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Grants Working Group Recommendations TRAN

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OUR MISSION

Accelerating world class science
to deliver transformative
regenerative medicine treatments
in an equitable manner to a
diverse California and world





DISCOVERY



TRANSLATION



CLINICAL

New
Idea



2/Year

Single Product
Candidate



2/Year

Pre-IND or
Equivalent



12/Year

Approved
Therapy

**TRAN1
Therapeutic**

30 months
\$4M
(Cell/Biologic)
\$2M (Drug)

**TRAN2
Diagnostic**

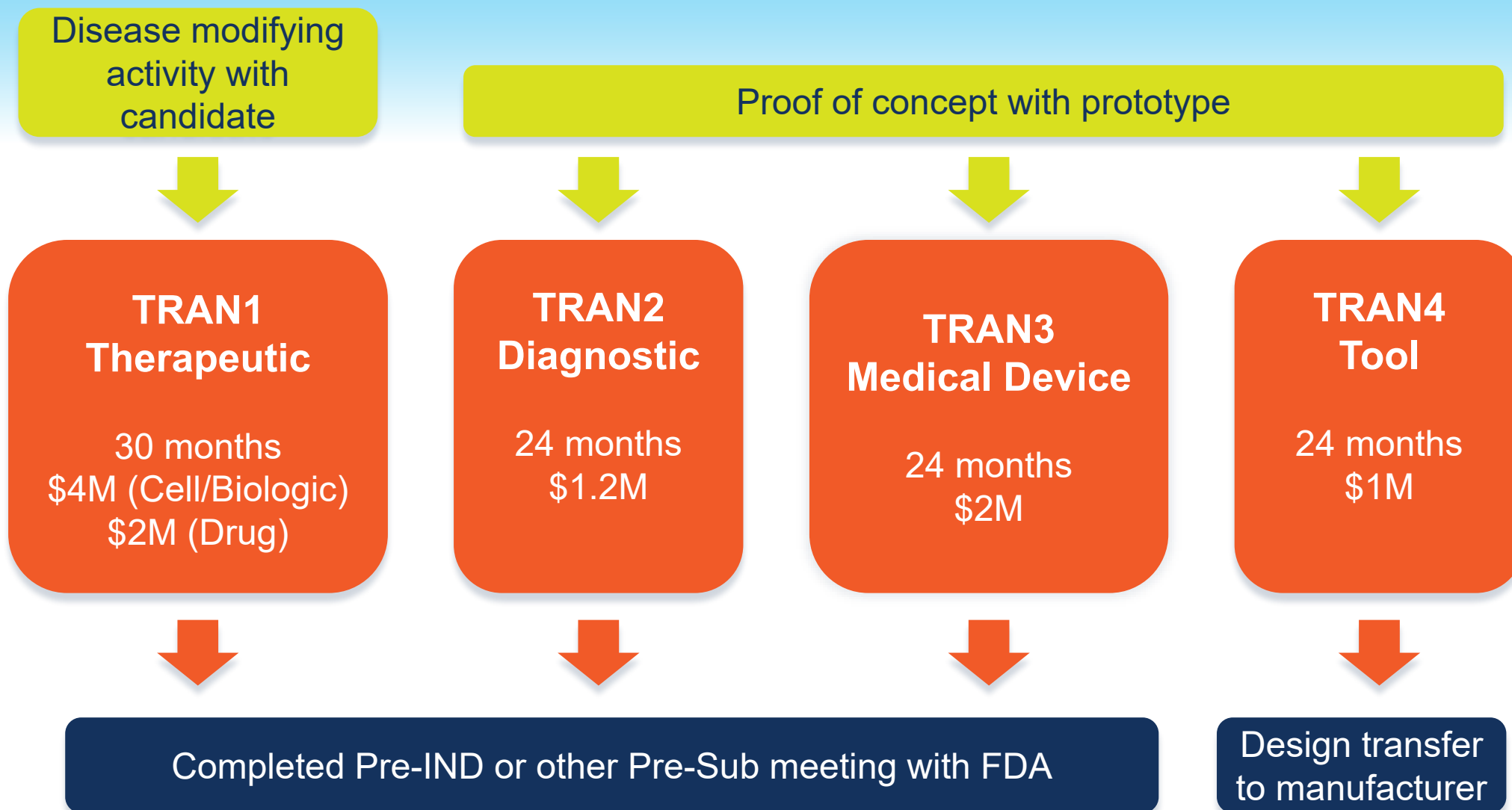
24 months
\$1.2M

**TRAN3
Medical
Device**

24 months
\$2M

**TRAN4
Tool**

24 months
\$1M



1. Does the project hold the necessary significance and potential for impact? (i.e., what value does it offer; is it worth doing?)
2. Is the rationale sound? (i.e., does it make sense?)
3. Is the project well planned and designed?
4. Is the project feasible? (i.e., can they do it?)
5. Does the project uphold principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)?

