

tion at Rosewood, funds are in the budget to operate Henryton State Hospital as a mentally retarded facility for an eventual population of 400 patients. The general fund increase for the Department of Mental Hygiene is provided primarily for staffing, equipping and operating new facilities and for providing a higher level of treatment and care of the mentally ill.

I am proposing that funds for the support of public welfare be increased in the amount of \$4,878,411, of which \$2,174,780 is in general funds. The additional funds proposed primarily are to meet the expected increase in the welfare caseload. You will note in this budget an increase of \$158,649 for Maryland Children Centers, including the new 40-bed Southern Maryland Children's Center in Anne Arundel County.

As a growing State, Maryland within the next several decades will be faced by greater demands on its transportation network, particularly its highway systems. An increasing population and a strengthening economy providing more jobs for more people will be accompanied by a rise in the number of motor vehicles registered in our State and a tremendous boost in the number of vehicle miles traveled over the public roads of Maryland. To meet these demands on the State highway system, and the systems of the counties and municipalities, we must continue to move forward with an energetic program of construction and maintenance on all of the systems in every part of the State. In order to do this job, I am recommending allowances of \$146,513,845 for the 1964 fiscal year. Of this total, \$83,581,132 in State and federal funds will go to the State Roads Commission for construction, reconstruction, maintenance and operation of State highway system. This will make \$51,514,842 available for construction and reconstruction; \$11,300,893 for maintenance; \$20,765,397 for debt service requirements on State highway construction bonds; and \$450,336 for expenses in connection with enforcement of weight-and-size limitations on motor vehicles.

Among the counties and their municipalities, the State Roads Commission will allocate in fiscal 1964 a total of \$19,967,967 in State and federal funds. During the same period, Baltimore City will receive \$42,964,746 in State and federal highways funds. In addition, the budget recommended to you provides \$15,979,878 for the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of State Police and other functions allied with the maintenance of safe highway travel in our State. In the interest of highway safety primarily, I am recommending, as I have for the past four years, 40 additional State troopers to