



TO: Members of the ICOC
FROM: Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa, General Counsel
DATE: June 27, 2024
RE: 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 September 28, 2023.

Summary of Proposed Changes

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

The change in Section 5 is intended to restrict the Tier 2 process for CLIN reviews to reduce the number of applications reviewed per cycle.

The CIRM team will tally the numbers of Scientist and Ad Hoc Members who assigned a score of 1, 2 and 3, respectively, and will present that information for each application to the entire GWG. If a majority of Scientist and Ad Hoc Members score the application a 1, 2 or 3, then that score shall constitute the recommendation of the GWG. If no majority exists for a score of 1, 2, or 3, then the application shall automatically be assigned a score of 2. A score of "2" shall be considered a provisional score until the GWG reviews a resubmission of the application and makes a recommendation to fund (score of "1") or not to fund (score of "3") the application. Absent a tie, resubmission applications can only receive a score of 1 or 3. If no majority exists for a score of 1 or 3 for any resubmitted application, then the resubmitted application shall automatically be assigned a score of 2.

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

Exhibit to Memo: Redlines of proposed GWG Bylaw changes.