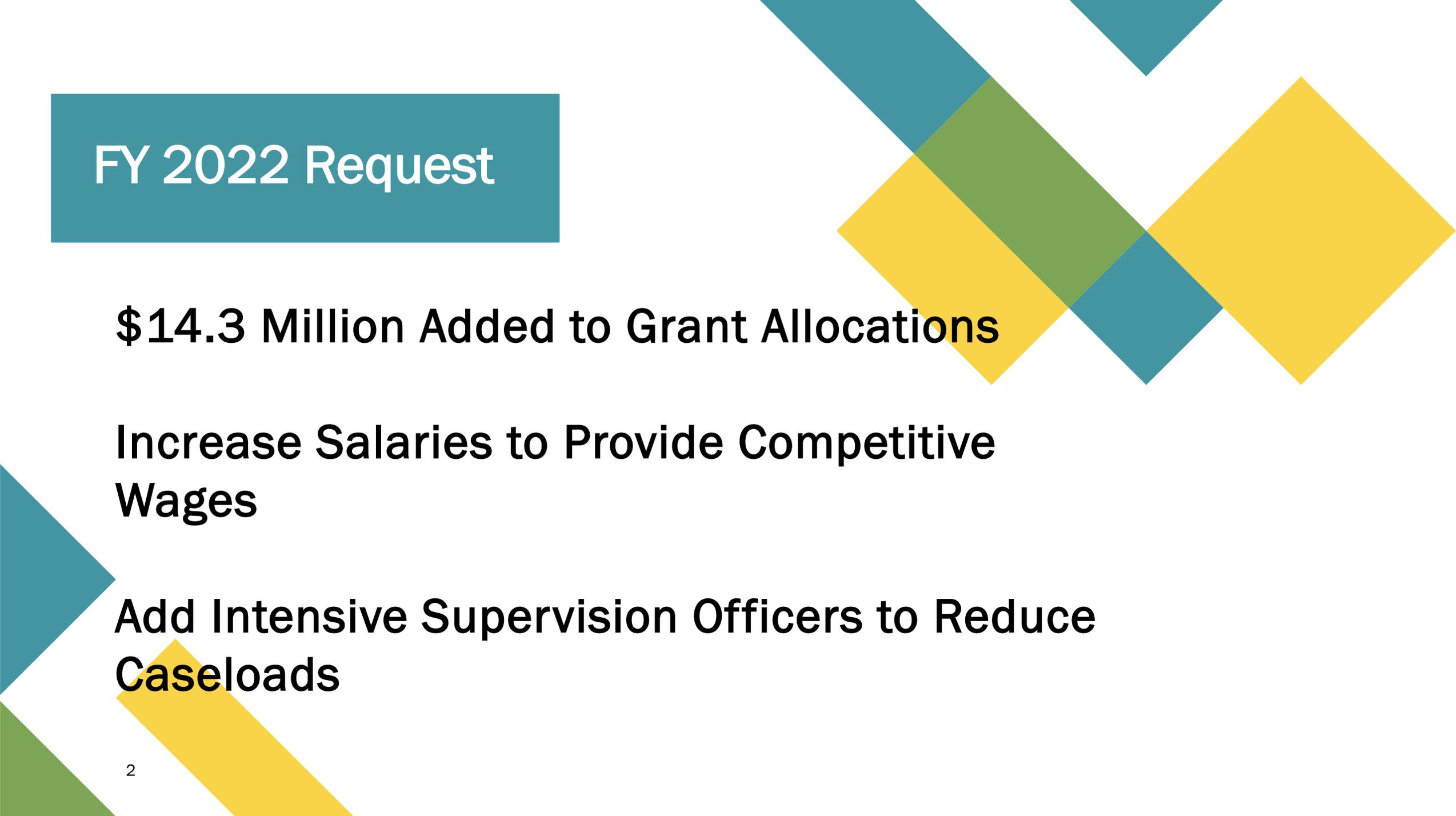




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FY 2022 Request

\$14.3 Million Added to Grant Allocations

Increase Salaries to Provide Competitive Wages

Add Intensive Supervision Officers to Reduce Caseloads

Approved Increase

\$2.6 Million for FY 2022

\$9.2 Million for FY 2023

Benefits of the Increase

- Many agencies have increased staff wages
- Staff departures have slowed
- Agencies can offer competitive wages
- Staff morale has improved

**Thank
You!**

Challenges

The Problem

- The funding increase was overly prescriptive, only allowing certain wage increases.
- Some agencies couldn't use the increased allocation.
- Even though the money is needed some agencies are unable to use the funding.

The Solution

- Include the increase for FY 2023 into the main grants.
- Include future increases into the grant process.
- Allow agencies to retain unexpended funds which increases agency efficiency.



Requests for FY 2024

\$6 Million for Operational Costs

Community Corrections experienced flat or reduced funding for 8 years prior to the recent increase.

Inflation levels are affecting agencies just like everyone else.

This funding is needed to help pay for operations costs like drug testing, office supplies, and equipment.



Requests for FY 2024

\$4.5 Million to Reduce Caseloads by Adding Officers

When caseloads are reduced Officers have more time to spend with each person.

This allows them to be more effective in changing a person's behavior and ensuring public safety.



Requests for FY 2024

\$1 Million for Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Grant has been \$3 Million since FY 2014.

Most probationers are impacted by mental health issues or substance abuse addiction.

People with mental illness will continue to be housed in prisons and jails unless the services are provided in the community.

Summary



01. Thank You

Thank you for supporting your local Community Corrections agencies.

02. \$6 Million for Operations

Past flat funding and current inflation are reducing agencies' effectiveness.

03. \$4.5 Million to Increase Staff

Appropriate caseload sizes allows officers to have a greater impact.

04. \$1 Million for Behavioral Health

Mental health and substance abuse services need to increase.

05. Funding Flexibility

Allow agencies to use funds as determined by their Boards within State guidelines.