

Conceptual Plan Implementation Grant Process

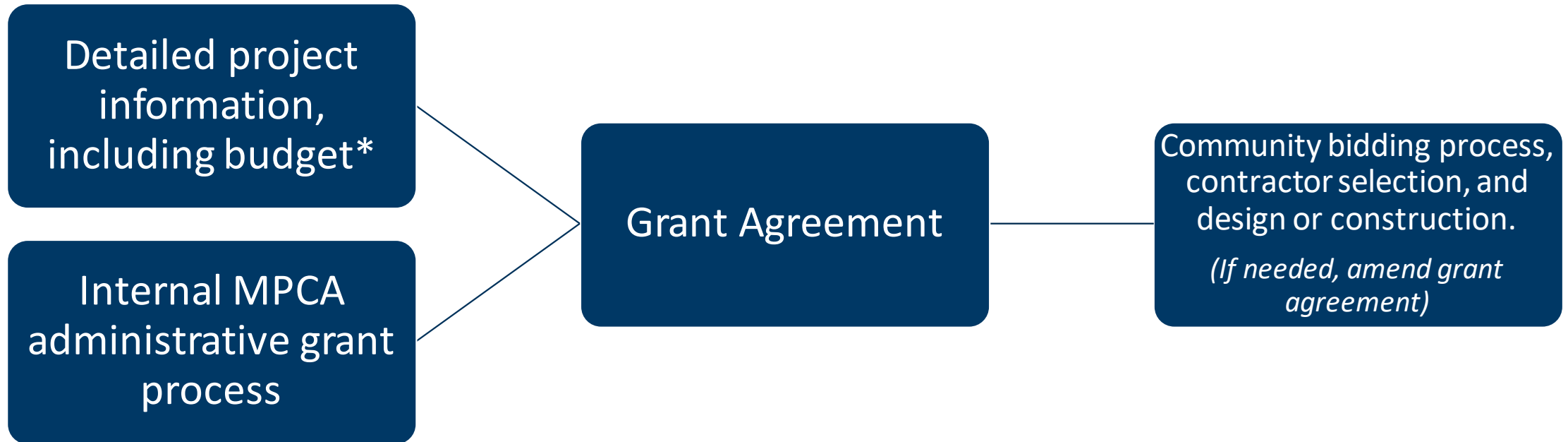
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Implementation Grant Process

- After completion of long-term planning, we will begin implementing the Conceptual Plan.
- For municipal capital planning/design, construction, and O&M, implementation includes a process that allows communities to access grant funding under the Conceptual Plan
 - Desire for a simple process but a need for documentation from communities before entering into a grant agreement. Documentation allows for tracking of funds for reporting efforts, ensures projects and spending are consistent with the Conceptual Plan, and allows for effective and adaptive management of contingency funds.
 - Need to follow State Statutory requirements (e.g., requirement for single source justification).
- For individual homeowners, the MPCA will continue to manage the installation and maintenance of POETS using contractors.

