



TO: Members of the ICOC

FROM: Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa, General Counsel

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RE: Consent: Adoption of Amended Bylaws for the Accessibility and Affordability Working Group

Introduction

Proposition 14 created a new working group to advise the ICOC, the Treatments and Cures Accessibility and Affordability Working Group (“AAWG”). The purpose of the AAWG is to evaluate, among other things, any grant applications related to the AAWG functions for merit and for voting on recommendations regarding an application or proposal. The AAWG, like other CIRM working groups, is subject to Bylaws that govern the activities of the AAWG.

The ICOC adopted the AAWG Bylaws at its January 27, 2022, meeting, and then amended the Bylaws on September 29, 2022. CIRM is proposing additional amendments to the AAWG Bylaws in order to align the provisions of the AAWG Bylaws to those of the other working groups.

Summary of Proposed Changes

1. Universal Change: Previously, the AAWG Bylaws stated that the AAWG members would make recommendations on grant applications to the Application Review Subcommittee. To align the AAWG’s process to the other working groups, the proposed language now states the AAWG members would make their recommendations directly to the ICOC.

Illustrative Example:

The AAWG Members are responsible for evaluating any grant applications related to the AAWG functions for merit and for voting on grant recommendations to ~~the Application Review Subcommittee of~~ the ICOC.

2. Addition of New Section on Funding Recommendations (Article VII, Section 3C.)

C. Funding Recommendations

For purposes of making funding recommendations to the ICOC, the AAWG members will score applications based on the methodology determined by CIRM to be the most appropriate for a given funding opportunity. The scoring method to be used will be described within the RFA or PA for the opportunity. CIRM will generally adopt the standard methodology used by the Grants Working Group (i.e., scale of 1-100 or scale of 1, 2, or 3) unless the circumstances present a need to develop a new method.

3. Minor clarifications and grammatical changes.

Requested Action: *Recommend final adoption of the amended AAWG Bylaws.*

Exhibit to Memo: Redlines of proposed AAWG Bylaws

