



# Capital & Operating Grants and Programs Overview

Administered by the Department of Municipal  
Affairs and Housing

# What we do:



Deliver and oversee operating grant programs



Annual Budget is approximately \$78M



Administer Uniform Assessment (UA)



Review SOE-Assessment for UA and grant calculation



Respond assessment inquiries about grant eligibilities

# Operating Grants

PROGRAM /GRANT	2020-21 BUDGET	PURPOSE	DUE TO RELEASE
Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) GIL	\$15.9M	to compensate municipalities fully for NSPI owned properties within their borders	As soon as budget passed
Farmland Property Grant	\$1.7M	Grant in lieu of Taxes for tax exempt Farmlands	As soon as budget passed
Municipal Financial Capacity Grant (MFC)	\$32M	Unconditional grants to ensure a basic level of Municipal Services across the Province	End of each quarter

# Operating Grants

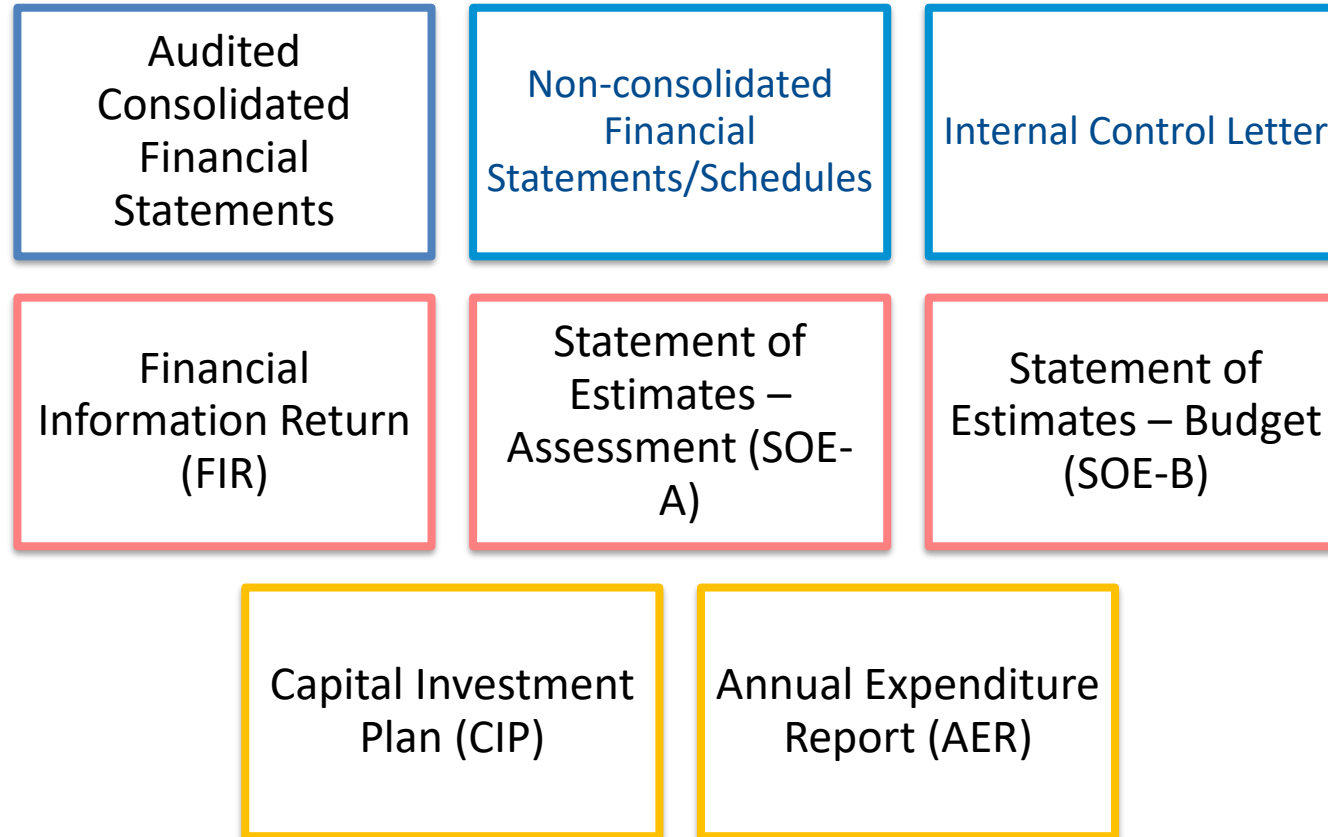
PROGRAM / GRANT	ANNUAL BUDGET	PURPOSE	DUE TO RELEASE
HST Offset	\$6M for municipalities, \$70K for villages	Partially offsets effects of increased costs because of the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST	Mid July
GIL of Provincial Properties	\$21.2M	to offset costs of providing services to exempt provincially owned properties	Mid January
Fire Protection Grant	\$1.3M	Paid on provincially owned buildings, which are ineligible for GIL. Ex) Schools, Museums etc.	Mid January
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$78.3M</b>		