Implementation Grant Process for Municipal

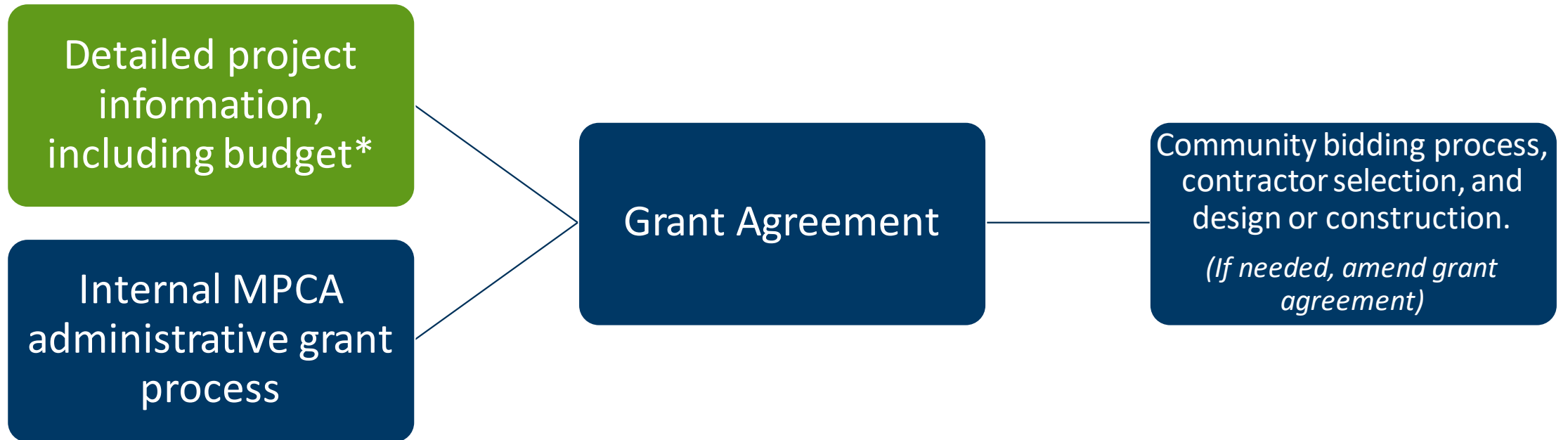


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Implementation Grant Process for Municipal: Detailed project information



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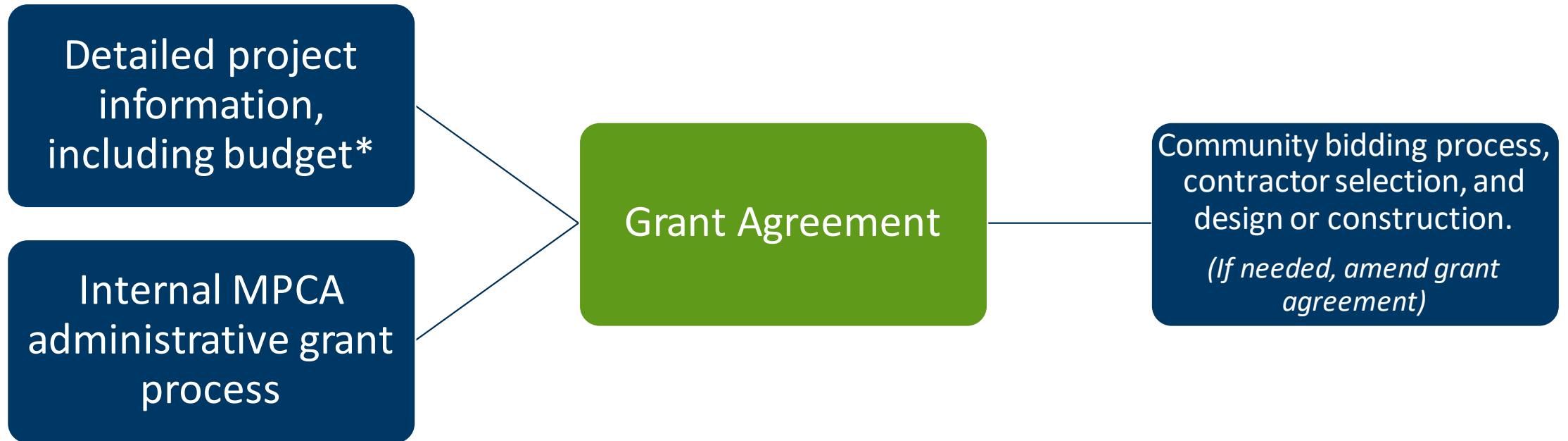
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Implementation Grant Process for Municipal:

Detailed project information

- Community initiates the funding request from the State based on Conceptual Plan and establishes a record in the database
- Project information provides more details than Conceptual Plan and ensures projects are consistent with the Conceptual Plan.
- Project information is needed for each phase of the project and will feed into the grant agreement.

