

Human services get help

By VALERIE BAILEY
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Human service agencies including the Women's Resource Center and Family Health Services will receive more funding this year as a result of the State College Municipal Council's decision Monday to redistribute \$161,000 in Community Development Block Grant budget funds.

Of the total money to be reallocated, \$59,000 came from unused portions of last year's CDBG funds. Payment of the remaining \$102,000 came from additional funding recently made available by the government, said John Dombroski, municipal council president.

Dombroski said that when State College received the original funding, federal officials said that an additional \$102,000 would be directed to the borough if government funds were available.

The 1986 payment of the CDBG, which is federal money, was originally set for \$59,000, said Henry Lawlor, State College's community development director.

The borough is still receiving \$100,000 less from the grant than last year, even with the additional allocations, State College Mayor Arnold Addison said.

Addison said he suspects that this is the last year the borough will receive the grant money.

Because of the probability of losing the grant, the borough will have to find new sources of revenue, Addison said, possibly in the form of increased taxes. He did not know how much taxes could increase.

State College has benefited from the grant since 1981, when the 1980 census declared State College a metropolitan area due to its population size, Lawlor said.

Because State College was also declared the central city in this area, the borough received six grant allocations. The first payment came in July 1982, when \$705,000 was made available, he said.

Lawlor said the highest amount given was \$729,000 in 1983 and the payments have decreased over the

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State College council vetos funds for COG building fund

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The State College Municipal Council will no longer contribute to a building fund to provide new facilities for the Centre Region Council of Governments.

But, council did agree in their Monday night meeting to continue supporting the remainder of the COG budget. Without the building fund contribution, the State College contribution to the budget will be \$550,000, said Ron Davis, financial director of the State College Borough.

Council member James Bartoo said at Monday's meeting that State College agreed last year to pay the borough's share of the building fund. Budget time seems to be an inappropriate time to change the decision, Bartoo added.

Bartoo said even though he also questions the need for a COG building fund, COG members viewed that the borough "twisted COG's arm" so that it would move into the Fraser Plaza on the ground floor of the Fraser Street Parking Garage.

"That's no way to treat a cooperative venture like COG," he said.

Council member Mary Ann Haas said there was no connection between State College's refusal to contribute to the building fund and COG's occupation of the Fraser Street Parking facilities.

Haas said she was angry COG members didn't thank the borough for the use of the facilities.

The State College Borough Council announced at the Nov. 24 COG meeting that they no longer saw a need for a new COG facility, because the borough had already invested in a current Fraser Plaza facility, John Dombroski, State College Municipal Council president said at the previous meeting.

In 1985, State College paid \$350,000 to convert the Fraser Street garage into facilities COG could rent, Dombroski said.

COG has already set aside \$40,000 for the building fund, Planning Director Dennis Elpers said at a meeting of the State College Planning Commission last week.

The original plan was for the municipality to build a \$400,000 building for the next three years for the building fund, he said.

State College has already given \$9,000 to the building fund.

By 1988, the \$120,000 raised would have gone towards 10 percent of the purchasing and developing costs of the proposed building, Elpers said.

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Women MBAs increase

By LISA NURNBERGER
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Women getting their masters of business administration are in greater demand in the job market, and the increasing number of women in the MBA program at the University reflects this nationwide change, said the program's admissions coordinator for the program.

Within the past decade, women's MBA enrollment has risen at the University from 19 percent to 32 percent, a 13-point increase, Merin Ritz said. Women tend to get higher scores on entrance exams and that more women are accepted as a result, he added.

Other University officials cited affirmative action policies as helping to increase the number of jobs for women and said women are competing equally with men for jobs and salaries.

According to a 1985 study by Ross Stolzenberg, vice president for research of the University's Graduate Management Admission Council, "There is evidence to justify a hypothesis that men's MBA degree production has begun to level off, but that women's MBA production will continue to rise vigorously, increasing the total MBA output for some time to come."

Statistics marking an 11.7 percent nationwide increase of women MBAs in the past decade support Stolzenberg's hypothesis, said Vance Grant, specialist in education and statistics for the National Center for Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education. "Women are going into fields of study that they never did before in order to fulfill job opportunities," Grant said, adding that "it's one of the fastest-growing fields today."

"Women used to attend school for education and the languages," said education Professor Kathryn M. Moore, director for the Strategic Study Group on the Status of Women. However, she added, "other fields were being built up, such as the MBA."

Affirmative action forces corporations to gather a diverse application pool, she said. When two equally qualified persons apply for the job, affirmative action policy requires that a woman or minority be hired, she added.

"In some cases companies have a responsibility to hire women," said Laura Stoeckel, placement coordinator for the MBA program, "so women may find they have more job offers than men."

According to placement forms submitted to the University by MBA graduates when they accept a position, female MBA graduates are competing equally with men and are as strongly sought after as male MBA graduates, Stoeckel said.

In May 1986, the average MBA graduate's starting salary for both men and women was \$33,500, Stoeckel said, adding that salaries vary according to geographical location, work experience, the industry, and the graduate's level of technical undergraduate study.

Moore said that according to information she has studied, women are given the same status in terms of salary and job offers after graduation.

Other universities, such as Harvard are also showing a tremendous increase in female MBA students. In 1976, 105 women attended Harvard's business school, making up 14.7 percent of the student population. Today, Harvard's MBA program has 24 percent women, Harvard officials said.

The enrollment of women in Temple University's graduate business school has increased by 30 percent in the last decade, from 24

Jaycees collect food

Days will be a little brighter for local families with the help of the third annual Jaycees Porchlight Food Drive to be held tonight between 6 and 9 p.m.

The statewide program collects non-perishable food items for local food banks and families in need of food.

State College residents wishing to make donations may leave a light on in front of their home and chapter members will make the collections, said State College Jaycees member Chris Igo.

The State College, Penna Valley and Bellefonte Jaycees chapters will participate in the food drive, along with a chapter at the State Correctional Institution at Rockview.

Bob Igo, also a Jaycee member, said that last year the Jaycees collected enough food for 25 families as well as the Women's Resource Center, 111 Sowers St., and the local food bank.

Because of the large pick-up area in the rural districts, residents of Centre Hall, Milheim, Spring Mills and Bellefonte wishing to donate food are asked to call and give the location of their pick-up.

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