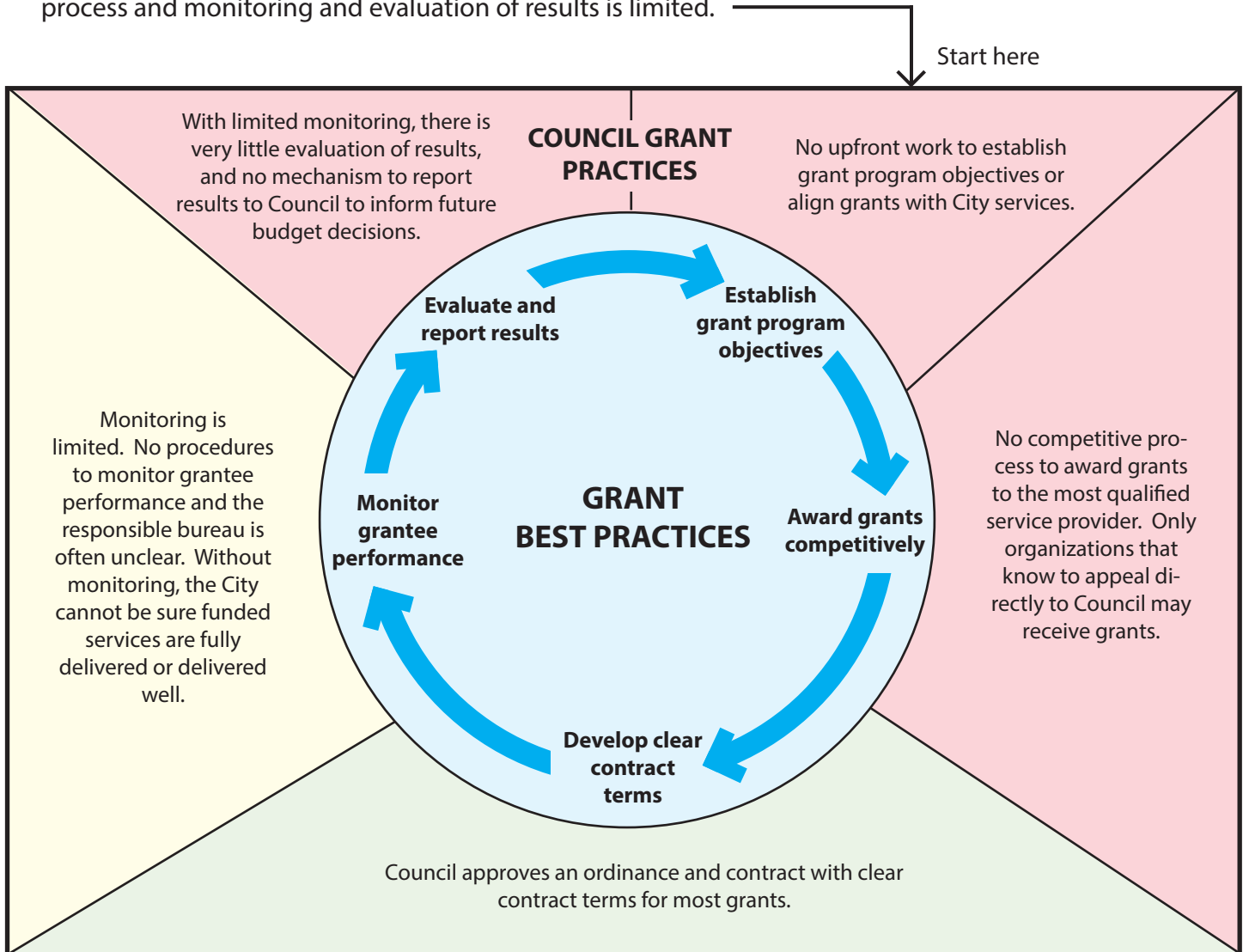


City Council Grants: No competition and limited oversight

Audit highlights - January 2016



Portland City Council provides grants in the City's annual budget for activities ranging from arts performances to social service programs. The total amount of these grants ranged from \$9 million to \$17 million in each of the last five years. We compared Council's grant process to best practices and found that Council issues grants with no competitive process and monitoring and evaluation of results is limited.



To limit grants it offers with no competition, Council should avoid directing grants through the budget process. To ensure services are provided effectively, the City should develop monitoring procedures for City grant managers.

