

# Real Life™

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Grants Working Group Recommendations TRAN

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CALIFORNIA'S STEM CELL AGENCY

## OUR MISSION

Accelerating world class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world





DISCOVERY



TRANSLATION



CLINICAL

New  
Idea



2/Year

Single Product  
Candidate



2/Year

Pre-IND or  
Equivalent



12/Year

Approved  
Therapy

**TRAN1**  
**Therapeutic**

30 months  
\$4M  
(Cell/Biologic)  
\$2M (Drug)

**TRAN2**  
**Diagnostic**

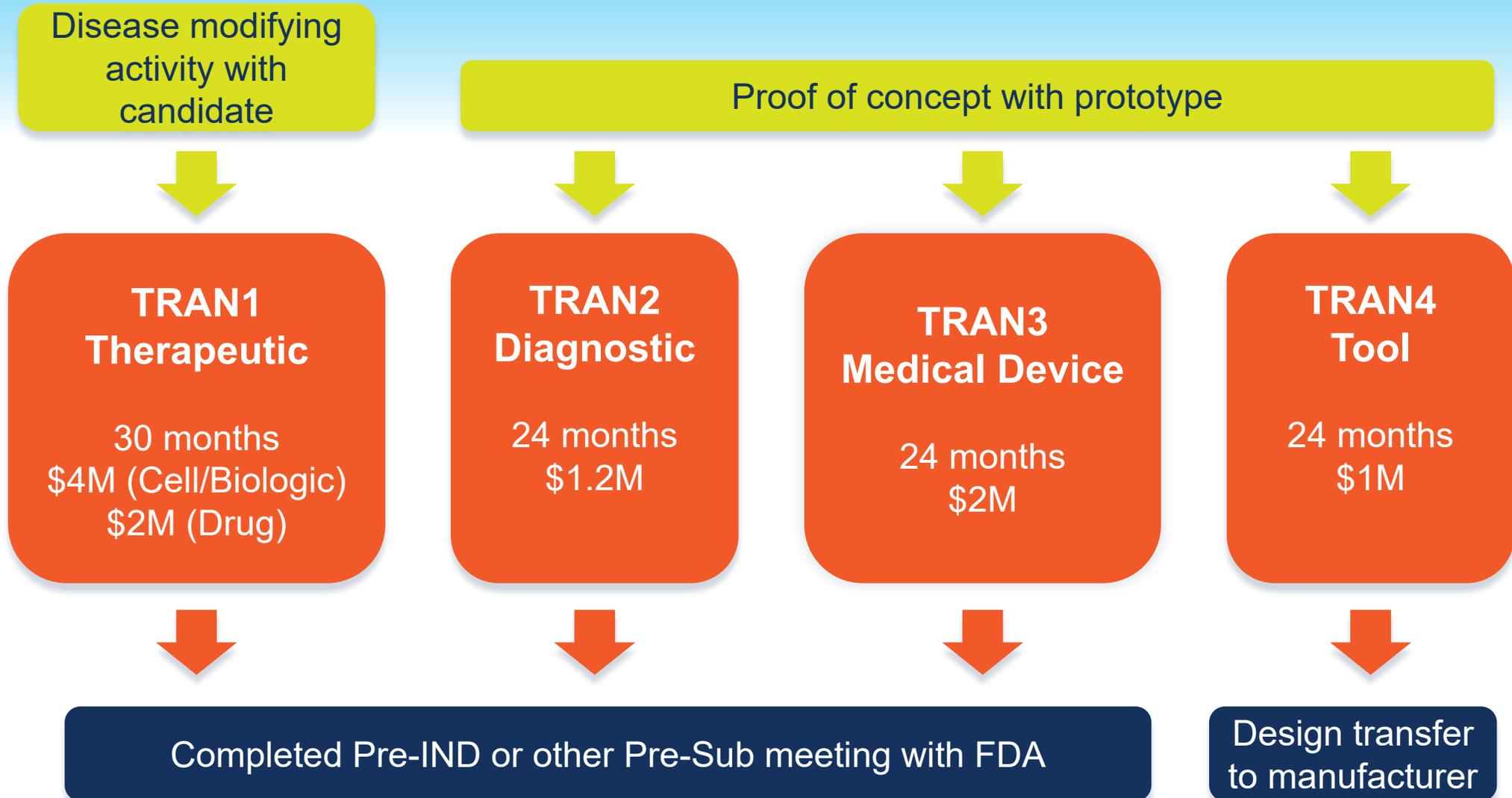
24 months  
\$1.2M

**TRAN3**  
**Medical  
Device**

24 months  
\$2M

**TRAN4**  
**Tool**

24 months  
\$1M



1. Does the project hold the necessary significance and potential for impact? (i.e., what value does it offer; is it worth doing?)
2. Is the rationale sound? (i.e., does it make sense?)
3. Is the project well planned and designed?
4. Is the project feasible? (i.e., can they do it?)
5. Does the project uphold principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)?

