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Budget Presentation for EDUC Programs & Bridges Supplement

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Bridges & Research Training Program Additional Budget Information

	Bridges	Research Training Grant
CIRM Investment	\$65M	\$100M
Total Award Amount	\$3.6M	\$5M
# of trainees	900	530
Appointment duration	1 Year	2 Years
Direct Student Costs (including stipend & other expenses)	\$51,300	\$79,500
Program Admin/Overhead Costs	\$20,830	\$14,627
Total Cost per Student per Year	\$72,130	\$94,127 (\$188,254 for 2 Years)
Total Award Increase since last CIRM RFA	16% since 2008 RFA	16% increase since 2008 RFA
Stipend increase in comparison to NIH	N/A	8%

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Concept Proposals for Bridges Supplement

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Background

- The CIRM Board at its January meeting requested that a proposal for a possible supplement to current Bridges Training Program awardees be considered.

Proposed Bridges Training Program Supplement

Problem

- Several of the existing Bridges Training Program awardees are reaching the end of their current 5-year award by June/July 2021
- In many cases, the recruitment and appointment activities required to establish the next year's trainee cohort begin 6 to 18 months ahead of the internship period.
- Despite the proposed issuance of an RFA, many existing awardees will experience an interruption where their next trainee cohort skips a year due to the timing of this new opportunity

Proposed Bridges Training Program Supplement

Proposed Solution

- Provide a supplement to cover Program Administration costs from March through a new award start date in August of this year (5 months)
- The costs covered by the supplement must be necessary for program continuity in order to qualify and the current awardee must apply for a new Bridges award under the proposed RFA.
- If a supplement awardee is successful in earning a new Bridges Training Award, the new award amount will be reduced by the supplemented amount.
- If a supplement awardee is not successful, any remaining amount may be used for wind-down activities and award close out.

Proposed Bridges Training Program Supplement

Supplement Allocation

- Maximum amount for each supplement award is \$50,000.
- Supplement may only be used for Program Administration costs directly attributed to and necessary for avoiding an interruption in appointing the next trainee cohort.
- Qualifying Bridges Training Program awardees must request a supplement by providing a detailed budget to CIRM that adequately justifies the proposed costs.
- CIRM proposes a total allocation of \$500,000 for approximately 10 supplement awards.

Proposed Bridges Training Program Supplement

	Bridges Supplement
Proposed Allocation	\$500,000
# of awards	10
Supplement duration	5 months
Program Administration Budget	up to \$125,000
Monthly administrative expenditures	\$10,000
Total Supplement per Awardee	\$50,000

Requested Action

CIRM requests the Board approve the proposed Bridges Supplement concept with an allocation of \$500,000.