

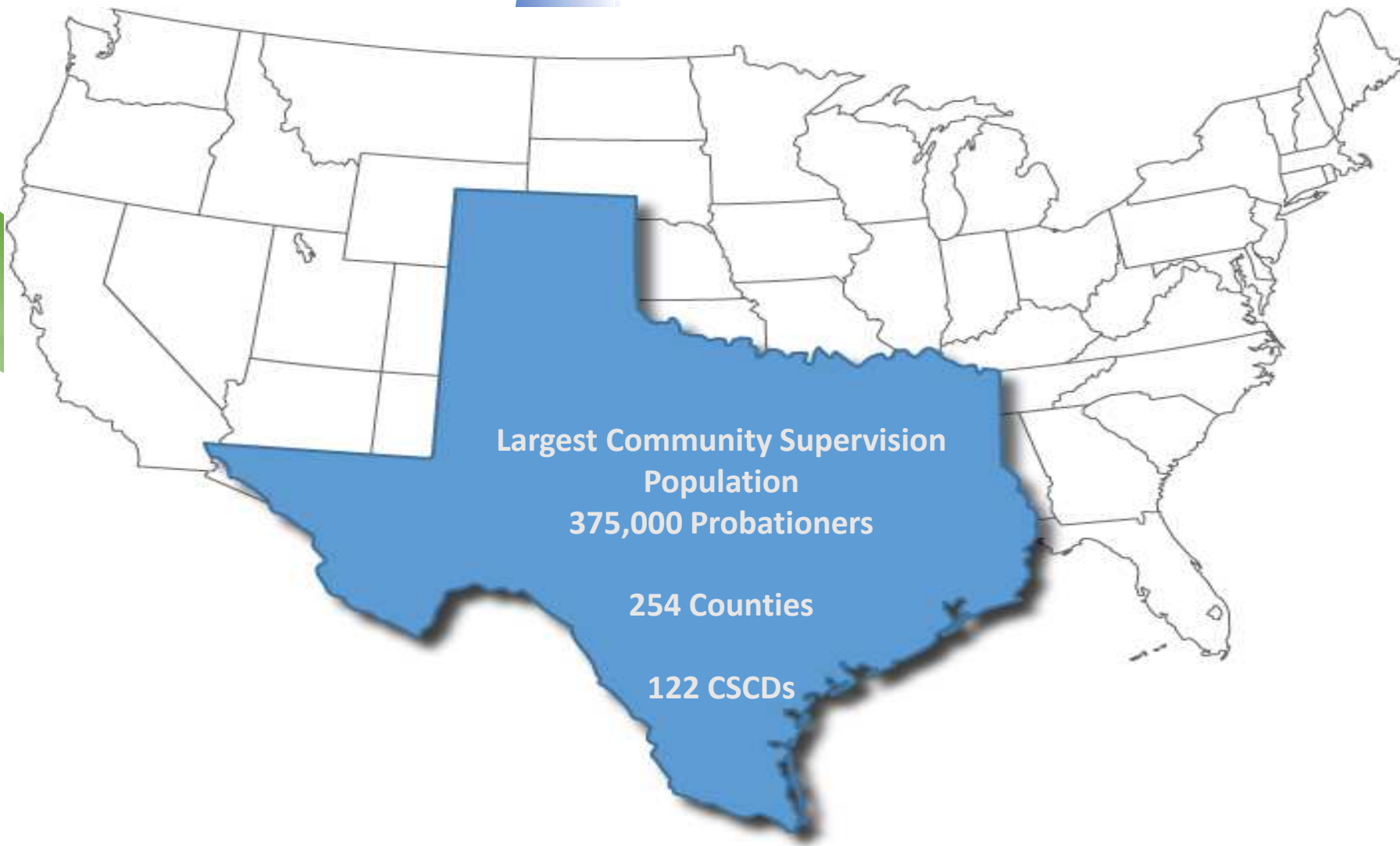
Exploring Adult Probation in Your Communities

