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# Application Selection Process: Volume Control

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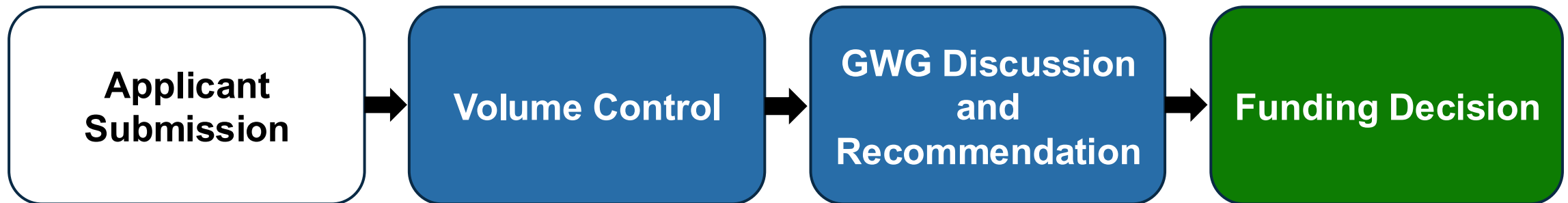
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# Volume Control

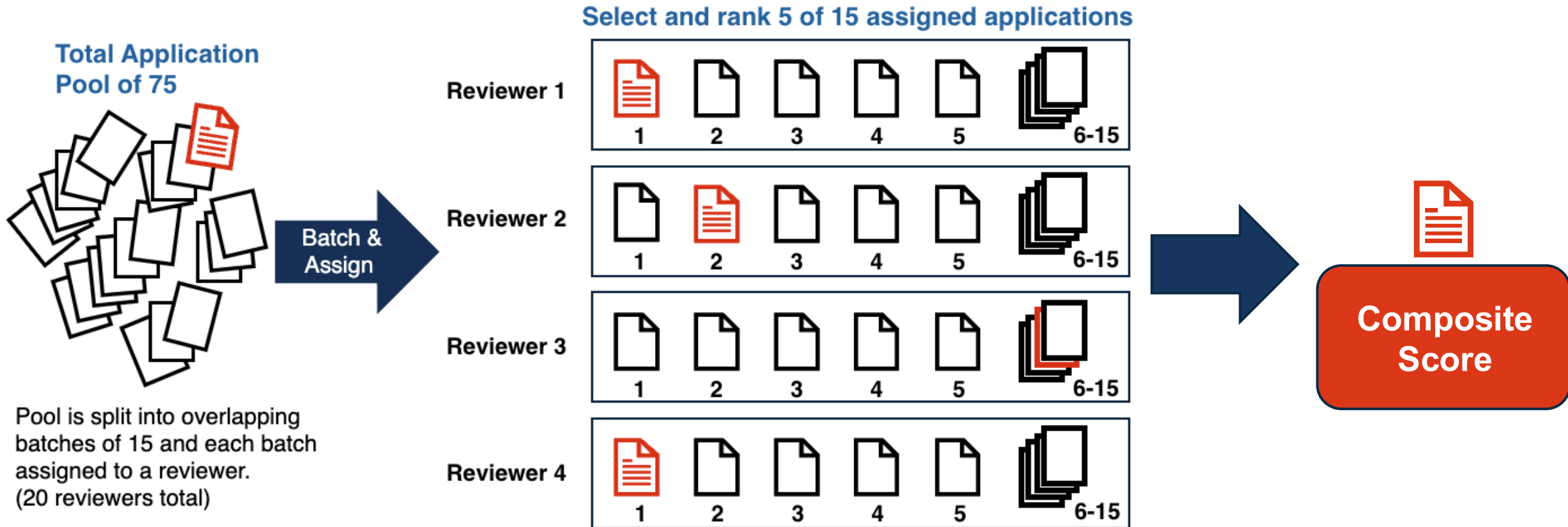
- The number of applications received for many funding opportunities often exceed the capacity of the Grants Working Group (GWG) to appropriately review in a single cycle.
- CIRM cannot add multiple additional study sections to scale its review capacity to accommodate high application volumes.



# Volume Control Process Overview

- Applied to all programs requiring volume control.
- A target number of applications for full Grants Working Group panel discussion is established (a number that provides for a full discussion and rigorous review).
- The target number and number of submissions (in a given funding cycle) determine the necessary parameters for setting up the Grants Working Group selection.
- In the process, scientific reviewers will select and rank applications based on assessment of scientific value and specific program criteria.

# Illustrative GWG Selection Process



# How We Calculate the Composite Score

Applications are given a composite score that combines two measurements, selection and rank.

$$60\% \times \text{Selection} + 40\% \times \text{Rank}$$

## Selection (60% weight)

What fraction of assigned reviewers picked the application?

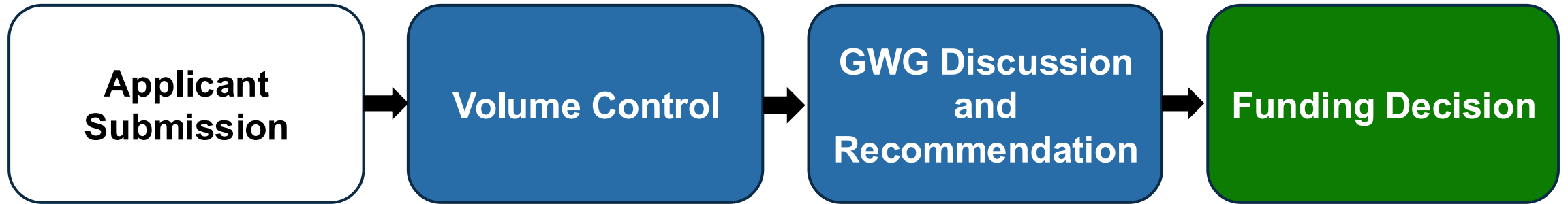
Measures consensus: do multiple independent reviewers agree this application deserves full review?

## Rank (40% weight)

How highly did reviewers rank this application among their picks?

Measures intensity: how much did they like this application compared to their other selections?

# Application Process



Where to Find More Information

## Learn More About the Review Process

- Contact [review@circ.ca.gov](mailto:review@circ.ca.gov) if you have additional questions about the review process.
- Visit program-specific webpages on [our website](#) for more information about application requirements and eligibility.
- Watch the [YouTube Recording of the Application Selection Process Changes Presentation](#) from the March 2026 Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) Meeting.

