

Scenarios Discussion

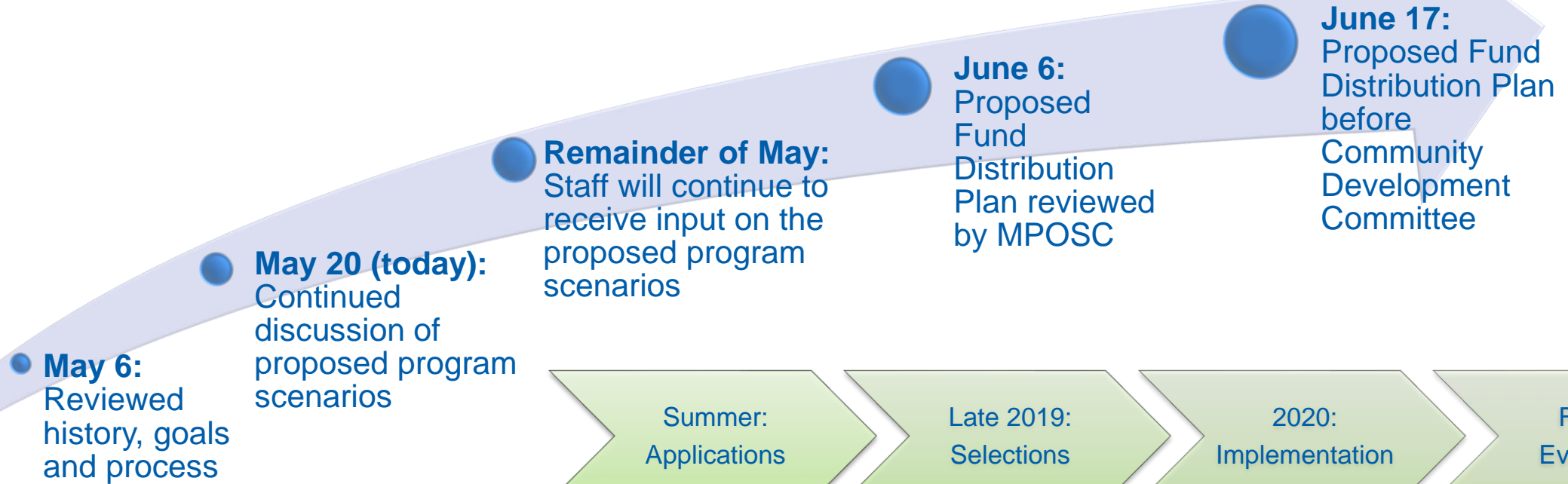
Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Pilot Program

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Community Development Committee