**The Texas Department of
Criminal Justice**

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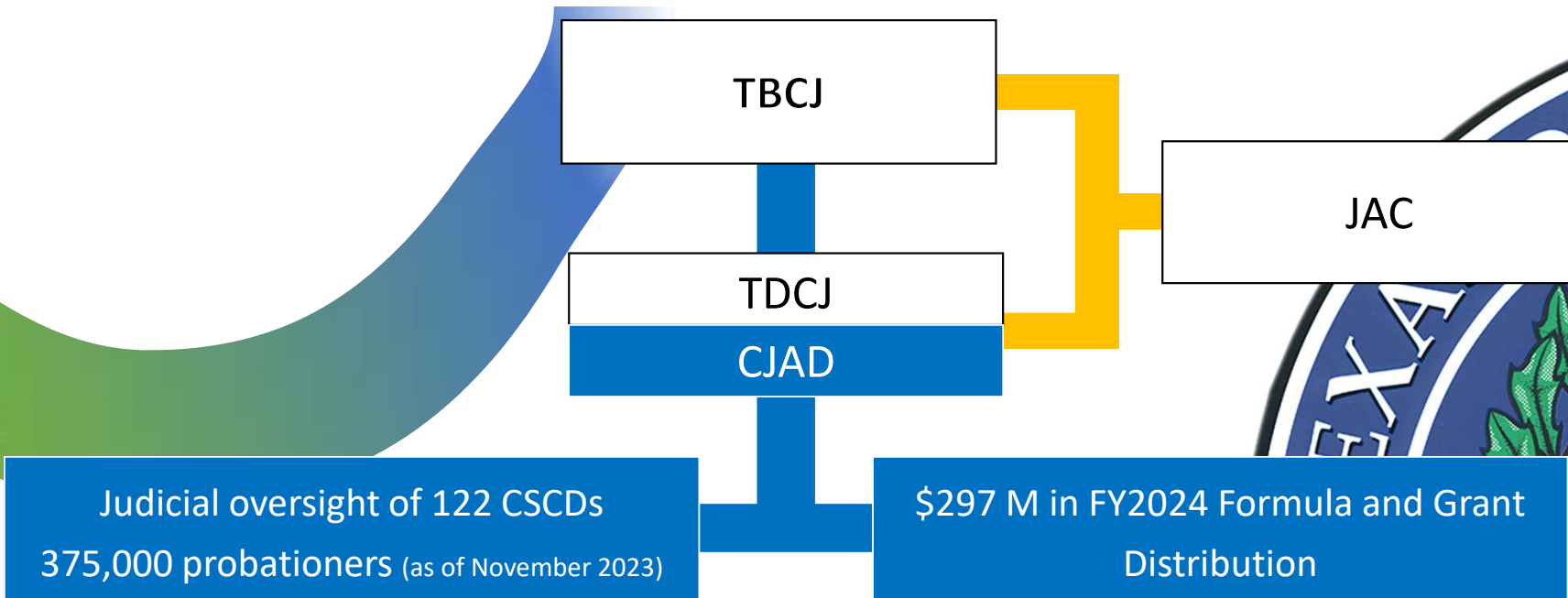


**Largest Community Supervision
Population
375,000 Probationers**

254 Counties

122 CSCDs





The Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) and Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)-Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) are advised by the 12 member Judicial Advisory Council (JAC)

- 6 members are appointed by the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court
- 6 members are appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Probation = Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCDs)

Texas Probation (Community Supervision)

State Oversight

TDCJ - CJAD

- Provides oversight of 122 CSCDs through standards, fiscal monitoring reviews, evaluations, technical assistance, monthly & specialized reports, etc.
- Coordinates statewide treatment programs
- Provides about two-thirds of CSCDs' funding

