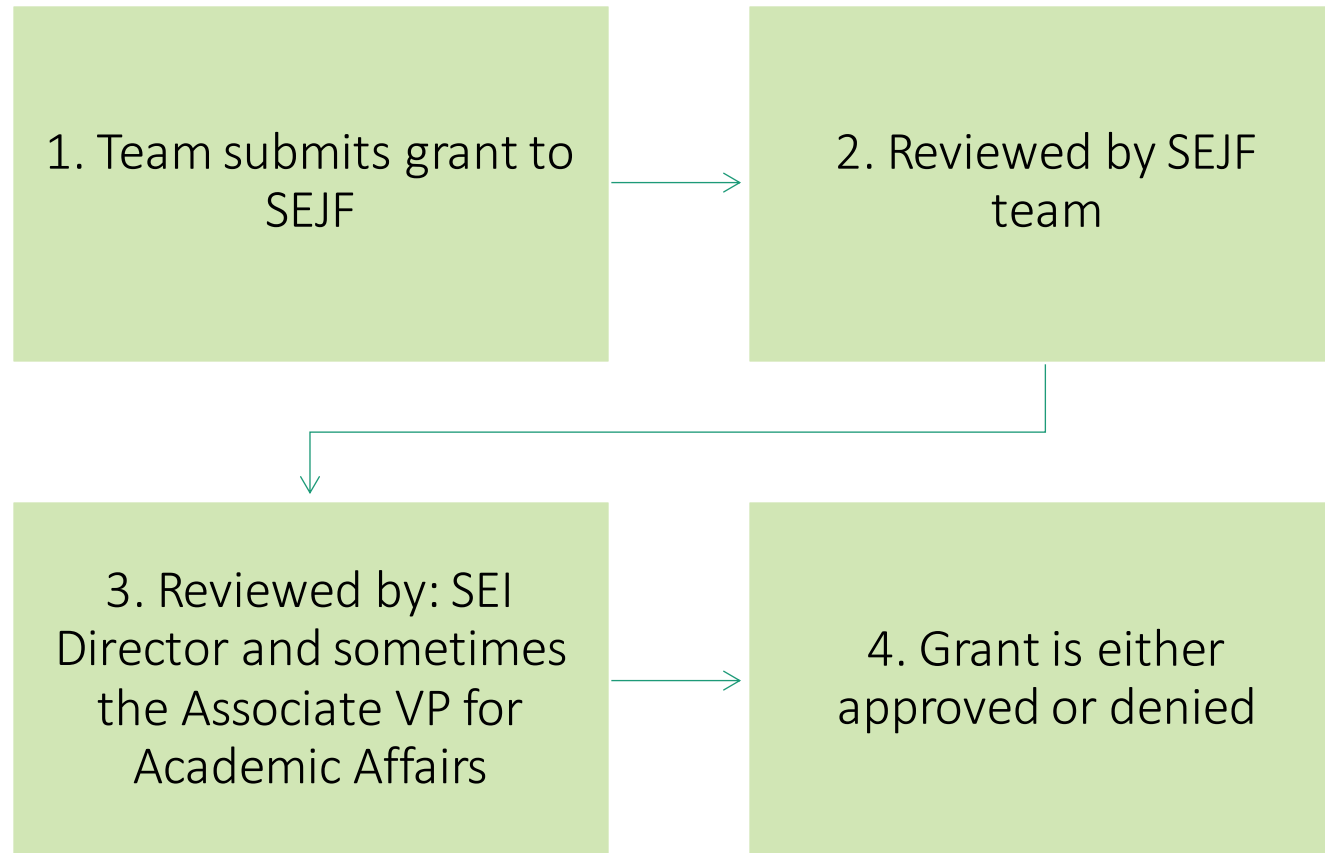
