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Strengthening Community Supervision

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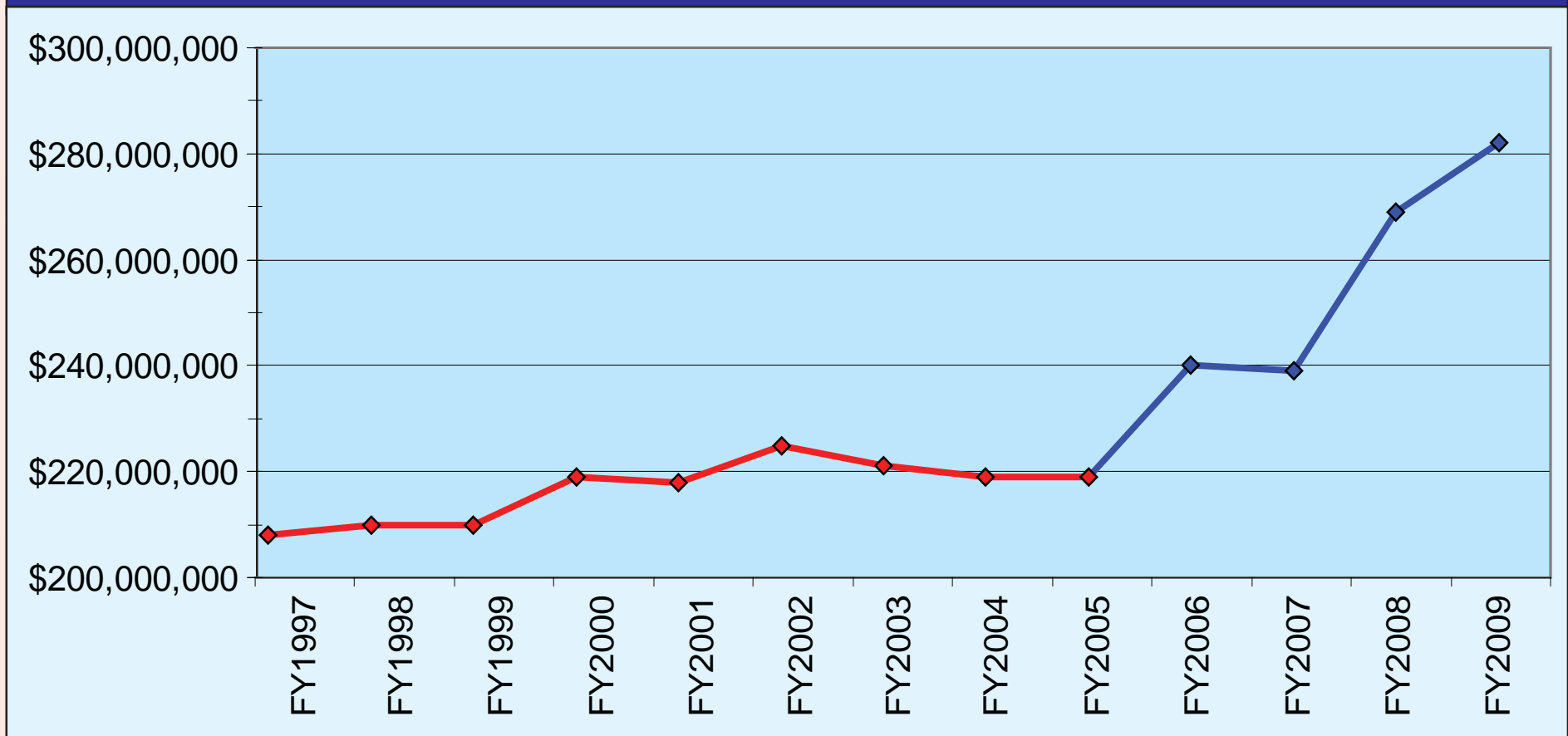


The 80th Texas Legislature



- Provided an additional \$71 million* in new community supervision funding for FY 2008-2009.

Funding for Community Supervision, 1997 - 2009



*This total does not include funding for 1,500 new Substance Abuse Felony Punishment (SAFP) beds.

The 80th Texas Legislature



- Summary of funding provided by the legislature to be utilized by community supervision: (continued)
 - \$63.1 million increase for 1,500 new Substance Abuse Felony Punishment treatment beds;
 - \$32.3 million increase for 800 new Community Correctional Facility beds;
 - \$28.8 million increase for 1,400 new Intermediate Sanction Facility (ISF) beds (shared with Parole);
 - \$17.5 million increase in Basic Supervision funding, this amount includes new funding and an increase due to higher population projections;
 - \$10 million increase for Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment;
 - \$10 million increase for Mental Health treatment through Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI); and
 - \$5.8 million increase for 1,200 new State Jail Substance Abuse treatment slots.

 - \$7.5 million decrease in Community Corrections funding

Note: The monetary amounts listed above are totals for the FY2008-2009 biennium.

Implementation of FY 2008 - 2009 Funding



- Through implementation meetings with a committee of community supervision stakeholders input is being gathered on effectively and efficiently utilizing these additional resources.
- This committee is made up of members of the:
 - Judicial Advisory Council;
 - Probation Advisory Committee;
 - Strategic Planning Committee;
 - Texas Probation Association; and
 - TDCJ.
- As of June 15th, there have been three (3) implementation meetings (April 19th, May 11th, and May 23rd).
- One (1) of this group's first decisions was that TDCJ should manage the ISF beds, which will be shared with Parole.

Implementation of FY 2008 -2009 Funding

Next Steps



- Community Justice Plan instructions were sent to the departments on June 18th.
- Additional trainings for Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCD) have been scheduled:
 - Progressive Sanctions (July 9th and 10th)
 - Request for Proposals (July 10th) and
 - Community Justice Plans.
- A bi-annual Legislative Update for CSCD Directors will be hosted on August 6th.
- The 19th Annual Skills for Effective Intervention Conference will be August 6th – 8th in Austin.
- The Sentencing Conference is tentatively scheduled for October 31st - November 2nd.
- All of these trainings and conferences will focus on effectively and efficiently implementing these new resources.

Vision for Community Supervision in Texas



- *Provide for public safety by effecting positive change in offender's lives by*
 - *providing equal access to resources across the state*
 - *equipping community supervision partners (judges, prosecutors & officers) with the tools they need to be successful*
 - *providing officers with the resources they need to be able to focus on the individual offender rather than on the offender's file*