Local Oversight

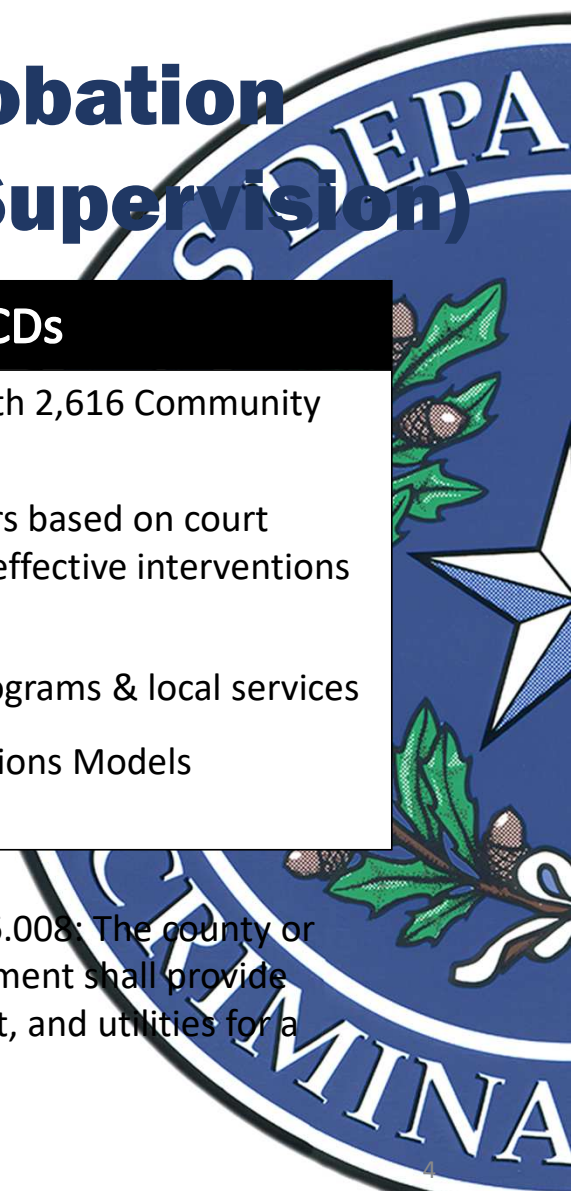
Local Judges

- Create/Consolidate CSCDs
- Appoint a CSCD Director & Fiscal Officer
- Approve CSCD Budget and Strategic Plan

