

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 2009-10 Executive Budget recommends **\$7.8 million** for the Olympic Regional Development Authority, which is approximately 21 percent of its \$36.4 million operating budget. This is a decrease of \$800,000 from the 2008-09 Budget. This net change primarily reflects increases in revenues generated at the ski facilities and other Olympic venues as well as enhanced operational efficiencies. State funding supplements \$27.3 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; over \$900,000 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 200**, a **decrease of 3** from the 2008-09 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 four primary sites (the others being in California, Colorado and Utah) for year-round training of America's Olympic athletes. In 2007-08, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 800,000 visitors. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events. In 2007-08, major events included: the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championships; ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating; Smuckers Stars on Ice; The Harlem Globetrotters; Long Track National Speed Skating Championships; Summer Ice Dance and Figure Skating Championships; International Bobsled and

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Skeleton Sliding School; Junior Luge World Championships; World Cups in Bobsled and Skeleton; the 2008 Ski Freestyle World Cup; 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 444,000 visitors in the 2007-08 ski season; and over 121,500 visitors for off-season activities such as mountain biking and sightseeing tours.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2008-09	Appropriations Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2009-10
State Operations	9,026,000	8,226,000	(800,000)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	4,325,000
Total	9,026,000	8,226,000	(800,000)	4,325,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
General Fund	8,626,000	7,826,000	(800,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Total	9,026,000	8,226,000	(800,000)

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

Program	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Operations			
General Fund	8,626,000	7,826,000	(800,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Total	9,026,000	8,226,000	(800,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2009-10 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	4,210,000	(431,000)	4,210,000	(431,000)
Total	4,210,000	(431,000)	4,210,000	(431,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2009-10 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	3,616,000	(369,000)	1,900,000	(197,000)
Total	<u>3,616,000</u>	<u>(369,000)</u>	<u>1,900,000</u>	<u>(197,000)</u>

Program	General State Charges	
	Amount	Change
Operations	1,716,000	(172,000)
Total	<u>1,716,000</u>	<u>(172,000)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2009-10 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	400,000	0	170,000	0
Total	<u>400,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>0</u>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Operations	230,000	0
Total	<u>230,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations 2009-10
Recreation				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	0	0	0	4,325,000
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,325,000</u>