Implementation Grant Process for Municipal: Grant agreement



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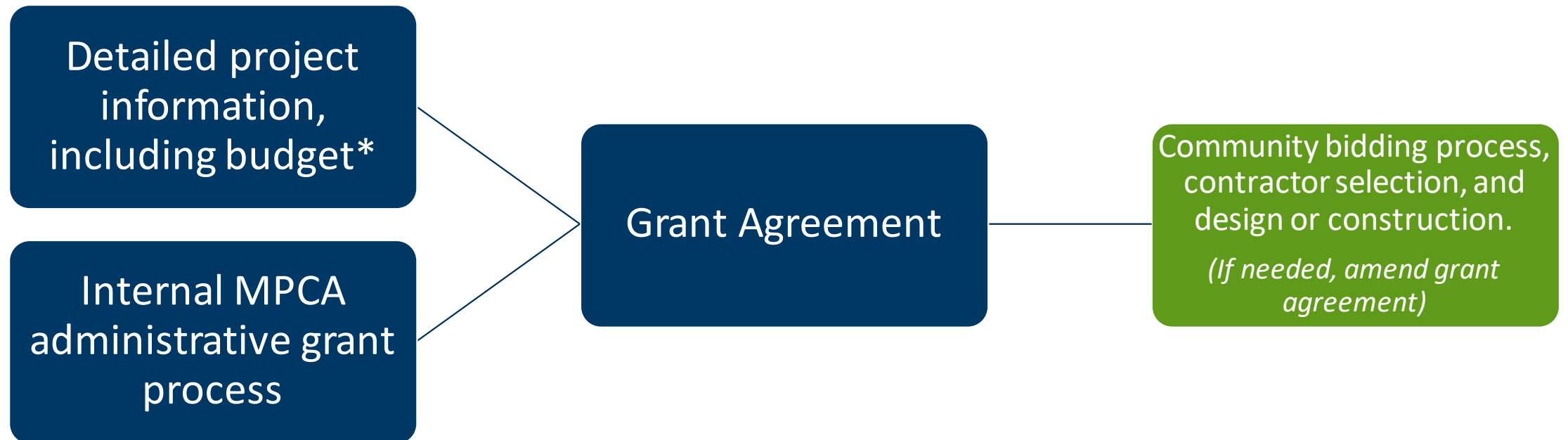
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Implementation Grant Process for Municipal: Grant agreement

- State will require grant agreements for each phase of the project (e.g., planning/design, construction, and O&M)
 - Agreements based on input from detailed project information, including budget, and the internal MPCA administrative grant process, such as the sole source justification form.
- State issues grants for up to 5-years.

Implementation Grant Process for Municipal: Implementation of Grant



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Implementation Grant Process for Municipal: Implementation of Grant

- After grant agreement is in place, the community then goes through their own process to select contractor
 - At a minimum, bidding process must be consistent with the State requirements.
- If needed, State and community can amend grant agreement to reflect bids.

Contracting and Bidding Requirements

Per [Minn. Stat. §471.345](#), grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must follow the law.

- (a) For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per [Minn. Stat. §§177.41](#) through [177.44](#). These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole.

The grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in MN:

<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/debarredreport.asp>

Implementation Grant Process for POETS

- For individual homeowners, the MPCA will continue to manage the installation and maintenance of POETS using contractors.
 - Wells will continue to be tested by the State of Minnesota for PFAS at no cost to the homeowners: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/well-sampling-east-metro-area>
 - Homeowners can request that their well be added to the sampling program by using the Well Sampling Request form: <https://survey.vovici.com/se/56206EE36F5EF3E5>.

Advanced funding

- During the Conceptual Plan comment period, one community requested information about advanced funding for construction grants
 - Community expressed interest in a rolling funding system, where community provides payment schedule and State/community decides how to proceed with advance funding.
- State would like to work with communities to derive a flexible advanced funding plan that is tailored to needs of communities while working within the State requirements.
- We would like your feedback on advanced funding.

Discussion