# Allocation

- Amounts are determined by:
  - formulas,
  - municipal tax rate,
  - assessment value,
  - information provided in application, or
  - Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Information required for calculation
  - Statement of Estimates – Assessment (SOE-A) from municipalities
  - Assessment data from Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC)
  - Canada Revenue Agency GST/HST Notice of Assessment

# Financial Reporting Requirements

*Operating grants will be withheld until the following reports are submitted to DMAH – Municipal Grants Act 19B(1)*



# Annual Communication to Municipalities

December 15 – Uniform Assessment for Review

March – April - Budget Advice to inform the following:

- Final Uniform Assessment,
- Municipal Contributions to Education, Corrections, and Roads
- NSPI Grant Amount
- Farm Land Grant Amount

June – Release SOE- A form for upcoming year

# Open Data

List of Municipal Funding Programs – total for all municipalities

## Data by municipality:

- Uniform Assessment
- Municipal Property Tax Rates
- Municipal Contribution to Roads
- Municipal Financial Capacity and Town Foundation Grant
- NSPI Assessment Value and NSPI Grant in Lieu of taxes
- Farmland Acreage and Grant



# CAPITAL GRANTS & PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

## Infrastructure Funding Program Administration:

- Deliver Provincial, Federal & Joint Funding Programs
- Entire Program lifecycle - Negotiation to Closeout
- Primarily Municipally focused
- Provide Tools, Resources, Advice and Assistance, Education, Training and Workshops
- Multi-Committee Involvement

## Functional Areas:

- Finance
- Engineering
- Program Administration
- Project Management (Asset Management Strategy)

# Application-based Program-Funding Overview

Provincial Application Based Programs	Funding Amount	Program Funding 20-21 (annual)
Flood Risk Infrastructure Program (FRIIP)	50% Provincial Contribution of approved projects	\$250K
Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP)	Typically, funding of up to 50% is available towards the cost of eligible projects.	\$690K
Beautification and Streetscape Program (BSP)	50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$25,000	\$500K
Community Works Program (CWP)	The Community Works Program may fund up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$25,000 for each employment project.	\$500K
Emergency Services Provider Fund (ESPF)	Funding provides up to 75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$20,000.	\$1.0M
Municipal Innovation Program (MIP)	Program funding may range from 25-75% of eligible project costs	\$578K

# LEVERAGING FUNDING PROGRAMS

## Applications

- Well defined scope/description
- Cost estimates & contingency
- Project Management, EA, Consultations, etc.

## Project Prioritization

- Limited funding
- Council Resolution/Support
- Resourcing

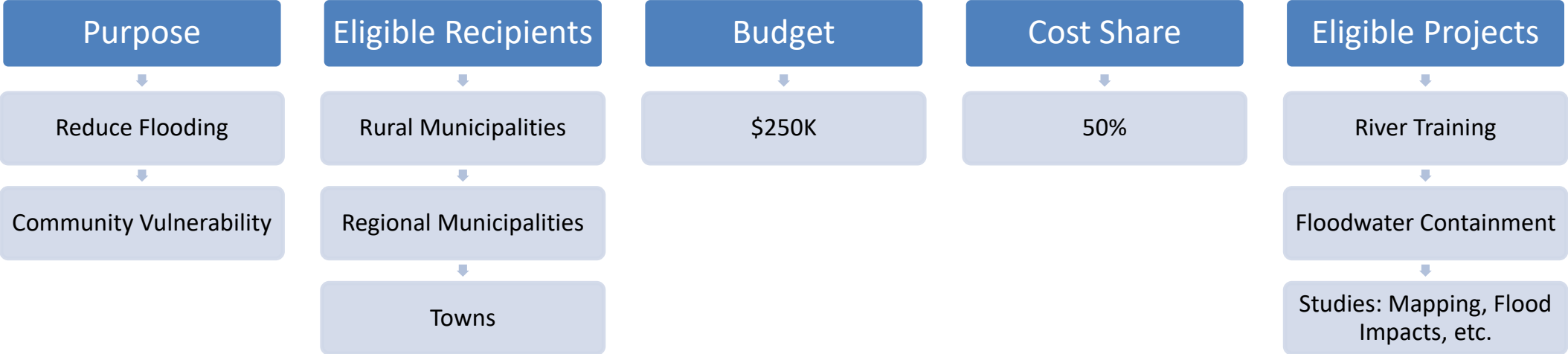
## Evaluation Considerations

- Joint Application
- Regulatory Requirements, Healthy & Safety
- Project Support (AMP, MCCAP, Planning Strategy, etc.)

