

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

The agency has a workforce of 180 and employs up to 800 full- and part-time hourly workers, depending on the season.

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

In 2002-03, State tax dollars from the General Fund will finance 30.4 percent, or \$7.6 million, of the Authority's \$25 million operating budget. State funding supplements \$16 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; \$646,000 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 \$150,000 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 2000-01, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 225,000 visitors, which, when adjusted for the one-time increase in visitors associated with the Goodwill Games, is a year-to-year increase of more than 6 percent. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events — in 2000-01, the ECAC Hockey Championships, the Empire State Winter Games, the World Cup Biathlon, Bobsled Luge Competitions, ESPN Great Outdoor Games, Disney on Ice and U.S. Skiing Junior Olympic Championships 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 303,000 visitors in the 2000-01 ski season; and over 134,000 visitors for off-season activities such as mountain biking and sightseeing tours. Efforts are underway to significantly upgrade the ski facilities at Gore and Whiteface with private capital and expertise.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2001-02	Appropriations Recommended 2002-03	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2002-03
State Operations	7,902,000	7,902,000	0	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	7,902,000	7,902,000	0	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
General Fund	7,552,000	7,552,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	150,000	150,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	200,000	200,000	0
Total	7,902,000	7,902,000	0

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

Program	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Operations			
General Fund	7,552,000	7,552,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	150,000	150,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	200,000	200,000	0
Total	7,902,000	7,902,000	0

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

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	7,552,000	0	7,552,000	0
Total	7,552,000	0	7,552,000	0

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Operations	350,000	0	200,000	0
Total	350,000	0	200,000	0
<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>				
<b>Program</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Change</b>	
Operations	150,000	0		
Total	150,000	0		