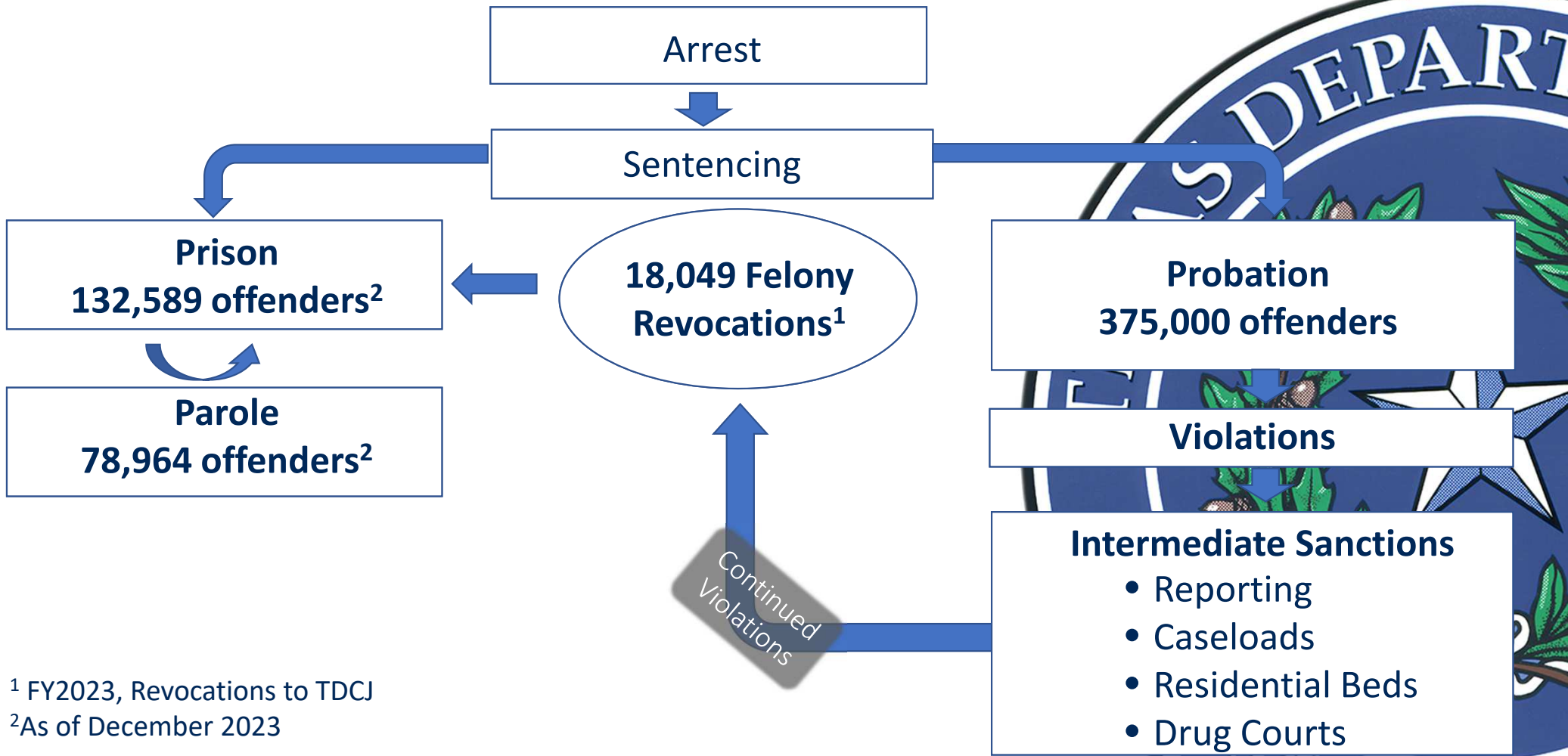
Local Probation Offices

CSCDs

- Employ 5,582 staff with 2,616 Community Supervision Officers
 - Supervise probationers based on court orders, assessments, effective interventions & available resources
 - Provide treatment programs & local services
 - Use Progressive Sanctions Models
- Texas Government Code §76.008: The county or counties served by a department shall provide physical facilities, equipment, and utilities for a department.



“Getting into the System”



¹ FY2023, Revocations to TDCJ

²As of December 2023

Sources of Funding for CSCDs

Departments must comply with TDCJ-CJAD Standards for CSCDs

State Formula Funds

- Basic Supervision Funds
 - Provide core community supervision services that meet required levels of supervision
 - Distributed based on the previous calendar year's number of misdemeanor placements and direct felony probationers on community supervision, in comparison to statewide totals
- Community Corrections Funds
 - Provide state funding to community-based correctional programs
 - Distributed based on the previous calendar year's direct felony probationer count and the county's civil population, in comparison to statewide totals



Sources of Funding for CSCDs

State Grant Funds

- Diversion Program Funds
 - Target the diversion of probationers from incarceration
- Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program Funds
 - Provides community-based substance abuse treatment programs for probationers

