



TO: Members of the ICOC

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RE: ITEM 8: Consent: Adoption of Amended Bylaws for the Grants Working Group

Introduction

The purpose of the GWG is to provide recommendations to the ICOC regarding standards, criteria, requirements, funding, and oversight of grant and loan applications and awards. The GWG, like other CIRM working groups, is subject to Bylaws that govern the activities of the GWG.

The ICOC adopted the GWG Bylaws at its September 9, 2005, meeting, and the Bylaws have been amended multiple times, the last on October 27, 2022.

Summary of Proposed Changes

- A. CIRM is proposing two changes to **Section 4 (Applications for Non-Clinical Programs)** of ARTICLE VII - Procedure for Recommending Grant and Loan Applications. Please see below for excerpted language from the revised Bylaws for your convenience.
1. The first change in Section 4 is the addition of a preamble that states that the scoring mechanism for Non-Clinical Program Applications as set forth in the Bylaws would apply unless an alternative approach and/or mechanism is proposed in the applicable program concept plan that is presented to the ICOC for review and approval. This change would allow the board additional flexibility to consider alternative mechanisms at the time of approval of a new program.
 2. The second change is to align Section 4(A) by replacing the word “average” with “median” to align the language with the rest of Section 4.

Section 4 (Applications for Non-Clinical Programs). Unless otherwise provided for in a program concept plan reviewed and approved by the ICOC, the following shall apply:

- (A) For purposes of making funding recommendations to the Application Review Subcommittee of the ICOC for applications for non-Clinical Program awards, each application shall be assigned to one of two categories based on the median score and shall be ranked within that category based on the average-median score as follows:

B. CIRM is proposing one change to **Section 5 (Applications for Clinical Programs)** of ARTICLE VII - Procedure for Recommending Grant and Loan Applications. Please see below for excerpted language from the revised Bylaws for your convenience.

1. The only change to Section 5 is the addition of a preamble that states that the scoring mechanism for Clinical Program Applications as set forth in the Bylaws would apply unless an alternative approach and/or mechanism is proposed in the applicable program concept plan that is presented to the ICOC for review and approval. This change would allow the board additional flexibility to consider alternative mechanisms at the time of approval of a new program.

Section 5 (Applications for Clinical Program). Unless otherwise provided for in a program concept plan reviewed and approved by the ICOC, the following shall apply:

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

Exhibit to Memo: Redlines of proposed GWG Bylaw changes.