- **Score of “85-100”**

*Recommended for funding, if funds are available*

- **Score of “1-84”**

*Not recommended for funding*

Applications are scored by all scientific members of the GWG with no conflict.

The **median** of all individual GWG scores determines final score.

CIRM TRAN Program DEI Rubric				
CRITERIA	Score of 0 to 2 Not Responsive	Score of 3 to 5 Not Fully Responsive	Score of 6 to 8 Responsive	Score of 9 to 10 Outstanding Response
<b>1. Product Development</b>	Inadequate discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.	May have inadequate discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.	Adequate discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.	Strong discussion on what is currently known about demographic disparities in the population that will benefit from the proposed product.
	Planned/completed activities do not demonstrate an understanding of the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.	Planned/completed activities are incomplete or inadequate and may not demonstrate an understanding of the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.	Planned/completed activities reflect a good faith effort and have the potential to be effective in understanding the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.	Planned/completed activities reflect an outstanding and comprehensive effort and are likely to be effective in understanding the potential influence of patient diversity on the safety, efficacy, and overall utility of the proposed product.
	Does not address limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.	May not fully address limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.	Addresses limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.	Comprehensive discussion on limitations, advantages and/or challenges of this project in developing a product that addresses the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved racial/ethnic communities.
<b>2. DEI Enhancement Strategies</b>	Has not or will not include diverse and inclusive perspectives and experience from the population that will benefit from the product, or activities proposed are not appropriate.	May not have or may not effectively or sufficiently bring diverse and inclusive perspectives and experience from the population that will benefit from the product. Activities may not match the needs of the project.	Has or will appropriately bring diverse and inclusive perspectives from the population that will benefit from the proposed product. Activities match the needs of the project.	Has or will have outstanding incorporation of diverse and inclusive perspectives from the population that will benefit from the proposed product. Activities are well matched to the needs of the project.

## DEI Scores

Applications are scored for adherence to principles of DEI by all GWG Board Members with no conflict.

- **DEI Score of 9-10**  
*Outstanding Response*
- **DEI Score of 6-8**  
*Responsive*
- **DEI Score of 3-5**  
*Not Fully Responsive*
- **DEI Score of 0-2**  
*Not Responsive*

Scientific GWG  
Member



Scientific evaluation (disease area expert,  
regulatory, CMC, product development)  
Provides scientific score on all applications

GWG Board  
Member (Patient  
Advocate/Nurse)



Patient perspective on significance and potential  
impact, oversight on process  
Provides a DEI score on all applications

Scientific  
Specialist  
(non-voting)



Scientific evaluation (specialized expertise as  
needed)  
Provides initial but not final scientific score

# GWG Recommendations

	Number of Apps	Total Applicant Request	Funds Available
<b>Recommended for funding</b> Score 85-100	9	\$45,505,384	\$49,998,740
<b>Not recommended for funding</b> Score 1-84	11		

For each award, the final award amount shall not exceed the amount approved by the ICOC Application Review Subcommittee and may be reduced contingent on CIRM's assessment of allowable costs and activities.

- Under Prop 14, any application that is not recommended for funding by the GWG, but which had 35% or more members score to fund the application must include a minority report.
- The minority report is included in the review summary and provides a brief synopsis of the opinion of reviewers that scored the application 85 or above.

App Number	Title	Funds Requested	Score
<b>TRAN1-14710</b>	AAV Gene Therapy for Treating Congenital Hereditary Endothelial Dystrophy (CHED) associated with Biallelic SLC4A11 Mutations	<b>\$4,338,166</b>	80
TRAN4-14726	Development of a low-cost, clinical-grade iPS maintenance medium for enabling stem cell therapy manufacturing	<b>\$999,848</b>	80

The CIRM Team supports the minority position for application **TRAN1-14710** and recommends funding of this application.

Score	Num $\geq$ 85 (Fund)	Num <85 (Do not fund)	Range	Funds Requested
80	5	8	70-90	\$4,338,166

**TITLE:** AAV Gene Therapy for Treating Congenital Hereditary Endothelial Dystrophy (CHED) associated with Biallelic SLC4A11 Mutations

**AREA OF IMPACT:** CHED is a pediatric hereditary blinding disease. Corneal transplantation is the current standard of care and is technically difficult with significant care burden, and often needs to be repeated. The proposed gene therapy could offer an alternative treatment for this rare disease, and potentially pave the way for similar treatments in other inherited corneal diseases.

Score	Num $\geq$ 85 (Fund)	Num <85 (Do not fund)	Range	Funds Requested
80	5	9	55-90	\$999,848

**TITLE:** Development of a low-cost, clinical-grade iPS maintenance medium for enabling stem cell therapy manufacturing

**AREA OF IMPACT:** This medium for manufacturing of iPS cell-based therapies could offer a lower-cost and lower-risk alternative for stem cell therapy developers.

Board members with Conflicts of Interest for TRAN applications	
Maria Bonneville	Elena Flowers
Le Ondra Clark Harvey	Christine Miaskowski
Mark Fischer-Colbrie	Joe Panetta
Ysabel Duron	Karol Watson