## 0850 California State Lottery Commission

In 1984, Proposition 37 amended the California Constitution to authorize the establishment of a statewide lottery. As an initiative statute, the California State Lottery Act (Act) of 1984 created the California State Lottery Commission and gave it broad powers to oversee the operations of a statewide lottery. The purpose of the Act was to provide supplemental monies to benefit public education. The Lottery is overseen by a five-person Commission appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.

The Act initially required that 50 percent of total annual revenues be returned to the public in the form of prizes and at least 34 percent of total revenues be allocated to the benefit of public education. No more than 16 percent of total revenues were to be used for administrative costs.

In 2010, the Act was changed to allow the Lottery flexibility to pay out more money in prizes and reduce the administrative cost limit to 13 percent of total revenues. Along with that flexibility, the new law requires the Lottery to meet minimum levels of contribution to public education. Revenues to education are placed in a special fund, known as the California State Lottery Education Fund, which holds revenues until they are allocated on a per capita basis, using prior year certified Average Daily Attendance data, to the following categories: K-12 education, Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other educational entities, including the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

In the 37 years since sales began in October 1985 through June 30, 2022, the California State Lottery has raised \$41.4 billion for public education, including approximately \$2.0 billion in 2021-22.

Because of the inherently variable nature of lottery ticket sales, revenue estimates for 2022-23 and 2023-24 cannot be made with certainty.

#### **LEGAL CITATIONS AND AUTHORITY**

**DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY** 

Government Code, Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 12.5 (Sections 8880-8880.72).

<sup>\*</sup> Dollars in thousands, except in Salary Range. Numbers may not add or match to other statements due to rounding of budget details.

# 0850 California State Lottery Commission - Continued Statement of Operations

	2021-22*	2022-23*	2023-24*
Lottery sales	\$8,853,250	\$8,540,000	\$8,540,000
Less prizes	5,825,673	5,722,128	5,722,128
Sales after prizes	3,027,577	2,817,872	2,817,872
Less Gaming Costs:			
Retailer costs	614,711	588,494	588,494
Gaming system costs	102,320	98,926	98,926
Instant ticket costs	41,837	55,300	55,300
Total, Game Costs	\$758,868	\$742,720	\$742,720
Resources before operating expenses	2,268,709	2,075,152	2,075,152
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries, wages and benefits	129,455	122,157	124,710
Advertising	92,850	66,850	66,850
Promotion, public relations and point-of-sale	8,530	41,074	41,074
Other professional services	18,129	26,644	26,644
Depreciation and amortization	15,983	17,647	17,647
Other general and administrative expenses	18,985	93,107	90,554
Total, Operating Expenses	\$283,932	\$367,479	\$367,479
Income and Proceeds to Education	1,984,777	1,707,673	1,707,673
Interest and Other Income	4,023	5,000	5,000
Net Resources	\$1,988,800	\$1,712,673	\$1,712,673
Unclaimed Prizes	57,691	25,000	25,000
Administrative Reserve	0	69,342	66,789
TOTAL RESOURCES DUE TO EDUCATION FUND	\$2,046,491	\$1,807,015	\$1,804,462

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### **Distribution of State Lottery Education Fund Revenues**

	2021-22*	2022-23*	2023-24*
Department of Education (K-12)	\$1,621,839	\$1,432,055	\$1,430,032
California Community Colleges	\$299,071	\$264,074	\$263,701
California State University	\$73,226	\$64,657	\$64,566
University of California	\$51,930	\$45,853	\$45,788
Other Public Colleges and Universities	\$195	\$172	\$172
Miscellaneous Educational Institutions	\$230	\$203	\$203
TOTALS	\$2,046,491	\$1,807,015	\$1,804,462

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