

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. 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 172 and employs up to 800 hourly workers, depending on the season.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In 1999-2000, State tax dollars from the General Fund will finance 20 percent, or \$3.97 million, of the Authority's \$20.2 million operating budget. This supplements \$14.9 million in revenue generated from venue marketing, fees and ticket sales to athletic and other special events; \$600,000 from the Town of North Elba; \$400,000 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 Center Training Account.

A total of \$2.3 million in Capital Projects funding is recommended for health and safety projects in 1999-2000.

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 1997, the Olympic facilities at Lake Placid received more than 330,000 visitors. The Authority hosts numerous national and international athletic and entertainment events — in 1998, the ECAC Hockey Championships, the Empire State Winter Games and the U.S. Ski Team Gold Cup 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 246,000 visitors in the 1997-98 ski season, and over 150,000 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

Category	Available 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$4,212,000	\$4,322,000	+ \$110,000	. . . .
Aid To Localities . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Capital Projects	2,317,000	2,317,000	. . . .	. . . .
Total	\$6,529,000	\$6,639,000	+ \$110,000	. . . .

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$3,962,000	\$3,972,000	+ \$10,000
Special Revenue Funds — Other	150,000	150,000	. . . .
Fiduciary Funds	100,000	200,000	+ 100,000
Total	\$4,212,000	\$4,322,000	+ \$110,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Operations			
General Fund	\$3,962,000	\$3,972,000	+ \$10,000
Special Revenue Funds — Other	150,000	150,000	. . . .
Fiduciary Funds	100,000	200,000	+ 100,000
Total	\$4,212,000	\$4,322,000	+ \$110,000

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

Program	Amount	Total Change	Contractual Services Amount	Change
Operations	\$3,972,000	+ \$10,000	\$3,972,000	+ \$10,000
Total	\$3,972,000	+ \$10,000	\$3,972,000	+ \$10,000

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

<u>Program</u>	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Operations	\$350,000	+ \$100,000	\$200,000	+ \$100,000
Total	\$350,000	+ \$100,000	\$200,000	+ \$100,000

<u>Program</u>	Maintenance	Undistributed
	Amount	Change
Operations	\$150,000	. . . .
Total	\$150,000	. . . .

CAPITAL PROJECTS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Comprehensive Construction Programs</u>	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations 1999-00
Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	\$2,317,000	\$2,317,000	. . . .	. . . .
Total	\$2,317,000	\$2,317,000	. . . .	. . . .