

# **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. Board members serve without compensation.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2008-09 Executive Budget recommends **\$8.6 million** for the Olympic Regional Development Authority, which is approximately 26 percent of its \$32.7 million operating budget. This is an increase of **\$400,000** from the 2007-08 budget. This net change primarily reflects increases in health care and retirement costs. State funding supplements \$22.8 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; \$876,354 from the Town of North Elba; \$200,000 from the Winter Sports Education Trust Fund; and \$200,000 from the Olympic Training Center Account.

The Authority has a **workforce of 203**, an increase of **3** from the 2007-08 budget, and employs up to 1,115 full- and part-time hourly workers, depending on the season.

## **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 2006-07, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 800,000 visitors. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events. In 2006-07, major events included: the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1932 Winter Olympic Games; International Skating Institute Figure Skating Competition; World Cup Gymnastics; Lake Placid Synchronized Skating, Figure Skating and Ice Dance Championships; World Cup Snowboarding; Disney on Ice; NCAA Women's Hockey;

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Smucker's Stars on Ice; International Bobsled and Skeleton Sliding School; The Barnum and Bailey Circus; Chevrolet Geoff Bodine Bobsled Challenge; Empire State Winter Games; and several festivals and shows. 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 400,000 visitors in the 2006-07 ski season; and over 191,000 visitors for off-season activities such as mountain biking and sightseeing tours.

#### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2007-08	Appropriations Recommended 2008-09	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2008-09
State Operations	8,626,000	9,026,000	400,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	5,500,000
Total	8,626,000	9,026,000	400,000	5,500,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
General Fund	8,226,000	8,626,000	400,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Total	8,626,000	9,026,000	400,000

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

Program	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
Operations			
General Fund	8,226,000	8,626,000	400,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Total	8,626,000	9,026,000	400,000

#### STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2008-09 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	4,641,000	215,000	4,641,000	215,000
Total	4,641,000	215,000	4,641,000	215,000

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2008-09 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	3,985,000	185,000	2,097,000	97,000
Total	3,985,000	185,000	2,097,000	97,000

Program	General State Charges	
	Amount	Change
Operations	1,888,000	88,000
Total	1,888,000	88,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2008-09 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	400,000	0	170,000	0
Total	400,000	0	170,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Operations	230,000	0
Total	230,000	0

**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change	Reappropriations 2008-09
Recreation				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	5,500,000
Total	0	0	0	5,500,000