

Memorandum

To: The Application Review Subcommittee of the ICOC
From: CIRM Leadership Team
Re: CIRM Team Recommendations: Community Care Centers of Excellence (INFR8)
Date: September 24, 2026

Executive Summary

This memo summarizes the background, and CIRM Patient Access staff funding recommendation, for the application submitted to the Community Care Centers of Excellence (INFR8) Program for consideration by the Application Review Subcommittee (ARS) on September 24, 2026.

I. Background

The mission of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is to accelerate world class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world. The California Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures Initiative of 2020 (Proposition-14) mandates the establishment of the Community Care Centers of Excellence (CCCE) Program to promote access across the state, to clinical trials, treatments and cures arising from CIRM-funded research. In March 2025, the ICOC authorized up to \$36 million to fund up to four CCCE awards. In October of 2025, the ICOC approved three INFR8 awards (\$27 million) determined to be meritorious by the GWG/FWG. Nine million in authorized funds remained unallocated.

In March 2026, the ICOC authorized up to \$9 million to fund a single CCCE award located in designated counties within Northern California. This CCCE would help promote access to regenerative medicine for the roughly 2.9 million residents living in the northern third of the state, who currently reside significantly far from CIRM-funded Clinical Network sites. Applications were open from April 14 to June 4, 2026, and a single application was received.

II. Application Assessment

In concurrence with the GWG, the CIRM team recommends that the ARS fund application INFR8-20450. The proposed CCCE will expand the CIRM Clinical Network in the designated counties within Northern California, it will build strong connections with an existing Alpha Clinic and, if successful, it will be positioned to deliver both clinical trials and approved regenerative medicine therapies to patients in the Northern California region.

Summary of Funding Recommendation

Application	Median Score	Scores to fund	Scores not to fund	CIRM Recommendation
INFR8-20450	90	14	1	Fund