Where we are and where we are going

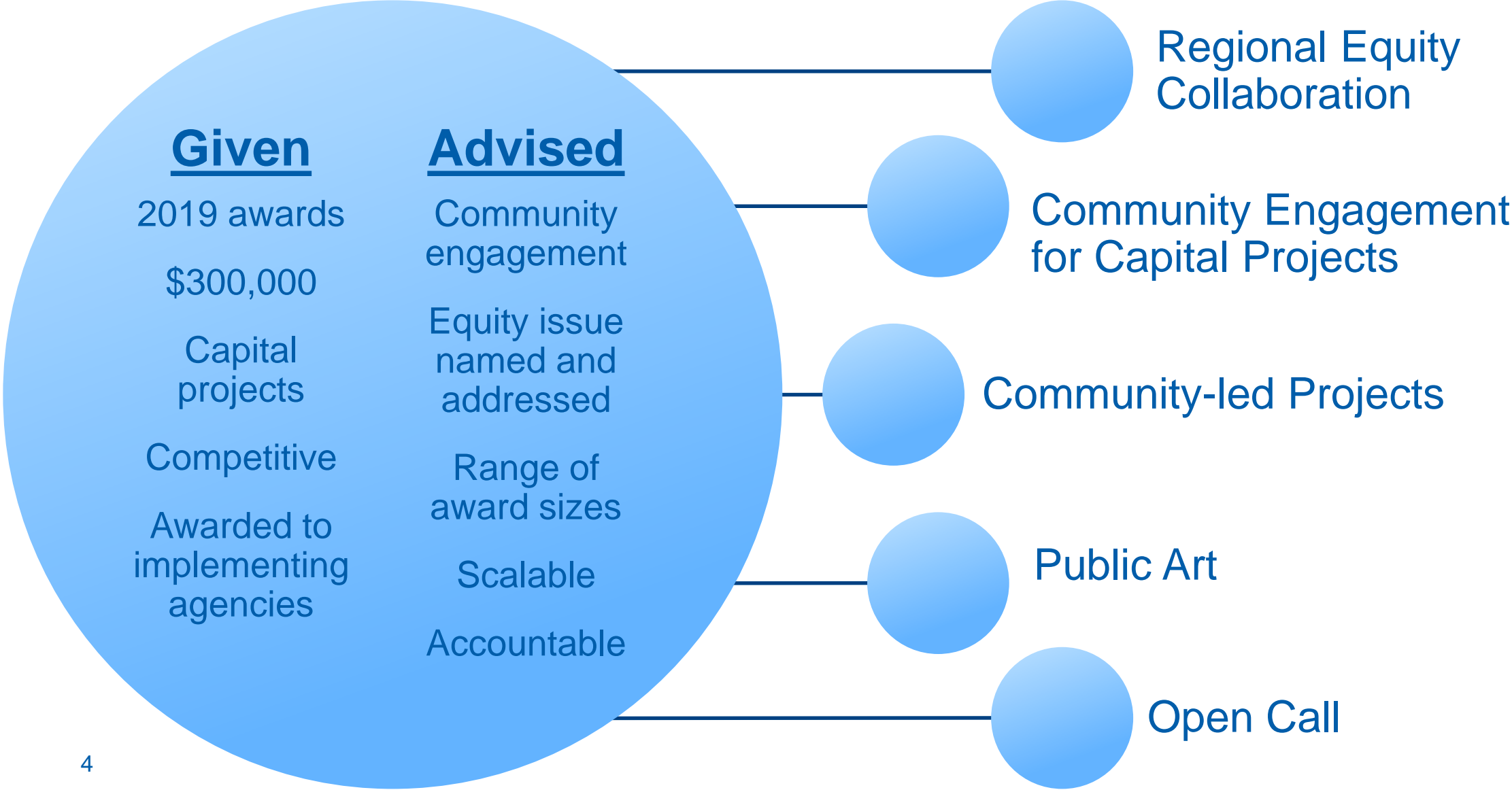


Competitive Equity Grant Pilot Program: Goals

Pilot a grant program to increase equitable use of regional parks and trails.

- Competitive: Different than other grant programs in parks
- Innovative
- Capacity building among regional park implementing agencies
- \$300,000 Council capital bonds
- Selections in 2019
- Evaluate, learn, and refine in 2020 and beyond

Scenarios for discussion to inform structure



Your input needed

In each of these five scenarios:

- How do they reflect your policy values?
- How would they increase equitable use of Regional Parks and Trails?
- What strengths and challenges do they have?
- How are the themes addressed?

Regional Equity Topic

- A single equity topic is selected by an inclusive committee each year.
- All ten agencies work together with advisors to explore that topic.
- Each agency can apply for capital funding to address the topic.



Universal access playground at Wabun Picnic Area

Reflect your policy values?
Increase equitable use of
Regional Parks and Trails?
What strengths and
challenges?

Community Engagement for Capital Projects

- Agencies apply for in-depth engagement to shape capital projects already in line for funding through other programs.
- Program funds support refinement of capital projects to increase equitable use.



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What strengths and
challenges?

JXTA youth bring creative visions to complex design problem and look to make a section of the riverfront accessible to the Northside community

Public Art

- Arts and culture used as a vehicle to welcome under-represented communities to regional parks and trails.
- Artists can translate and transcend difficult equity conversations to bring new ideas and perspectives.



Angela Two Stars' Dakota language stamp in Bde Maka Ska sidewalk

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Community-led Projects

- Agencies partner with a community-led effort in a regional parks or trail to produce a capital project.
- Community organizations lead discussions, shape processes, and share in decision making.



Signage in Indian Mounds Regional Park is being updated to reflect cultural plan

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Open Call

- Implementing Agencies propose equity-focused projects.
- Highest competitively-scored projects are awarded funding.
- Program structure decided as part of grant reviews.



Increasing opportunities for winter recreation activities across all communities.

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Next Steps

Remainder of May
Staff will continue to receive input on the proposed program scenarios

June 6
Proposed Fund Distribution Plan reviewed by MPOSC

June 17
Proposed Fund Distribution Plan before Community Development Committee



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