

2008-09 Spending Plan	Agency Name NYS Racing and Wagering Board
	Agency Head Daniel D. Hogan, Chairman

A. Overview of Proposed Plan

A.1 Overall Approach

The Racing and Wagering Board (RWB) has reviewed all essential services required to ensure the integrity in gaming throughout New York State and believes that spending can be reduced as follows:

A reduction in the number of FTE's by not filling the position of anticipated retirees, and reducing the number of casino and racing inspectors and reduction in the number of temporary workers and per-diem workers. Lastly, a reduction in NPS by eliminating duplicative offices (and thereby telecomm expenses), reducing office expenses, supplies, publications and a savings on travel with a greater use of hybrid vehicles and lower OGS gas rates.

A.2 Achievement of Savings on a Recurring Basis

Current plan is to reduce the number of casino inspectors located at each of the casinos by one. Also reduce the number of inspectors at racetracks from an average of eight to seven. Reduction in the square footage (and ultimately closure) of the Manhattan office and relocate affected staff to existing offices. Such steps will also reduce monthly telecomm expenses through office consolidation and closure.

A.3 Protecting Key Priorities

Ensuring the integrity of all wagering in both harness and thoroughbred horse racing, Indian gaming and charitable gaming.

A.4 Treatment of New Initiatives

No new initiatives associated with the Enacted Budget

B. Summary of General Fund Financial Impacts

GENERAL FUND -- SAVINGS SUMMARY			
	Required Reduction	2008-09 Savings	2009-10 Savings
Local Assistance	N/A		
Personal Service	N/A		
Non-personal Service	N/A		
Total State Operations			
Capital	N/A		
TOTAL			

GENERAL FUND -- YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE, AFTER SAVINGS			
	2007-08 Actual	Revised Projection	Percent Change
Local Assistance	N/A		
Personal Service	N/A		
Non-personal Service	N/A		
Total State Operations			
Capital	N/A		
TOTAL			

C. Identification of Proposed General Fund Actions

2008-09 Cash	2009-10 Cash	2010-11 Cash
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GENERAL FUND

Local Assistance

1. Not Applicable
- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.
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- 10.

State Operations

11. Not Applicable
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.

Capital Projects

15. Not Applicable
- 16.
- 17.

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2008-09 Cash	2009-10 Cash	2010-11 Cash
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D. Summary of Impact on Other Funds

OTHER FUNDS -- SAVINGS SUMMARY			
	Required Reduction	2008-09 Savings	2009-10 Savings
Local Assistance	N/A		
Personal Service	(253)	(253)	(253)
Non-personal Service	(347)	(347)	(347)
Total State Operations	(600)	(600)	(600)
Capital			
TOTAL	(600)	(600)	(600)

OTHER FUNDS -- YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGE, AFTER SAVINGS			
	2007-08 Actual	Revised Projection	Percent Change
Local Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Personal Service	11,539,000	11,109,000	3.72%
Non-personal Service	11,646,000	11,198,000	3.84%
Total State Operations	23,185,000	22,307,000	3.78%
Capital	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	23,185,000	22,307,000	3.78%

*Cash estimates include required savings from the 3.35% State Operations Across the Board Cuts and revisions to state operations disbursements.

E. Identification of Proposed Other Fund Actions

2008-09 Cash	2009-10 Cash	2010-11 Cash
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OTHER FUNDS (Note the fund/s affected by each proposal, in parentheses at the end of each entry)

Local Assistance

1. Not Applicable
- 2.

	2008-09 Cash	2009-10 Cash	2010-11 Cash
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- 3.
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State Operations

8. Casinos : reduction of 4 inspectors @ 41K per, saving 164K in salary and approx 80K in fringe and indirect costs.	244,000	244,000	244,000
9. Race tracks: reduction of one inspector per track based on approx 1200 racing days saving approx 120K	120,000	120,000	120,000
10. Subleasing NYC office (to Dept of Labor), reducing rent cost 150K	150,000	150,000	150,000
11. Closing excess offices and canceling telecommuting costs, saving	40,000	40,000	40,000
12. Reduce travel expenses by 25%	36,000	36,000	36,000
13. Reduce fuel costs by using OGS pumps and office supplies	10,000	10,000	10,000

Capital Projects

12. Not Applicable
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.

F. Plan to Manage the Workforce

F.1 Overall Approach

RWB has begun offering voluntary reduction in work schedule to all employees. Plan on leaving all existing job openings vacant. We will evaluate all future job openings on a case by case basis to determine whether RWB needs can be met without refilling the position(s). The current plan calls for the closing four duplicative offices located at Buffalo Raceway, Belmont Park, Seneca Allegany Casino, and Empire State Plaza which will result in telecomm savings at each location.

F.2 Plan for Refill of Vacant Positions (both current and anticipated vacancies)

As indicated, RWB will evaluate all future job openings on a case by case basis, but in general the basic plan is to maintain existing services with fewer staff.

Workforce Impact -- All Funds	
a. Initial Target: x,xxx [for reference]	136
b. Current Fills PP# 3 or 4	132
c. Recurring impact of proposed actions (see Parts C & E)	127
d. Recurring impact of vacancy-refilling plan (see F.2)	9
e. Total FTEs March 31, 2009 (line b minus line c, plus/minus line d)	127
f. Change from Initial 2008-09 Target (line a minus line e)	9

Monthly Projections: All Funds Workforce; General Fund State Operations/Local/Capital

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
A. Workforce - All Funds													
Est FTEs Month-end													
B. State Operations													
Personal Service													
1st PP	420000	420000	435000	435000	435000	435000	435000	435000	420000	420000	420000	420000	5130000
2nd PP	420000	420000	435000	435000	435000	435000	435000	435000	420000	420000	420000	420000	5130000
3rd PP (if applies)	420000	0	0	0	0	0	435000	0	0	0	0	0	855000
Subtotal PS	1260000	840000	870000	870000	870000	870000	1305000	870000	840000	840000	840000	840000	11115000
NPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Disbursements -- State Ops	1260000	840000	870000	870000	870000	870000	1305000	870000	840000	840000	840000	840000	11115000
C. Local Assistance													
Program x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program z	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other local assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Disbursements - Local	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Capital Projects													
Program/project aa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program/project bb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program/project cc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other Capital Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Disbursements -Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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H. Assumptions Underlying the Proposed Plan

Ability to perform duties as expected by the industries RWB regulates by not filling one inspector position at four casinos and one inspector position at each racetrack. The ability to close four (duplicative) offices and either vacate the Manhattan office completely or at a minimum, sublease a portion of the current space.

I. Management of Risks Inherent in the Plan

The industries which RWB is responsible for regulating (Horse Racing, Indian Gaming, Charitable Gaming) may perceive that a reduction in staff adversely impacts the integrity of the wagering activities in the aforementioned industries. This is particularly important in view of the fact the RWB is a special revenue agency and these impacted industries pay for their own regulation.

J. Additional Savings Opportunities for 2008-09

The Board has several parties interested in sub-leasing a signification portion of the Manhattan office. In the event the Board were able to move out of that office completely it is anticipated that an additional \$150,000 in rental cost could be achieved.

K. Potential Future Savings Opportunities/Operational Improvements (indicate if statutory change is required)

Additional savings in the total cost in the Equine Drug Testing Program may be possible in the event the Racing Law is changed to permit the Board to request proposals from entities other than Cornell University to perform drug testing.