

DIVISION OF PAROLE

MISSION

The Division of Parole, which consists of the Board of Parole and Division staff, is responsible for preparing eligible offenders to be released from prison, allowing for their release and setting the conditions of release, supervising those offenders in the community, and providing parolees with assistance to help them successfully reintegrate into society.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The members of the Board of Parole are appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate. One member is designated by the Governor to serve as the Board's Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Division. Board members review the cases of offenders eligible for parole release and determine if and under what conditions the offender should be released to parole supervision. Determinate sentencing of violent drug offenders has significantly reduced the workload of the Board of Parole, therefore the Executive Budget recommends reducing the Board membership from 19 to 13 members.

Parole Operations staff are located across the State in 38 community-based field supervision offices and 68 correctional institutions. The Division's administrative staff and executive team are located at its central office in Albany.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$189.1 million All Funds** (\$176.3 million General Funds; \$11.0 million Internal Services Funds; \$1.8 million Other Funds) for the Division of Parole. This is a **\$4.5 million** decrease over the prior year which primarily reflects the reduction in the parolee population, NYC rental space consolidations, and staffing controls for overtime costs. The Executive Budget projects that the Division of Parole will have **1,955** filled positions by the end of the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Major budget actions include:

- **Parolee Population Decline:** The parolee population is projected to decline by nearly 1,500; therefore, fewer parole officers are needed. This decline is largely attributed to Rockefeller Drug Law Reform which permitted drug offenders who were presumptively released from State prison to be released earlier from parole supervision, as well as continued decline in the inmate population resulting in fewer parole releases. Savings are estimated at \$3.7 million.
- **Staffing Controls:** The Division will continue implementing staffing controls while also improving its staff scheduling processes to reduce overtime costs. Savings are estimated at \$1.8 million.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The State's parole system involves three major activities: preparing inmates for re-entry into the community; assisting the Board in making release determinations and setting conditions; and supervising parolees released from prison while supporting their successful reintegration into the community.

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Institutional Parole staff, assigned to correctional facilities, assist the Board by preparing an assessment of an inmate's readiness for release based on his or her case history. Facility Parole Officers assess an inmate's rehabilitation progress, family background and community connections, as well as housing and employment prospects for the Board's consideration. Working in cooperation with Field Parole Officers, Facility Parole Officers attempt to obtain housing, employment and other services for inmates that are to be released into the community.

Immediately upon being released from prison, parolees are assigned to a Field Parole Officer. Field Parole Officers supervise parolees by monitoring behavior, reviewing employment, evaluating treatment progress, and administering drug tests. In addition to closely monitoring offenders in the community, the Division helps parolees avoid reverting to a life of crime by contracting for various services to support their return to society, such as supportive housing and employment training.

Intensive supervision is provided for sex offenders, certain violent felony offenders, offenders with severe mental health conditions, and for certain parolees who graduate from Shock Incarceration or Willard Drug Treatment Campus. The Division continues its efforts to ensure that sex offenders under parole supervision are strictly monitored and kept away from the most vulnerable members of the community. In addition to an intensive level of parole officer supervision, electronic monitoring and polygraphs are used to track these offenders and deter their predatory behavior.

As part of the effort to reduce recidivism through a focus on community re-entry, the Division of Parole will continue its cooperative efforts with the Department of Correctional Services to expand re-entry programs. The goal is to create a more seamless system for assessing the needs of offenders, ensuring access to services, maintaining accurate records of offender information, and addressing other factors essential to successful community re-entry.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2009-10	Appropriations Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11
State Operations	178,392,000	167,106,000	(11,286,000)	0
Aid To Localities	15,220,652	21,971,000	6,750,348	1,045,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	193,612,652	189,077,000	(4,535,652)	1,045,000

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	88	88	0
Parole Operations			
General Fund	1,918	1,867	(51)
Total	2,006	1,955	(51)

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	177,067,000	165,331,000	(11,736,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	825,000	1,275,000	450,000
Total	178,392,000	167,106,000	(11,286,000)

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

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Administration			
General Fund	8,222,000	7,731,000	(491,000)
Parole Operations			
General Fund	168,845,000	157,600,000	(11,245,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	500,000	500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	825,000	1,275,000	450,000
Total	178,392,000	167,106,000	(11,286,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	6,475,000	(537,000)	6,454,000	(526,000)
Parole Operations	124,198,000	(7,419,000)	120,139,000	(5,836,000)
Total	130,673,000	(7,956,000)	126,593,000	(6,362,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(4,000)	21,000	(7,000)
Parole Operations	70,000	(28,000)	3,989,000	(1,555,000)
Total	70,000	(32,000)	4,010,000	(1,562,000)

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,256,000	46,000	14,000	6,000
Parole Operations	33,402,000	(3,826,000)	1,053,000	(113,000)
Total	34,658,000	(3,780,000)	1,067,000	(107,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	223,000	(102,000)	999,000	161,000
Parole Operations	3,559,000	41,000	27,302,000	(3,020,000)
Total	3,782,000	(61,000)	28,301,000	(2,859,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	20,000	(19,000)
Parole Operations	1,488,000	(734,000)
Total	1,508,000	(753,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Parole Operations	1,775,000	450,000	1,275,000	450,000
Total	1,775,000	450,000	1,275,000	450,000

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Parole Operations	500,000	0
Total	500,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	5,970,652	10,971,000	5,000,348
Internal Service Funds	9,250,000	11,000,000	1,750,000
Total	15,220,652	21,971,000	6,750,348

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
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