

Introduction to the Proposed Interim Grants Administration Policy

The proposed Interim Grants Administration Policy is a draft document provided at this meeting for informational purposes only. The document incorporates the proposed policies and regulations that are to govern the administration of all grants provided by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). The document is made available to the public for review and comments, particularly from investigators and organizations that expect to seek grants from CIRM. The Scientific and Medical Research Funding Working Group will review this policy and provide their recommendations for a final version to the ICOC at a future meeting. Once approved by the ICOC, it will serve as interim regulations pursuant to the California Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

The proposed Interim Grants Administration Policy is written and structured as a comprehensive guide to grantees that follows generally the lifecycle of a grant from application and review to the final stage of grant close-out. Pursuant to the APA, specific proposed regulations contained within this document will be set apart and refined in language that is appropriate and acceptable to the Office of Administrative Law. However, such regulations will be made available to grantees by CIRM in a format similar to the current version, which provides guidance and context.

The information contained within this policy document includes proposed interim regulations for grants administration, guidelines to grantees for meeting administrative requirements, and reference to existing regulations defined under Proposition 71.

The policy document also incorporates content from the following:

1. *Interim Grants Administration Policy for Training Grants* (approved by ICOC on December 6, 2005)
2. *Interim Criteria for Review of Scientific Merit of Training Grant Applications* (approved by ICOC on September 9, 2005)
3. *Interim Criteria for Review of Research Grant Applications* (approved by ICOC on November 2, 2005)
4. *Process for Conducting Review of Grant Applications* (approved by ICOC on September 9, 2005)

The policy document references and appends the *CIRM Medical and Ethical Standards* developed by the CIRM Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group as Appendix A and the *Intellectual Property Policy for Non-Profit Organizations* prepared by the IP Task Force Subcommittee of the ICOC as Appendix B.