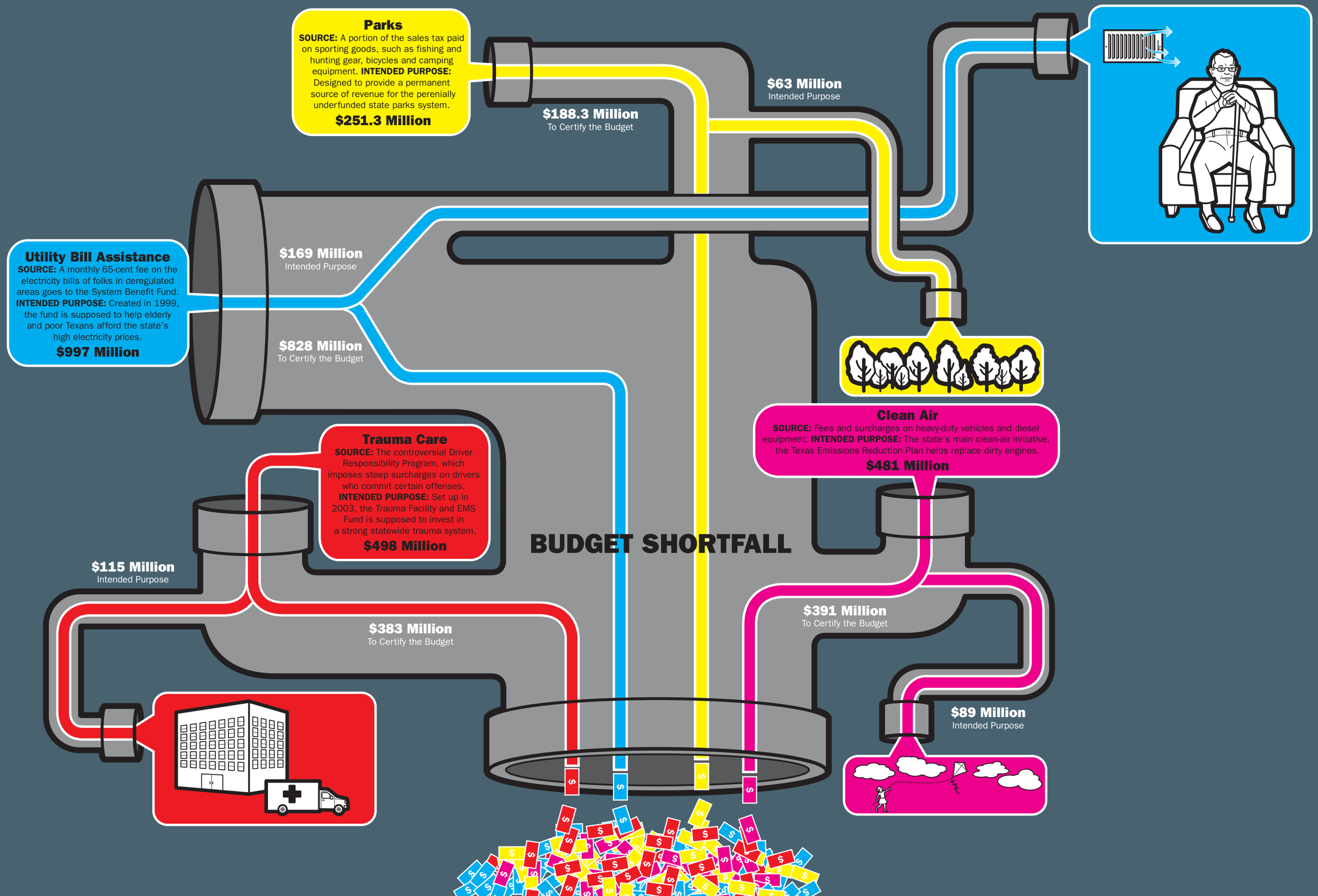
Parks
SOURCE: A portion of the sales tax paid on sporting goods, such as fishing and hunting gear, bicycles and camping equipment. INTENDED PURPOSE: Designed to provide a permanent source of revenue for the perenially underfunded state parks system.
$251.3 Million
$188.3 Million
To Certify the Budget
$63 Million
Intended Purpose
Utility Bill Assistance
SOURCE: A monthly 65-cent fee on the electricity bills of folks in deregulated areas goes to the System Benefit Fund. INTENDED PURPOSE: Created in 1999, the fund is supposed to help elderly and poor Texans afford the state's high electricity prices.
$997 Million
$169 Million
Intended Purpose
$828 Million
To Certify the Budget
Clean Air
SOURCE: Fees and surcharges on heavy-duty vehicles and diesel equipment. INTENDED PURPOSE: The state's main clean-air initiative, the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan helps replace dirty engines.
$481 Million
Trauma Care
SOURCE: The controversial Driver Responsibility Program, which imposes steep surcharges on drivers who commit certain offenses. INTENDED PURPOSE: Set up in 2003, the Trauma Facility and EMS Fund is supposed to invest in a strong statewide trauma system.
$498 Million
BUDGET SHORTFALL
$115 Million
Intended Purpose
$383 Million
To Certify the Budget
$391 Million
To Certify the Budget
$89 Million
Intended Purpose