Local Reimbursement Fees

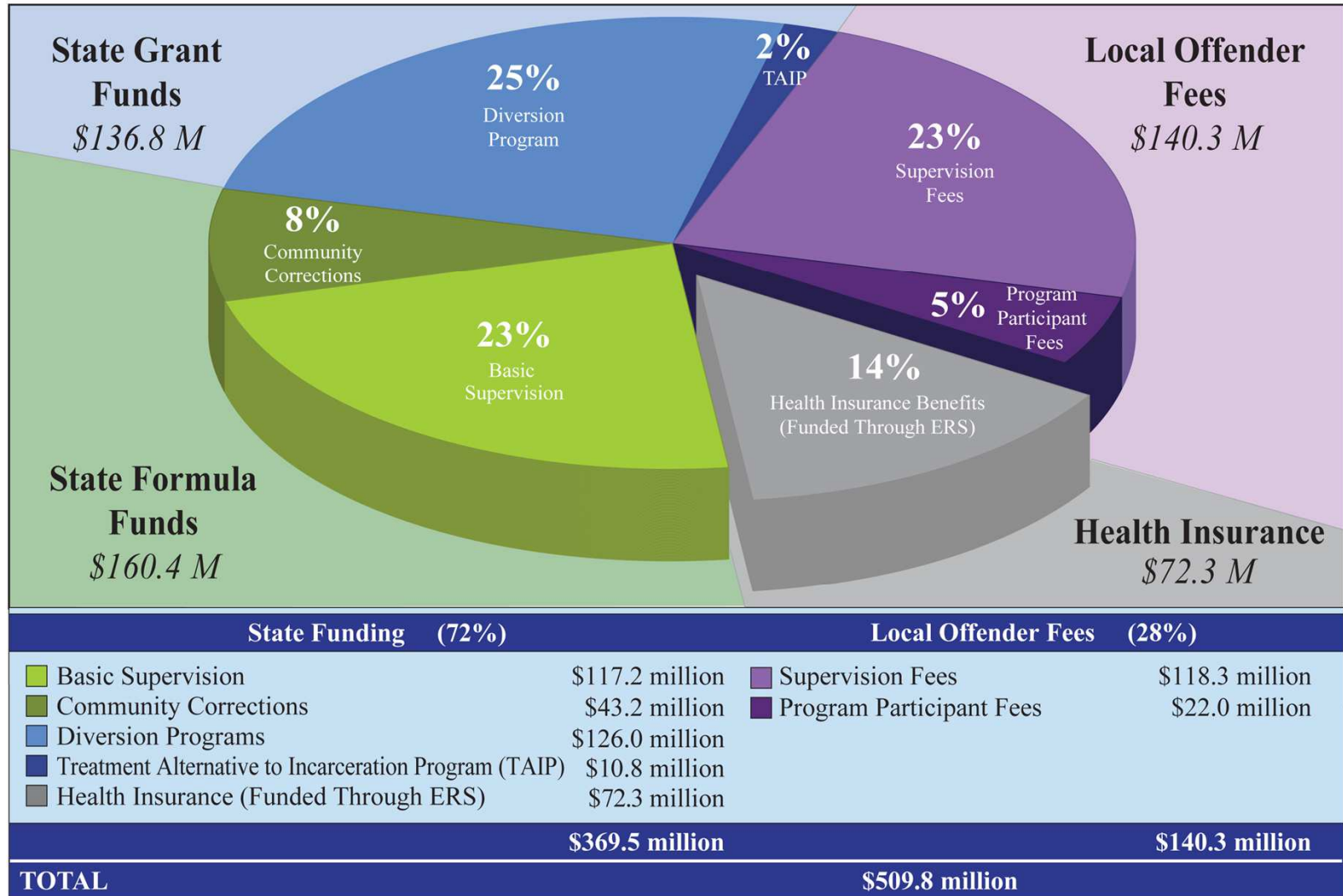
- Monthly Reimbursement Fees – by statute are not less than \$25 and not more than \$60 per month
- Program Participant Reimbursement Fees – amount depends on the department and type of program

To receive grant funding, probation departments must submit signed special grant conditions that:

- *Target specific populations*
- *Help ensure programs have the essential components that reduce recidivism*
- *Apply a standardized and validated assessment instrument to drive potential referrals.*



FY24 State Funding FY22 Local Fees with Insurance



Responsibilities of TDCJ-CJAD

- Distribute formula and grant funds
- Develop standards, including best-practice treatment standards
- Review Strategic Plans and budgets
- Conduct program and fiscal audits
- Analyze quarterly financial reports
- Provide training to CSCD staff
- Provide technical assistance to CSCDs
- Provide direction on allowable/unallowable expenditures
- Evaluate program effectiveness
- Maintain evaluation of the Texas Risk Assessment System
- Report statistical data to federal, state and local governing bodies
- Provide Batterers Intervention and Prevention Program accreditation
- Maintain the Community Supervision Tracking System



Role of CSCDs

- Administer and provide pretrial services and diversion programming for the courts
- Prepare presentence investigation reports
- Conduct criminogenic risk/needs assessments prior to and/or during the term of supervision
- Supervise, monitor compliance and rehabilitate probationers placed on community supervision
- Provide differential supervision for probationers
- Collect and/or monitor the collection of court ordered restitution, fines, and/or fees
- Report and address violations through departmental progressive sanctions and interventions models
- Refer probationers to appropriate community resources, CSCD services/programs or TDCJ programs
- Report statistical and financial data



Probationer Supervision

- Texas Risk Assessment System
 - Actuarial Risk/Needs Assessment Process
- Risk Management
 - GPS Monitoring
 - Specialized Caseloads
 - Court Conditions
- Risk Reduction
 - Treatment
 - Specialized Programming
 - Specialized Caseloads
- Progressive Sanctions Models
 - Incentives and Sanctions
 - Resources