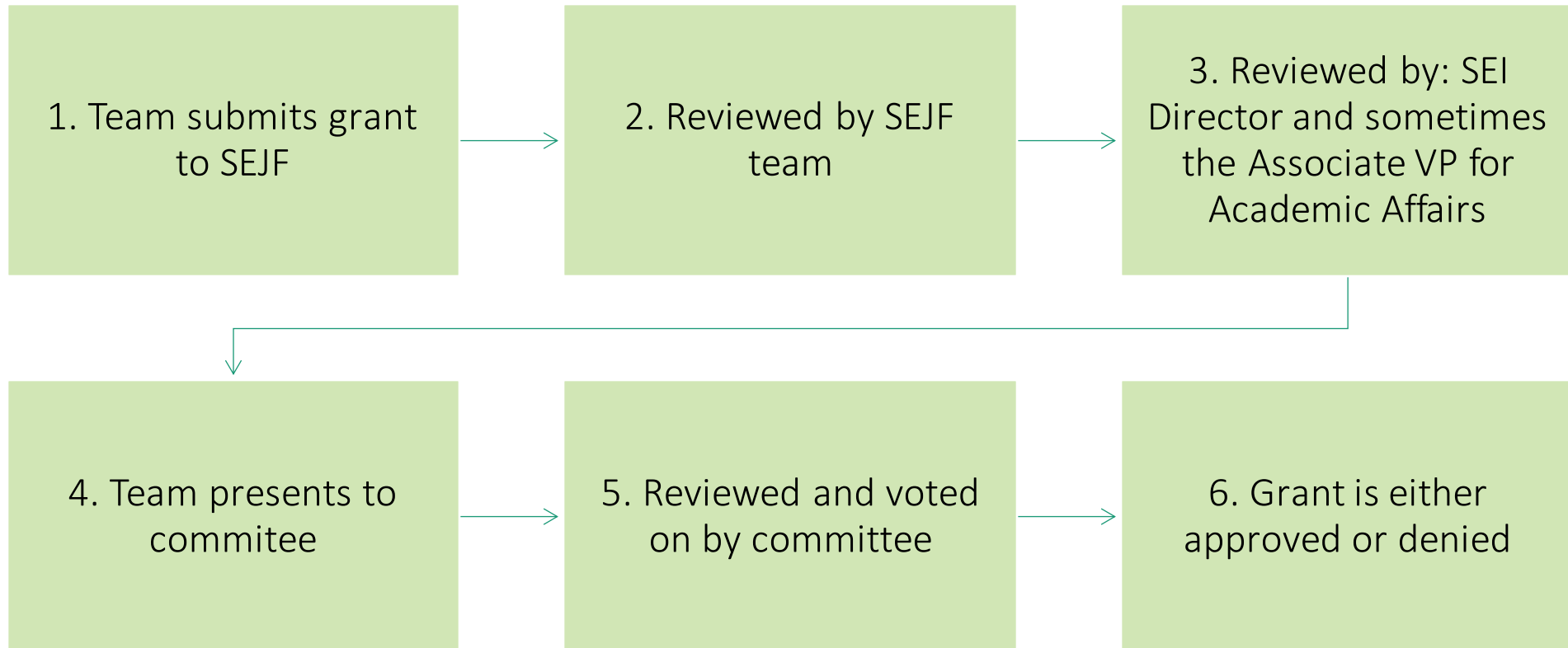


