate legislation.

Wagner College — will share in \$93 million in so-called Bundy aid provided to the state's private colleges. The allocation represents an \$8-million hike over last year.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center — \$300,000 is included in the budget, an increase of \$50,000 over last year.

The following programs got no funding in the budget, but may win funds in a supplemental budget, expected to be enacted at the end of the legislative session: Staten Island Cooperative Continuum of Education, Staten Island Children's Museum, Learning Institute of the Jewish Community Center, Richmondtown Restoration Center, High Rock Park, Conservation Center and the Eden II Center.