Types of Programs Within CSCDs

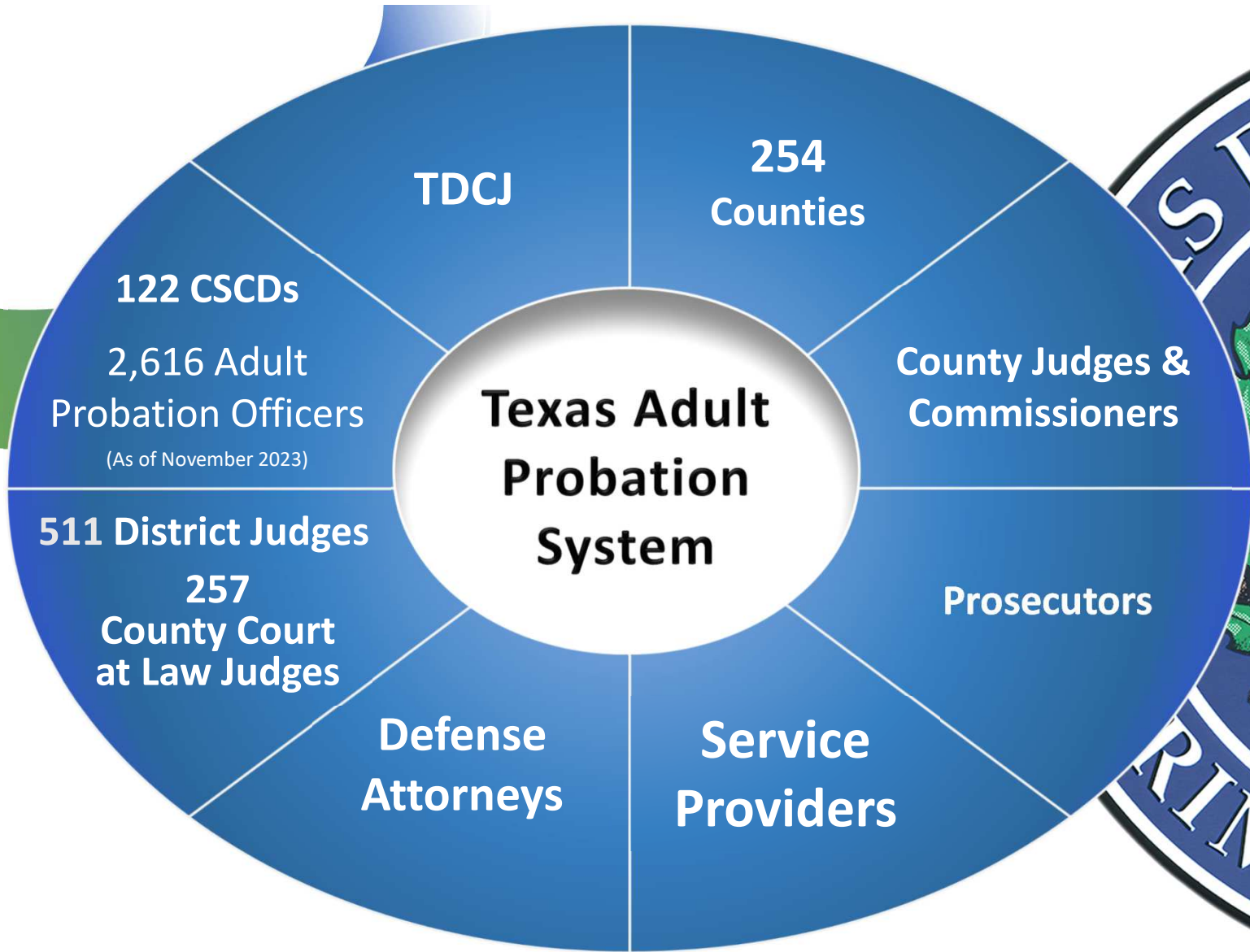
- Community Corrections Facilities
- Mental Health Initiative
- Sex Offender/Specialized Caseloads
- Cognitive Programs
- Electronic Monitoring
- Continuum of Substance Abuse Treatment Options
- Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Aftercare Caseloads
- Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Programs
- Victim Services
- Pretrial Diversion Programs



Types of Community Supervision Services

- Electronic Monitoring
- Urinalysis Testing
- Community Service Restitution
- Ignition Interlock
- Assistance with Services and Referrals





Resources

- tdcj.state.tx.us
- tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/cjad/index
- appa-net.org/eweb
- cmitonline.org
- lbb.state.tx.us
- legis.state.tx.us
- nicic.gov





Thank You!

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