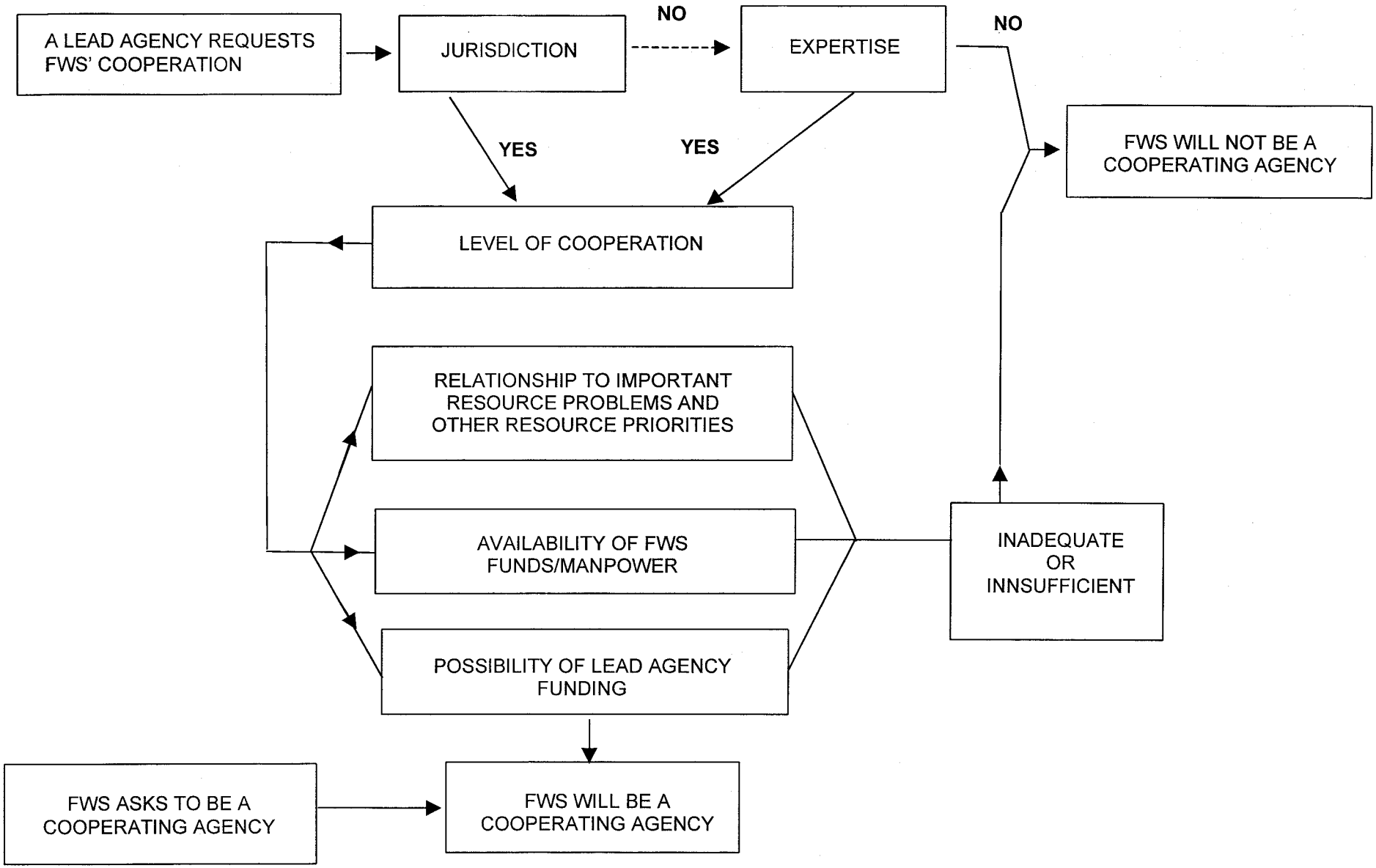EVALUATING A REQUEST TO COOPERATE