

CIRM Facilities Grants Program
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Overall Aims of the Facilities Grants

- To facilitate and stimulate stem cell research in California, particularly research on pluripotent human stem cells, by providing new facilities for research.
 - Proposition 71 funding will expand biomedical research in California, requiring new facilities
 - Space particularly needed for research outside the Federal guidelines
 - Dedicated space for stem cell research will increase interaction and provide a physical locus for stem cell research programs



Scientific Strategic Plan: A Three Tiered Program

- Large Facilities Grants (few)
- Smaller Facilities Grants (several)
- Shared Research Laboratory Grants (many)

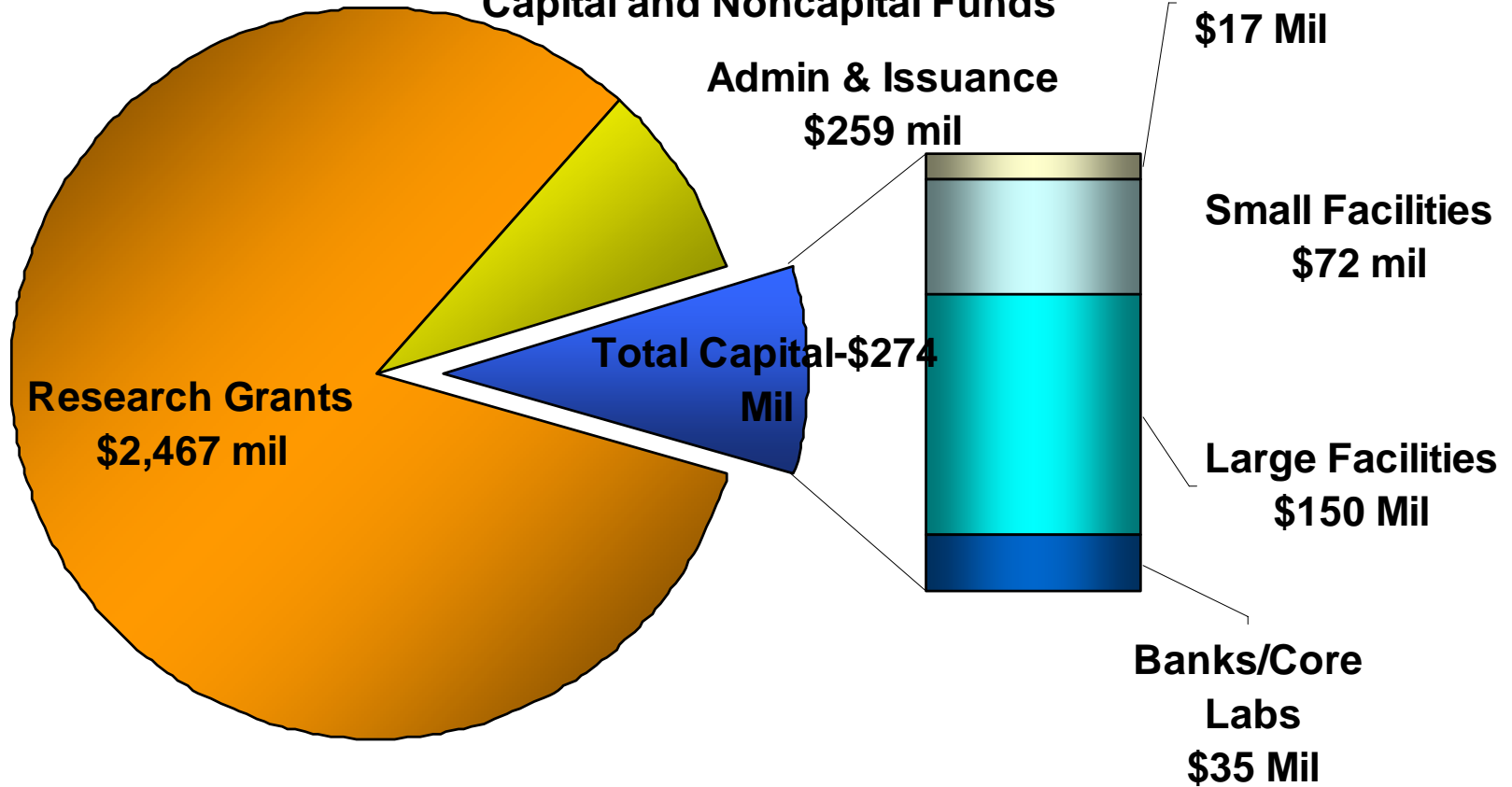


Provisional SSP Budget

- **Large Facilities:** tens of millions to five or more large institutions: total, **\$150 M**
- **Smaller Facilities:** five to ten million to a number of institutions: total, **\$72 M**
- **Shared Research Laboratories:** fifteen approved, \$1-1.5 M: total, **\$17.5 M**
- *Support for Core facilities, including a stem cell bank or GMP facilities: total, \$35 M*



**10-year \$3 Billion Funding Allocation
Capital and Noncapital Funds**



Tentative Schedule for Large Facilities Grants

- Gather information at April 10 ICOC meeting and at Facilities WG meeting on April 13.
- Concept approval at June ICOC meeting
- RFA issued June/July
- Review in the fall
- Approval at March, 2008 ICOC meeting



Questions

- Is the three-tiered plan the right approach?
- Are the broad budget outlines about right?
- Proposition 71 requires 20% matching funds. Should preference be given to applications with a higher match? Should match be restricted to dollar contributions toward construction?
- Should the large and small grants be part of the same RFA or sequential RFAs?



Questions (cont.)

- Should the review of applications follow the same general procedures as for the Shared Research Laboratory Facilities Grants? i.e. review by Grants and Facilities WGs, with recommendations from both groups going to the ICOC for final decision.
- Should there be a pre-qualification?
- Should there be a survey of institutional plans before issuing the RFA?

