

# ***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 also 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 case 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 70 correctional facilities and approximately 35 community-based supervision offices.

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

In 1999-2000, approximately \$33 million in State tax dollars and \$2.3 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 State Operations recommendations build on prior year initiatives designed to supervise offenders in the community by providing reduced parole officer caseloads for violent felony offenders, sex offenders and for those parolees who complete the drug treatment program at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus.

The budget recommendation consolidates units within the Division of Parole and the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives charged with reviewing requests for interstate transfer of probationers/parolees. These units will be transferred to the Division of Criminal Justice Services to address an expanding workload without increasing costs, as well as to ensure that all requests are handled in a uniform manner.

This budget continues to fund improvements in technology to accommodate Year 2000 modifications and allow the Division to use technology to better supervise and track parolees in the community. Additionally, the Division continues to pilot teleconferencing for parole board hearings at Ogdensburg, Riverview, Franklin and Bare Hill Correctional Facilities from parole offices in Albany and New York City.

Approximately \$52 million in State tax dollars and \$2.8 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 an expanded High Impact Incarceration Program (HIIP) in New York City.

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## 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 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 determinations and supervising parolees upon release. As a result of changes to the Penal Law by the Sentencing Reform Act of 1999 and Jenna's Law, violent felony offenders will be subject to determinate sentences and not eligible for 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

Category	Available 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations . . . . .	\$138,140,600	\$136,215,000	-\$1,925,600	\$5,115,200
Aid To Localities . . . . .	61,806,600	60,163,700	-1,642,900	7,185,000
Capital Projects . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total . . . . .	<u>\$199,947,200</u>	<u>\$196,378,700</u>	<u>-\$3,568,500</u>	<u>\$12,300,200</u>

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

Program	Available 1998-99	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
Administration					
General Fund . . . . .	120	118	.....	118	-2
Parole Operations					
General Fund . . . . .	2,360	2,302	.....	2,302	-58
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	54	54	.....	54	.....
Total . . . . .	<u>2,534</u>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>-60</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund . . . . .	\$135,033,000	\$133,107,400	-\$1,925,600
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	2,307,600	2,307,600	. . . .
Special Revenue Funds — Other . . . . .	400,000	400,000	. . . .
Fiduciary Funds . . . . .	400,000	400,000	. . . .
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$138,140,600</u></b>	<b><u>\$136,215,000</u></b>	<b><u>-\$1,925,600</u></b>

**STATE OPERATIONS  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration			
General Fund . . . . .	\$7,216,200	\$7,164,100	-\$52,100
Parole Operations			
General Fund . . . . .	127,816,800	125,943,300	-1,873,500
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	2,307,600	2,307,600	. . . .
Special Revenue Funds — Other . . . . .	400,000	400,000	. . . .
Fiduciary Funds . . . . .	400,000	400,000	. . . .
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$138,140,600</u></b>	<b><u>\$136,215,000</u></b>	<b><u>-\$1,925,600</u></b>

**STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Personal Service</u>		<u>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</u>		<u>Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration . . . . .	\$5,750,000	+ \$29,600	\$5,750,000	+ \$29,600	. . . .	. . . .
Parole Operations . . . . .	104,158,200	-2,886,300	101,095,600	-2,989,900	\$3,062,600	+ \$103,600
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$109,908,200</u></b>	<b><u>-\$2,856,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$106,845,600</u></b>	<b><u>-\$2,960,300</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,062,600</u></b>	<b><u>+ \$103,600</u></b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Amount	Total		Supplies and Materials	
		Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$1,414,100		-\$81,700	\$34,300	. . . .
Parole Operations . . . . .	21,785,100		+ 1,012,800	836,200	. . . .
Total . . . . .	<u>\$23,199,200</u>		<u>+ \$931,100</u>	<u>\$870,500</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

Program	Amount	Travel		Contractual Services	
		Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$241,700		-\$103,600	\$1,124,000	+ \$21,500
Parole Operations . . . . .	4,513,700		+ 56,400	15,355,900	+ 930,900
Total . . . . .	<u>\$4,755,400</u>		<u>-\$47,200</u>	<u>\$16,479,900</u>	<u>+ \$952,400</u>

Program	Amount	Equipment	
		Amount	Change
Administration . . . . .	\$14,100		+ \$400
Parole Operations . . . . .	1,079,300		+ 25,500
Total . . . . .	<u>\$1,093,400</u>		<u>+ \$25,900</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

Program	Amount	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
		Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Parole Operations . . . . .	\$3,107,600		. . . .	\$400,000	. . . .
Total . . . . .	<u>\$3,107,600</u>		<u>. . . .</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Parole Operations . . . . .	\$2,707,600	. . . .
Total . . . . .	<u>\$2,707,600</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

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

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	1998-99	1999-00	
General Fund . . . . .	\$53,714,100	\$52,071,200	-\$1,642,900
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	2,842,500	2,842,500	. . . .
Internal Service Funds . . . . .	5,250,000	5,250,000	. . . .
Total . . . . .	<u>\$61,806,600</u>	<u>\$60,163,700</u>	<u>-\$1,642,900</u>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1998-99</u>	<u>Recommended 1999-00</u>	<u>Change</u>
Parole Operations			
General Fund . . . . .	\$53,714,100	\$52,071,200	-\$1,642,900
Special Revenue Funds — Federal . . . . .	2,842,500	2,842,500	. . . .
Internal Service Funds . . . . .	5,250,000	5,250,000	. . . .
<u>Total . . . . .</u>	<u>\$61,806,600</u>	<u>\$60,163,700</u>	<u>-\$1,642,900</u>