

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 member as Chair. The Commissioner of Economic Development currently chairs the Authority. Board members serve without compensation.

The Authority has a workforce of 180 and employs up to 1,000 full- and part-time hourly workers, depending on the season.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 2004-05, State tax dollars from the General Fund will finance 29.4 percent, or \$7.35 million, of the Authority's \$25 million operating budget. State funding supplements \$16.1 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; \$755,000 from the Town of North Elba; \$411,000 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 \$200,000 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 2002-03, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 275,000 visitors. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events. In 2002-03, World Cup Skeleton and Women's World Cup Bobsled, Junior National Figure Skating Championships, Synchronized Skating Championships, World Cup Freestyle Skiing, Disney on Ice, Bobsled World Championships, Biathlon National Championships and World Team Trials, Junior Olympics Skiing, Empire State Winter Games, and several festivals and shows 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.

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SKI FACILITIES

The Authority also manages the Gore and Whiteface Mountain ski centers, two major downhill ski facilities that received more than 350,000 visitors in the 2002-03 ski season; and over 150,000 visitors for off-season activities such as mountain biking and sightseeing tours.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2003-04	Appropriations Recommended 2004-05	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2004-05
State Operations	7,750,000	7,750,000	0	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	7,750,000	7,750,000	0	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
General Fund	7,400,000	7,350,000	(50,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	350,000	400,000	50,000
Total	7,750,000	7,750,000	0

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

Program	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
Operations			
General Fund	7,400,000	7,350,000	(50,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	350,000	400,000	50,000
Total	7,750,000	7,750,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2004-05 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	7,350,000	(50,000)	7,350,000	(50,000)
Total	7,350,000	(50,000)	7,350,000	(50,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2004-05 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	400,000	50,000	200,000	0
Total	400,000	50,000	200,000	0

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Operations	200,000	50,000
Total	200,000	50,000