

# ***DIVISION OF PAROLE***

## ***MISSION***

The Division of Parole, which consists of the Board of Parole and Division staff, provides offenders who have been released from prison the opportunity to become productive, law-abiding members of the community while limiting public risk.

The Parole Board determines when an inmate should be released from prison through a hearing process. The Division supervises parolees in the community, investigates alleged violations, revokes parole when warranted and arranges for services to help the parolees remain productive and law-abiding members of the community.

## ***ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING***

The 19 members of the Board of Parole are appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, for six-year terms. One member is designated by the Governor to serve as the Board's Chair and chief executive officer of the Division. The Board members review the cases of inmates eligible for parole and determine if and when the offender should be released to parole supervision. The Board members establish the conditions the parolee must abide by in the community, and revoke parole in cases where parolees fail to maintain the conditions of their release.

The Division's administrative staff are located in its central office in Albany. Parole operations staff are distributed across the state in 71 correctional facilities and approximately 38 community-based supervision offices.

## ***FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS***

In 2002-03, approximately \$152 million in State tax dollars and \$1.5 million in Federal funds will enable the Division of Parole to promote public safety by preparing inmates for release, supervising offenders in the community, and arranging for treatment services for parolees.

The budget recommendations also build on prior year initiatives designed to supervise offenders in the community by providing intensive parole officer supervision caseloads for violent felony offenders, sex offenders and for those parolees who complete the drug treatment program at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus.

Approximately \$35.9 million in State tax dollars and \$2.7 million in Federal funds are recommended to support the Aid to Localities portion of the budget. This funding finances vocational development and relapse prevention programs, and supports initiatives designed to positively impact the revocation process, such as the High Impact Incarceration Program (HIIP) in New York City. In order to reduce the impact on localities and speed the return of non-compliant parolees to State prison, the Division has developed several procedural changes that have made the parole revocation process more efficient. These management efficiencies have significantly reduced the amount of time parole violators spend in local jails.

## ***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

In addition to closely monitoring offenders in the community, the Division helps prevent parolees from reverting to a life of crime by contracting for various rehabilitative services to support their return to society, such as substance abuse counseling, residential treatment, and employment training and programming.

## ***PAROLE OPERATIONS***

The Parole Operations program, the core of the State parole system, comprises three major areas: preparing inmates for parole, assisting the Board in making parole release

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determinations, and supervising parolees upon release. As a result of changes to the Penal Law by the Sentencing Reform Act of 1995 and Jenna's Law, violent felony offenders are subject to determinate sentences and not eligible for early parole release. Those offenders will, however, be subject to fixed periods of post-release supervision upon their release from prison, and monitored by Parole Officers. An inmate must have housing and employment prospects before being released from a State prison. Parole officers attempt to obtain housing, employment and other services before an inmate appears before the Board. At the same time, parole staff assigned to prisons assess an inmate's readiness for release by reviewing his or her case history. The staff also summarizes an inmate's rehabilitation progress, family background, and housing and employment prospects for the Board's consideration.

When offenders are released from prison, they are assigned to a Parole Officer for the balance of their sentence. The supervising parole officer monitors behavior and helps the parolee locate and maintain employment.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2001-02	Appropriations Recommended 2002-03	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2002-03
State Operations	151,832,000	154,353,000	2,521,000	5,328,900
Aid To Localities	48,474,000	43,934,000	(4,540,000)	8,327,900
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	200,306,000	198,287,000	(2,019,000)	13,656,800

### ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

#### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	118	118	0
Parole Operations			
General Fund	2,230	2,214	(16)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3	3	0
Total	2,351	2,335	(16)

### STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
General Fund	146,307,000	152,067,000	5,760,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,700,000	1,461,000	(3,239,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	425,000	425,000	0
Total	151,832,000	154,353,000	2,521,000

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration			
General Fund	8,276,000	8,548,000	272,000
Parole Operations			
General Fund	138,031,000	143,519,000	5,488,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,700,000	1,461,000	(3,239,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	425,000	425,000	0
Total	<u>151,832,000</u>	<u>154,353,000</u>	<u>2,521,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	7,099,000	247,000	6,968,000	243,000
Parole Operations	117,261,000	3,213,000	113,401,000	3,051,000
Total	<u>124,360,000</u>	<u>3,460,000</u>	<u>120,369,000</u>	<u>3,294,000</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)</b>		<b>Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	0	0	131,000	4,000
Parole Operations	80,000	42,000	3,780,000	120,000
Total	<u>80,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>3,911,000</u>	<u>124,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Supplies and Materials</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	1,449,000	25,000	37,000	0
Parole Operations	26,258,000	2,275,000	1,037,000	50,000
Total	<u>27,707,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>1,074,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Travel</b>		<b>Contractual Services</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	238,000	0	1,160,000	25,000
Parole Operations	3,505,000	150,000	19,934,000	1,510,000
Total	<u>3,743,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>21,094,000</u>	<u>1,535,000</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	14,000	0
Parole Operations	1,782,000	565,000
Total	<u>1,796,000</u>	<u>565,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Parole Operations	425,000	(3,200,000)	425,000	(3,200,000)
Total	<u>425,000</u>	<u>(3,200,000)</u>	<u>425,000</u>	<u>(3,200,000)</u>

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**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	40,481,000	35,972,000	(4,509,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,743,000	2,712,000	(31,000)
Internal Service Funds	5,250,000	5,250,000	0
Total	<u>48,474,000</u>	<u>43,934,000</u>	<u>(4,540,000)</u>

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APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

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