## Reporting Requirements

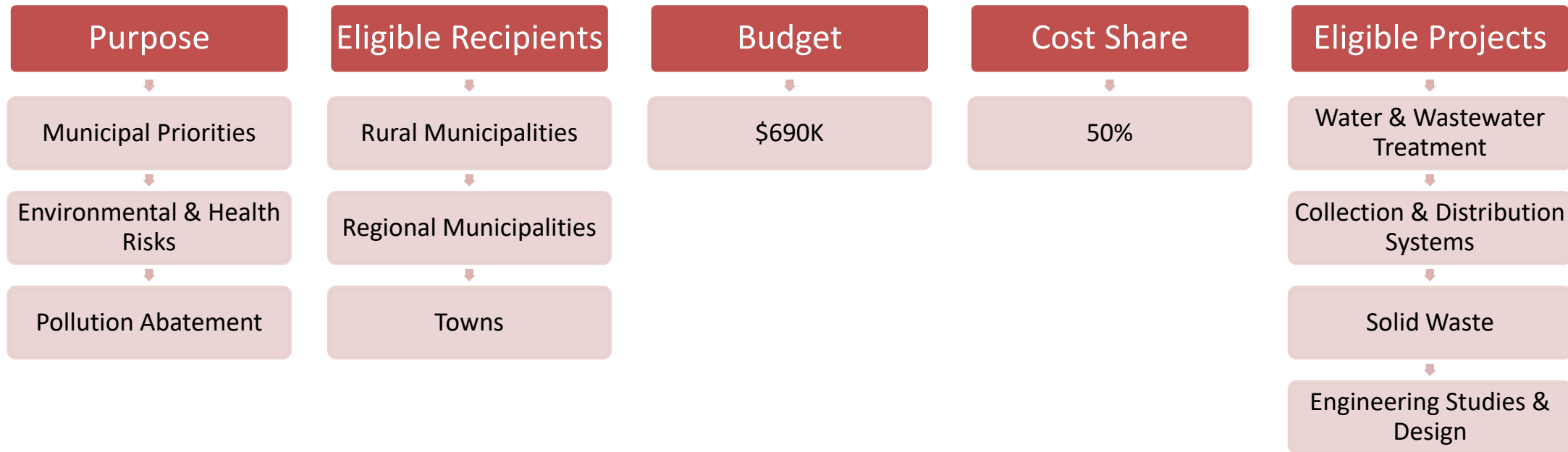
- Financial Statements, SOEs, FIRs
- AERs, CIPs
- Project progress reporting

# Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP)

