



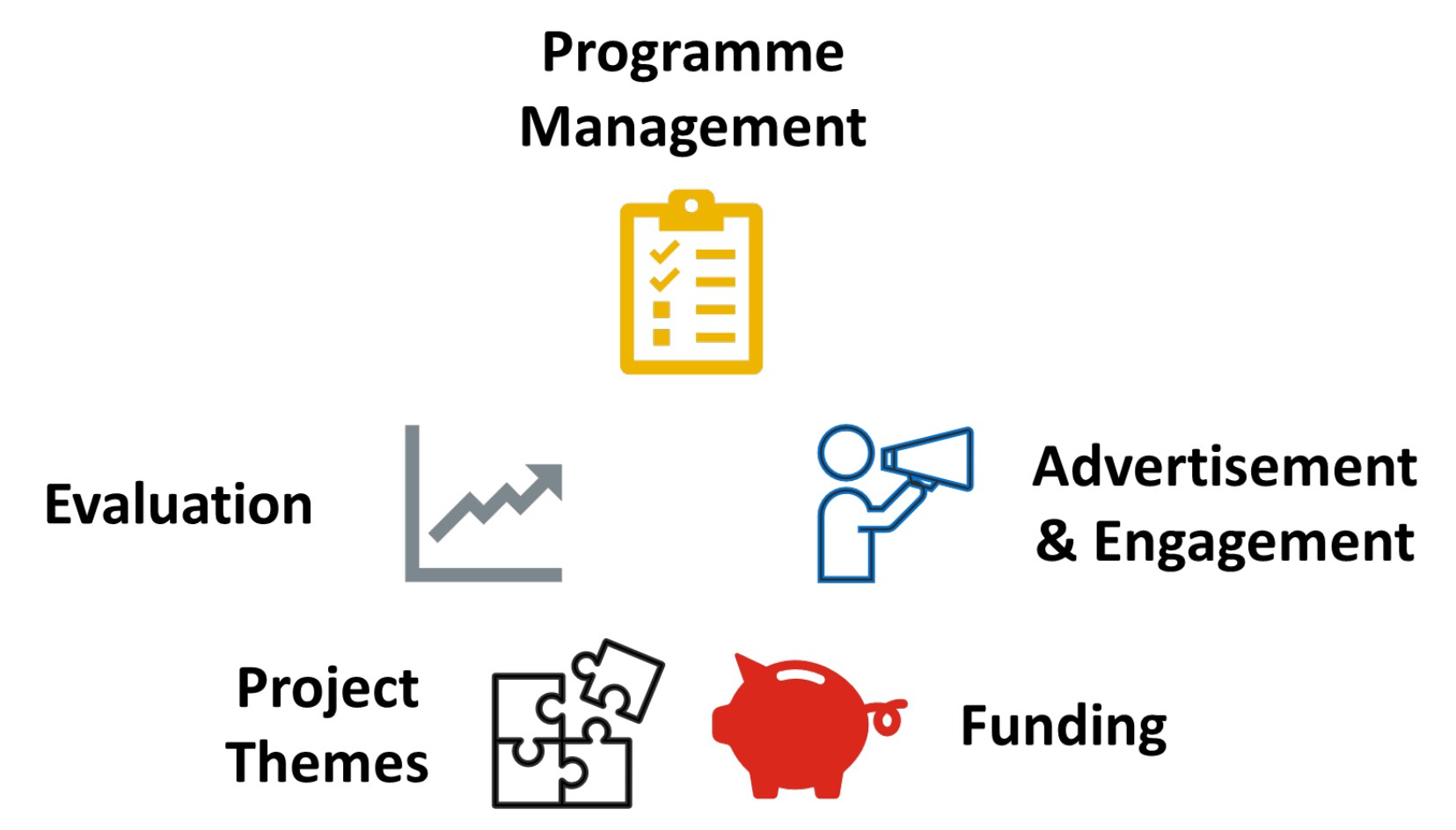


Evaluation of the Post-COVID Public Mental Health (PMH) Fund - Suffolk


Suffolk County Council (SCC), supported by the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF), dedicated funds to support and enable good mental health and wellbeing across the county.

