

# **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.

The Authority has a workforce of 200 and employs up to 1,115 full- and part-time hourly workers, depending on the season.

## **FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

In 2007-08, State tax dollars from the General Fund will finance 25 percent, or \$8.2 million, of the Authority's \$32.6 million operating budget. State funding supplements \$23.2 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; \$805,030 from the Town of North Elba; and \$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 2005-06, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 726,000 visitors. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events. In 2005-06 major events included: the International Skating Institute Figure Skating Competition; USA Hockey Festivals/Camps; Ice Dance Championships; Canadian-American Hockey Camps/Tournaments; Disney on Ice; Collegiate Hockey Games; Smucker's Stars on Ice; Harlem Globetrotters; Canadian Hockey Enterprises Camps/Tournaments; Holiday Hoopfest; 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.

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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 387,000 visitors in the 2005-06 ski season; and over 113,000 visitors for off-season activities such as mountain biking and sightseeing tours.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2006-07	Appropriations Recommended 2007-08	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2007-08
State Operations	8,386,000	8,626,000	240,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	5,500,000	0	(5,500,000)	5,500,000
Total	13,886,000	8,626,000	(5,260,000)	5,500,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
General Fund	7,986,000	8,226,000	240,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Total	8,386,000	8,626,000	240,000

#### Adjustments:

Prior Year Deficiency	
Olympic Regional Development Authority	
General Fund	1,000,000
Appropriated 2006-07	9,386,000

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

Program	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Operations			
General Fund	7,986,000	8,226,000	240,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	400,000	400,000	0
Total	8,386,000	8,626,000	240,000

### STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2007-08 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	4,426,000	4,426,000	4,426,000	4,426,000
Total	4,426,000	4,426,000	4,426,000	4,426,000

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	3,800,000	(4,186,000)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total	3,800,000	(4,186,000)	2,000,000	2,000,000

Program	Contractual Services		General State Charges	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	0	(7,986,000)	1,800,000	1,800,000
Total	0	(7,986,000)	1,800,000	1,800,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

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

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	230,000	30,000	0	(200,000)
Total	230,000	30,000	0	(200,000)

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change	Reappropriations 2007-08
Recreation				
Capital Projects Fund	5,500,000	0	(5,500,000)	5,500,000
Total	5,500,000	0	(5,500,000)	5,500,000