



# Fully Fund Community Corrections

## Safer Communities, Lower Costs.

Since SB 1145 (1995), Counties have operated the Community Corrections system, funded by state grant in aid dollars through the Department of Corrections (DOC) budget. DOC is required to conduct an Actual Cost Study every 6 years to identify the costs to counties for providing this service. The state has not fully funded community corrections to actual costs since 2006.

The 2024 study shows that the rate is **\$18.18 per person, per day**. The base DOC budget funds counties at \$15.09 per person, per day. Full funding requires an additional \$68 million, as requested in DOC POP 102. Community supervision is 10% of the cost of a DOC bed.

Probation, Parole, and Post-prison supervision keep individuals in their communities, where they are connected to family and services, able to be employed, and still be held accountable for crimes they committed, with the goal of transitioning them off supervision and desisting from crime. There are currently 22,000 people under community supervision, 45% are considered medium or high risk to reoffend. 15.3% were convicted of sex crimes or homicide. An additional 29.2% were convicted of person crimes. Probation Officers can have 50-60 people under supervision at one time, juggling high risk and high need cases.

Caseloads have become increasingly complex, with many individuals facing significant behavioral challenges, substance use disorders, and housing issues. Treatment and housing are proven techniques to reduce recidivism and improve community safety. Fully funded community corrections enables more individuals to access them.

## What does full funding allow?

- Reduced Probation Officer (PO) caseloads to better supervise offenders, ensure accountability, and improve community safety
- Expanded access to treatment, housing, and services like drug courts
- An opportunity for counties to reestablish programs that have been cut due to a lack of funding, such as work release centers, specialty courts, and restoring PO positions that were eliminated in prior years