SEJF Grants – Committee Voting

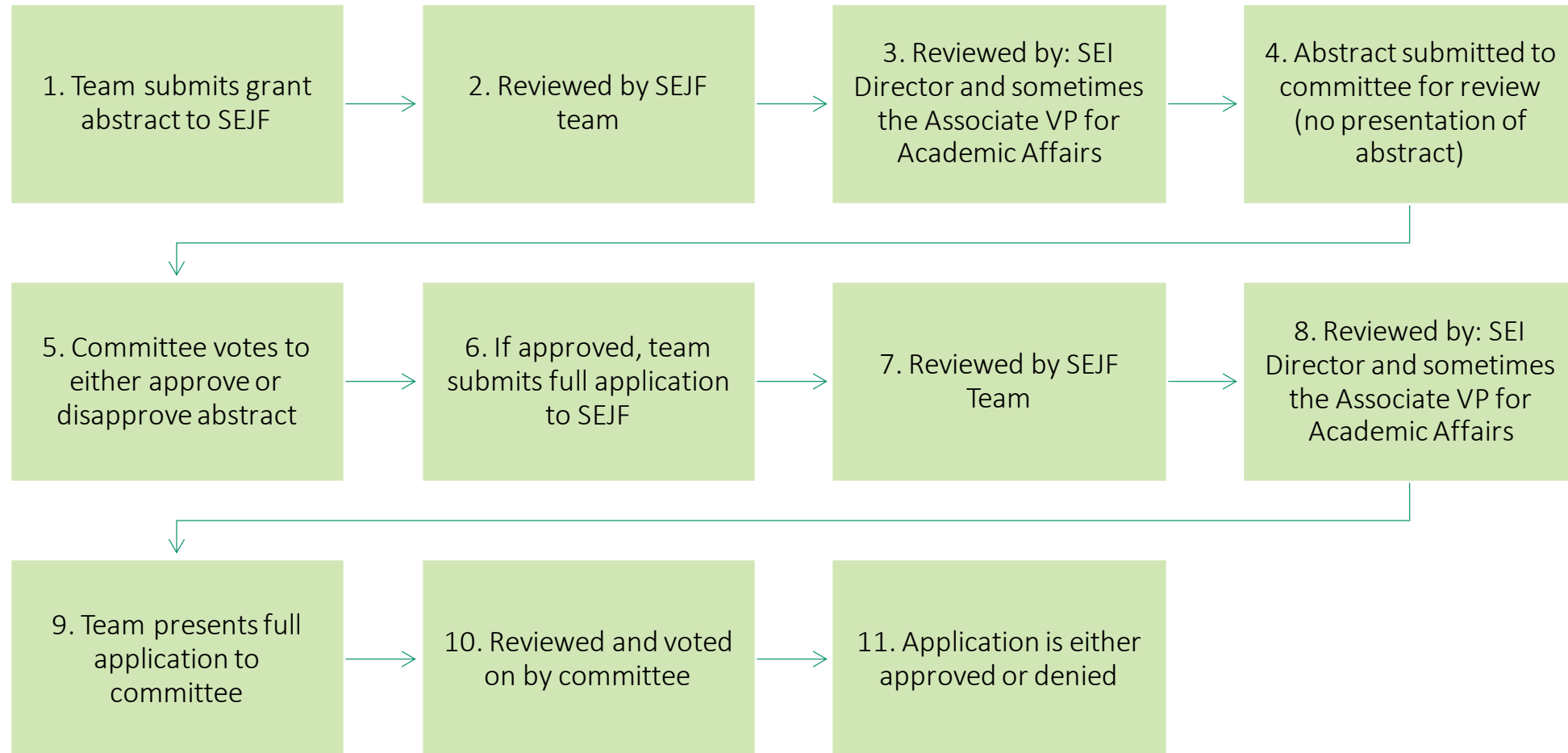
Small grants: \$500-5,000



Medium grants: \$5,000-35,000



Large grants: \$35,000+



When a team submits a large grant abstract:

The process for a large grant application is much lengthier and more complicated than for the two other grant sizes. More research, thought, and effort go into writing a large grant, and more thought is needed in reviewing a grant of this size. Therefore, the process for large grants has been broken down; teams first submit a grant abstract. In this abstract, they focus mostly on the value proposition. They attempt to answer questions such as:

- What is this project for?
- Who is the impacted audience?
- Why is this project important and needed?
- How does this project align with the mission of the SEJF?

When committee reviews a large grant abstract:

Therefore, at this stage committee members think mainly about value when reviewing a grant abstract. The point is not to have all your questions answered, rather, it is an opportunity for teams to express the main idea of their project. It is up to the committee to determine a couple of things at this stage:

- Does this abstract fall within the mission of the SEJF? Specifically, does it promote sustainability by positively impacting environmental, social, health, and economic practices on our campus and in our community?
- Does it support the university's mission of sustainability?
- Should this be funded?

These are value-laden questions. The committee at this point is not thinking too much about viability and how the project will be implemented. That's for the full application to answer.

When a team submits a full application:

When a team submits a full application, they are now focusing on details, considering initial feedback from the committee:

- What is our budget?
- What is a realistic timeline?
- Who are the stakeholders that must be engaged in this project? To what extent will they be involved?
 - Stakeholder agreements are necessary at this stage
- What are all the details that go into organizing and implementing this project?

When committee reviews a full application:

Therefore, at this stage committee members think mainly about viability when reviewing a final grant application. At this point, value has already been determined to be present in the project, and now committee members are determining the completeness of the plan.

- Is the budget and timeline provided realistic?
- Have the correct people been involved in the project planning?
- Can this happen?

Concluding thoughts:

- Value and viability work together
- When voting for a proposal, whether it be an abstract or a full application, you must consider both. The key difference is, abstracts are not meant to answer every single question you might have; that's what the full application is for
- The vote for a final application cannot nullify the approved vote for an abstract, no matter who the approving authority was
- Your vote will ultimately determine whether the project receives funding