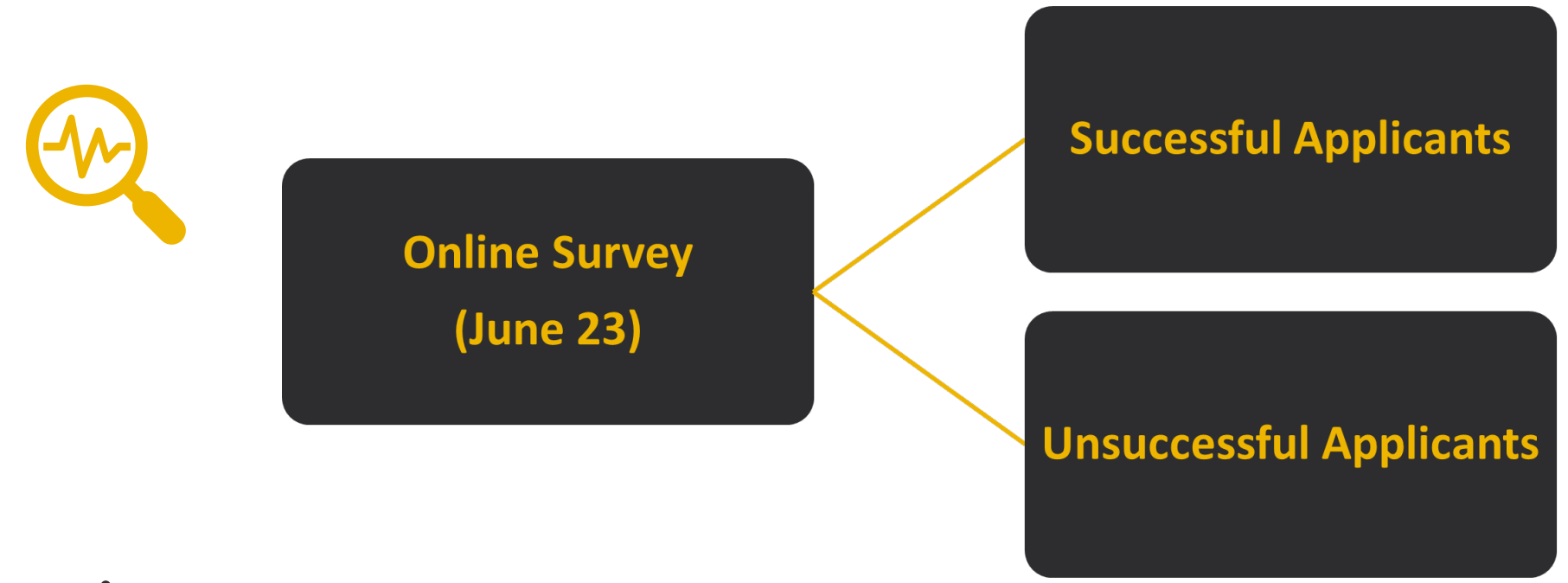
Phase 1 – Funding Process


-  Evaluate the process used to fund projects:
 - I. Evidence best practice
 - II. Inform specific areas of improvement
 - III. Identify success stories across the programme
-  ✓ Focus group with stakeholders involved in the process for funding (Apr 23)
-  ✓ Follow-up survey (online) for those unable to attend (May 23)
-  Thematic analysis identified areas of good practice and recommendations for future initiatives around five key themes:




Phase 2 – Applicant Feedback

-  Provide insight into the process of funding:
 - I. Application process
 - II. Comparisons to other funding
 - III. Feedback process
 - IV. Application support
 - V. Evaluation and monitoring requirements




-  **Key Recommendations:**
 - 1) Application process and evaluation requirements need to be proportionate to funding
 - 2) Provide a clear checklist including timescales of requirements at the start of the process
 - 3) Ensure unsuccessful applicants receive clear feedback and advice on other funding opportunities

Phase 3 – Project Impact

-  Evaluate project impact
 - ✓ Quantitative analysis for a Power BI dashboard (interactive data visualisation)
 - ✓ Qualitative analysis of case studies



-  **Insights:**
 - 1) Project Impact on mental wellbeing
 - 2) Comparisons across project themes
 - 3) Demographical representation of those reached by projects within Suffolk
 - 4) Recommendations for future data collection to enhance the monitoring and evaluation of small-scale funded initiatives