

Accelerating Center GWG Review and Recommendations

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CIRM Infrastructure Programs

| Program | Goal | Role | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Translating Center | Shorten time to clinical testing | Process DevelopmentIND-enabling activities | |
| Accelerating Center | Accelerate clinical research | Regulatory SubmissionsTrial management | |
| Alpha Clinics Network | Conduct high quality clinical trials | Specialize in cell therapy clinical trials Develop AVARs (Accelerating and Value Add Resources) | |



Accelerating Center RFA

INFRASTRUCTURE





- CIRM funding for a Stem Cell focused Clinical Research Organization
- Operating within California
- Up to \$15 million over five years



Accelerating Center Core Services

- Regulatory support and management services
- Clinical trial operations and management services
- Data management, biostatical and analytical services

Services will be proportional to the needs of the projects



Sustainability

- Through acquisition of unique insight and experience by supporting CIRM's projects, the AC will be positioned to develop specialized approaches and services for cell therapy trials
- The AC is expected to leverage these assets to create a sustainable platform for support of cell therapy development and stem cell clinical trials



GWG Review Criteria

- Does the proposed center hold the necessary significance and potential for impact?
- Has the applicant developed a plan designed to successfully establish and operationalize the center?
- Is the proposal feasible?



Introduced "Pitch"

 Applicant teams were invited to give a 20 minute presentation before the GWG to address vision, value proposition, and sustainability.

 GWG had opportunity to ask questions directly of the team members.



Scoring System

Score of "85-100"

Exceptional merit and warrants funding, if funds are available.

Only the application with the highest average score will be recommended for funding.

Score of "1-84"

Not recommended for funding.

Applications are scored by all scientific members of the GWG with no conflict.

Final Vote (2 parts)

- All members: "The review was scientifically rigorous, there was sufficient time for all viewpoints to be heard, and the scores reflect the recommendation of the GWG."
- 2. Patient advocate members: "The review was carried out in a fair manner and was free from undue bias."

All members voted unanimously in favor of 1 (20-0)

Patient Advocate GWG members voted unanimously in favor of 2 (6-0)



INFR1: GWG Recommendations

| | Apps | Funds |
|--|------|-------|
| Score 85-100 Exceptional merit and warrant funding, if funds available | 1 | \$15M |
| Score 1-84 Not recommended for funding | 3 | |



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| SCORE | Median | SD | High | Low |
|-------|--------|----|------|-----|
| 89 | 90 | 4 | 99 | 84 |

CIRM Team Recommendation: Fund (concur with GWG recommendation)

Award Amount: \$15M