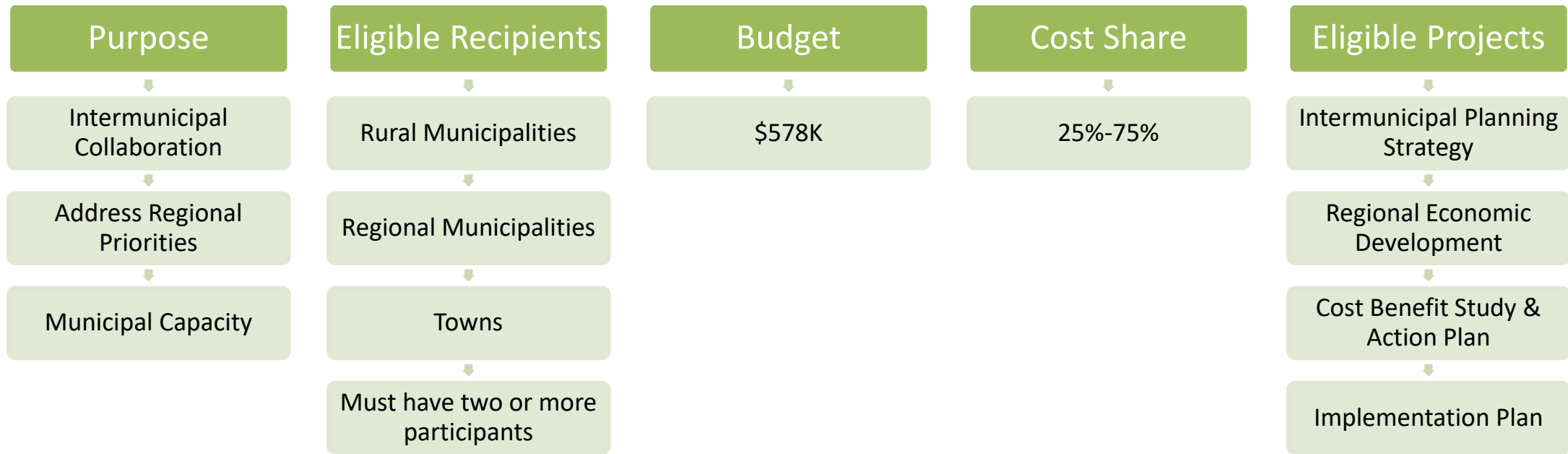


Note: Preference will be given to projects that have been identified as part of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCAAP) or other infrastructure risk assessment studies.

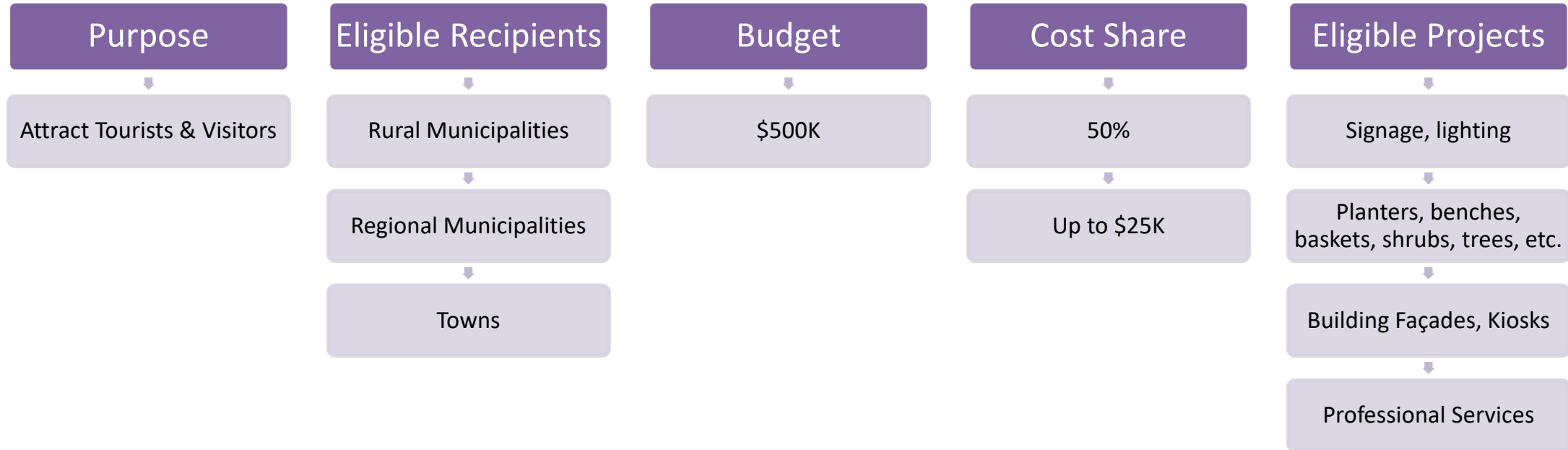
# Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP)



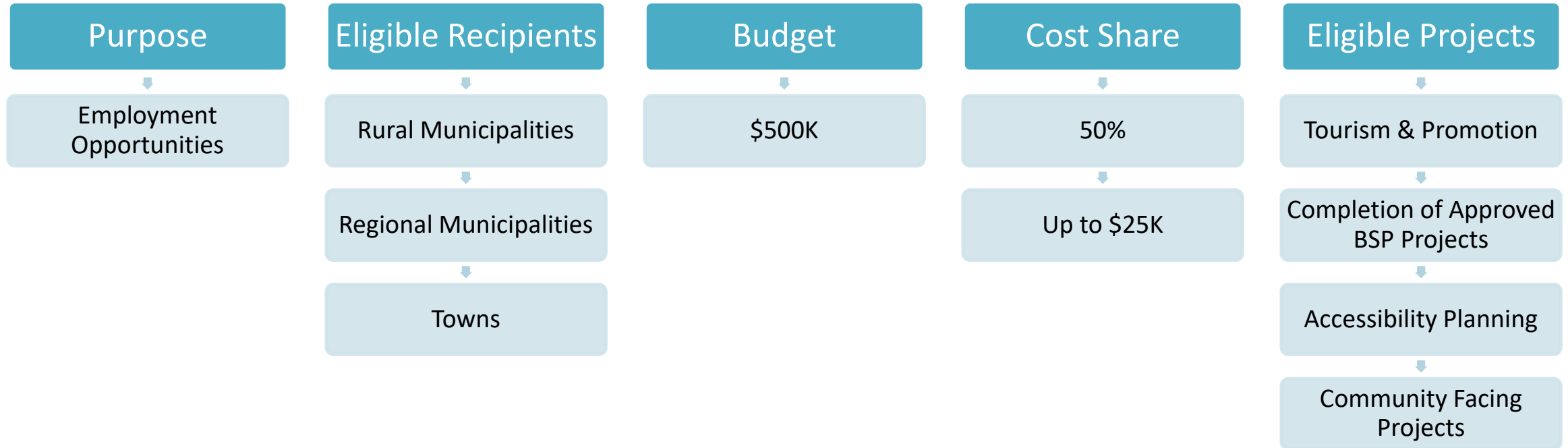
# Municipal Innovation Program (MIP)



