

Memorandum

To: Members of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
From: Jennifer Lewis, Vice President, Operations; Scott Tocher, Associate Vice President, Board Governance
Re: Second Amendment to CIRM's New Award Management Policy
Date: 06/25/2026

I. Background

Last year, the CIRM team initiated a process for changes to our existing Grants Administration Policies to govern Awards under this new era of CIRM with the Strategic Allocation Framework. In December 2025, the ICOC adopted this new Award Management Policy (AMP) and closure of the rulemaking process. Thereafter the final regulations proceeded to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for final review and approval. OAL requested that CIRM make amendments to the AMP to improve clarity around if CIRM will exercise any discretion in the policy and requested non-substantive technical changes. These amendments will provide further guidance for Applicants, Awardees, and CIRM.

II. Revisions

A. Leadership Eligibility Timeline (p.17)

Delineated timelines for background checks performed on Awardee leadership at For- and Non-Profit Organizations.

B. Good Standing (p. 22)

Moved Good Standing definition from AMP to the Program Announcement Common Requirements.

C. Prior Approval Requirements (p. 42-46)

Clarified the standard by which CIRM will review Prior Approval Requests (PARs) made by Awardees. Provided specifics regarding the criteria that CIRM will consider when making decisions on requested changes in scope, changes in

status or percent effort of Critical Roles, Post-Project Allowable Costs, and award transfers. If CIRM determines that a requested change would have an adverse material impact on the outcome of the original evaluation and funding decision, CIRM will deny the request.

D. Overdue Reports (p. 49)

Clarified that CIRM will take action if a report is not submitted within 30 days of the deadline.

E. Operational Milestone Grace Period Timeline (p. 32, 50)

Clarified that if no grace period is specified in the PA/RFA for failure to achieve an Operational Milestone, that grace period will be four months from the target date of achievement.

F. Prior Approval Requirements for Training Awards (p. 55-56)

Same as above Section C.

III. Requested Action

The CIRM Team requests the ICOC adopt the amended Award Management Policy to enable closure of the rulemaking process.

IV. Exhibit(s) to Memo

- Award Management Policy Final Draft (AMP)
- Proposed Regulation 100505