

OLYMPIC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MISSION

In 1980, Lake Placid and the surrounding areas were host to the Winter Olympic Games. The following year, the Olympic Regional Development Authority was established to create and administer a post-Olympic program for the Lake Placid facilities. These facilities include: the Olympic Ice Center; the Olympic Speedskating Oval; the Whiteface Mountain Ski Area and Veterans' Memorial Highway; the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Complex that includes bobsled and luge runs, cross-country ski trails and a biathlon range; the Olympic Ski Jumping Complex; and the U.S. Olympic Training Center. In 1984, the Olympic Regional Development Authority's responsibility expanded to include the management of the Gore Mountain Ski Center in North Creek, Warren County.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

- The Authority is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors, consisting of the commissioners of Economic Development, Environmental Conservation, Parks, and seven other members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Governor selects one of the members as Chair. The Commissioner of Economic Development currently chairs the Authority. Board members serve without compensation.
- The agency has a workforce of 172 and employs up to 800 hourly workers, depending on the season.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 2000-01, State tax dollars from the General Fund will finance 31 percent, or \$7.6 million, of the Authority's \$24.2 million operating budget. The year-to-year change in State support reflects the phase out of funding for costs associated with the February 2000 Goodwill Games.

State funding supplements \$15.3 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; \$600,000 from the Town of North Elba; \$400,000 from the United States Olympic Committee to cover the costs associated with use of Authority facilities; \$200,000 from the Winter Sports Education Trust Fund; and \$150,000 from the Olympic Training Center Account.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OLYMPIC FACILITIES

The Olympic Regional Development Authority manages one of three primary sites (the others being in California and Colorado) for year-round training of America's Olympic athletes. In 1998-99, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 245,000 visitors. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events — in 1999-2000, the first-ever Winter Goodwill Games, the ECAC Hockey Championships, the Empire State Winter Games, the World Cup Biathlon Competition, and the U.S. Ski Jumping 120 and 90 Meter

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Championships were held at Authority sites. In addition, the Authority has been the home of the Stars on Ice figure skating rehearsal and preview show since 1992.

SKI FACILITIES

The Authority also manages the Gore and Whiteface mountain ski centers; two major downhill ski facilities that received more than 240,000 visitors in the 1998-99 ski season, and over 125,000 visitors for off-season activities such as mountain biking and sightseeing tours. Efforts are underway to significantly upgrade the ski facilities at Gore and Whiteface with private capital and expertise.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01</u>
State Operations	\$6,639,000	\$7,902,000	+ \$1,263,000	.....
Aid To Localities .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capital Projects	8,300,000	.....	-8,300,000	.....
Total	\$14,939,000	\$7,902,000	-\$7,037,000	.....

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$6,289,000	\$7,552,000	+ \$1,263,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	150,000	150,000	.....
Fiduciary Funds	200,000	200,000	.....
Total	\$6,639,000	\$7,902,000	+ \$1,263,000
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Olympic Regional Development Authority			
Capital Projects Funds - Other (Capital Projects)	-2,317,000		
Appropriated 1999-00	<u>\$4,322,000</u>		

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
Operations			
General Fund	\$6,289,000	\$7,552,000	+ \$1,263,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	150,000	150,000	.....
Nonexpendable Trust Funds	200,000	200,000
Total	\$6,639,000	\$7,902,000	+ \$1,263,000

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STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Amount	Change	Contractual Services Amount	Change
Operations	\$7,552,000	+ \$1,263,000	\$7,552,000	+ \$1,263,000
Total	<u>\$7,552,000</u>	<u>+ \$1,263,000</u>	<u>\$7,552,000</u>	<u>+ \$1,263,000</u>

STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Amount	Change	Nonpersonal Service Amount	Change
Operations	\$350,000	. . . .	\$200,000	. . . .
Total	<u>\$350,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

Program	Maintenance Undistributed Amount	Change
Operations	\$150,000	. . . .
Total	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations 2000-01
Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	\$8,300,000	. . . .	-\$8,300,000	. . . .
Total	\$8,300,000	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>-\$8,300,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>
Adjustments:				
Transfer(s) To				
General Fund (State Operations)		+ 2,317,000		
Appropriated 1999-00		<u>\$10,617,000</u>		