# Beautification & Streetscaping Program (BSP)

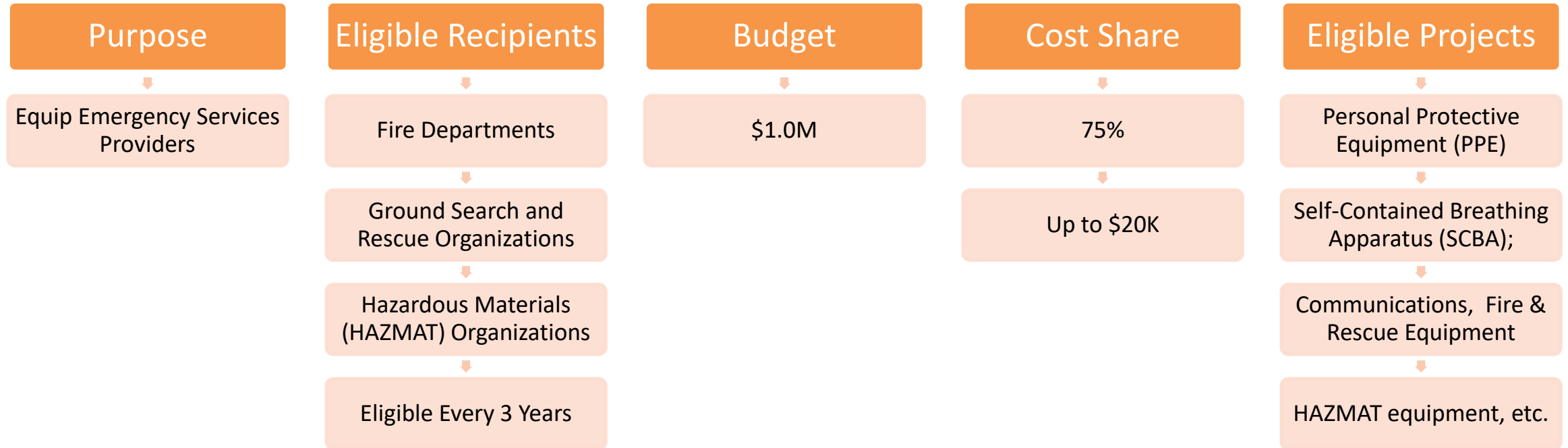


# Community Works Program (CWP)





# Emergency Services Provider Fund (ESPF)



# How to Apply

## Applications Intake

- Spring 2021

## GMS – Grants Management System

- Apply via GMS
- Each Municipality has a designation account holder

## Prioritize

- Council Resolutions

## Communication

- DMAH Emails (CAOs and Directors of Finance)
- AMANS, NSFM & MPWANS
- News Release, etc.

# Program Information

Application Based Programs	Program Email
<b>Flood Risk Infrastructure Program (FRIIP)</b> <a href="https://novascotia.ca/dma/funding/infrastructure/flood-risk-infrastructure-investment-program.asp">https://novascotia.ca/dma/funding/infrastructure/flood-risk-infrastructure-investment-program.asp</a>	<a href="mailto:FRIIP@novascotia.ca">FRIIP@novascotia.ca</a>
<b>Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP)</b> <a href="https://novascotia.ca/dma/funding/infrastructure/provincial-capital-assistance-program.asp">https://novascotia.ca/dma/funding/infrastructure/provincial-capital-assistance-program.asp</a>	<a href="mailto:PCAP@novascotia.ca">PCAP@novascotia.ca</a>
<b>Municipal Innovation Program (MIP)</b> <a href="#">Webpage coming soon...</a>	<a href="mailto:MIP.info@novascotia.ca">MIP.info@novascotia.ca</a>
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