- **Score of “85-100”**

Recommended for funding, if funds are available

- **Score of “1-84”**

Not recommended for funding

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

The **median** of all individual GWG scores determines final score.

CIRM TRAN Program DEI Rubric				
CRITERIA	Score of 0 to 2 Not Responsive	Score of 3 to 5 Not Fully Responsive	Score of 6 to 8 Responsive	Score of 9 to 10 Outstanding Response
1. Product Development	Inadequate discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.	May have inadequate discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.	Adequate discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.	Strong discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.
	Planned/completed activities do not demonstrate an understanding of the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.	Planned/completed activities are incomplete or inadequate and may not demonstrate an understanding of the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.	Planned/completed activities reflect a good faith effort and have the potential to be effective in understanding the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.	Planned/completed activities reflect an outstanding and comprehensive effort and are likely to be effective in understanding the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.
	Does not address limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.	May not fully address limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.	Addresses limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.	Comprehensive discussion on limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.
2. DEI Enhancement Strategies	Has not or will not include diverse and inclusive perspectives and experience from the population that will benefit from the product, or activities proposed are not appropriate.	May not have or may not effectively or sufficiently bring diverse and inclusive perspectives and experience from the population that will benefit from the product. Activities may not match the needs of the project.	Has or will appropriately bring diverse and inclusive perspectives from the population that will benefit from the proposed product. Activities match the needs of the project.	Has or will have outstanding incorporation of diverse and inclusive perspectives from the population that will benefit from the proposed product. Activities are well matched to the needs of the project.

DEI Scores

Applications are scored for adherence to principles of DEI by all GWG Board Members with no conflict.

- DEI Score of 9-10

Outstanding Response

- DEI Score of 6-8

Responsive

- DEI Score of 3-5

Not Fully Responsive

- DEI Score of 0-2

Not Responsive

Scientific GWG
Member



Scientific evaluation (disease area expert,
regulatory, CMC, product development)

Provides scientific score on all applications

GWG Board
Member (Patient
Advocate/Nurse)



Patient perspective on significance and potential
impact, oversight on process

Provides a DEI score on all applications

Scientific
Specialist
(non-voting)



Scientific evaluation (specialized expertise as
needed)

Provides initial but not final scientific score

GWG Recommendations

	Number of Apps	Total Applicant Request	Funds Available
Recommended for funding Score 85-100	9	\$45,505,384	\$49,998,740
Not recommended for funding Score 1-84	11		

For each award, the final award amount shall not exceed the amount approved by the ICOC Application Review Subcommittee and may be reduced contingent on CIRM's assessment of allowable costs and activities.

- Under Prop 14, any application that is not recommended for funding by the GWG, but which had 35% or more members score to fund the application must include a minority report.
- The minority report is included in the review summary and provides a brief synopsis of the opinion of reviewers that scored the application 85 or above.

App Number	Title	Funds Requested	Score
TRAN1-14710	AAV Gene Therapy for Treating Congenital Hereditary Endothelial Dystrophy (CHED) associated with Biallelic SLC4A11 Mutations	\$4,338,166	80
TRAN4-14726	Development of a low-cost, clinical-grade iPS maintenance medium for enabling stem cell therapy manufacturing	\$999,848	80

The CIRM Team supports the minority position for application **TRAN1-14710** and recommends funding of this application.

Score	Num \geq 85 (Fund)	Num <85 (Do not fund)	Range	Funds Requested
80	5	8	70-90	\$4,338,166

TITLE: AAV Gene Therapy for Treating Congenital Hereditary Endothelial Dystrophy (CHED) associated with Biallelic SLC4A11 Mutations

AREA OF IMPACT: CHED is a pediatric hereditary blinding disease. Corneal transplantation is the current standard of care and is technically difficult with significant care burden, and often needs to be repeated. The proposed gene therapy could offer an alternative treatment for this rare disease, and potentially pave the way for similar treatments in other inherited corneal diseases.

Score	Num ≥ 85 (Fund)	Num <85 (Do not fund)	Range	Funds Requested
80	5	9	55-90	\$999,848

TITLE: Development of a low-cost, clinical-grade iPS maintenance medium for enabling stem cell therapy manufacturing

AREA OF IMPACT: This medium for manufacturing of iPS cell-based therapies could offer a lower-cost and lower-risk alternative for stem cell therapy developers.

Board members with Conflicts of Interest for TRAN applications

Maria Bonneville

Elena Flowers

Le Ondra Clark Harvey

Christine Miaskowski

Mark Fischer-Colbrie

Joe Panetta

Ysabel Duron

Karol Watson