

Update on CIRM Programs

October 4, 2024

The CIRM Governing Board recently approved the [Strategic Allocation Framework \(SAF\) on September 26, 2024](#). This is a structured and data-driven effort designed to prioritize resources and maximize the impact of CIRM's funding.

As part of this process, CIRM is actively refining our processes and procedures to better align with our updated priorities. This communication outlines key updates, including important clarifications on the upcoming pause and next steps for applicants.

Pause for New Calls for Applications

To ensure new applications align with updated SAF priorities and program structures, we are issuing a temporary pause on accepting new applications. The pause applies to all programs, **except for DISC0** which will accept new applications through the deadline of April 10, 2025.

Ongoing reviews of applications already submitted will continue as scheduled. This includes ongoing reviews for the **INFR8 (CCCE)**, **DISC4 (ReMIND-L)**, **CLIN1/2** and **TRAN** programs.

CIRM will continue to accept revised applications that received a score of "2" under the CLIN1, CLIN2, INFR8 (CCCE), or DISC4 (ReMIND-L) programs.

Update on CLIN Reviews:

We recently put in place a qualification step for applications submitted to the CLIN1 and CLIN2 opportunities. Applications that qualify and advance to GWG review will proceed through the full review process including the opportunity to resubmit if an application receives a score of "2" by the GWG. CLIN applications submitted in July and August that do not advance to GWG review will not be considered any further.

Next Steps for Applicants

While we do not have an exact date for when the pause will be lifted, we anticipate resuming new application reviews by Spring 2025.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please reach out to review@cirm.ca.gov.

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Questions and Answers

Is CIRM accepting new applications?	At this time, CIRM is not accepting new applications. We have implemented a temporary pause on new calls for applications while we refine our processes to align with the updated Strategic Allocation Framework (SAF). Reviews for Tier 2 resubmissions are continuing as planned, but new applications will not be accepted until we relaunch the program with updated priorities and guidelines. We anticipate reopening the application process in Spring 2025.
What programs and activities will be paused? Why the pause?	CIRM is pausing new calls for applications across all programs, except for DISCO which will have new applications. However, ongoing reviews for applications already submitted will continue as planned. The pause will allow us to update our processes in alignment with the Strategic Allocation Framework (SAF), and we expect to resume accepting new applications by Spring 2025.
When will new funding opportunities be announced?	CIRM is pausing new calls for applications. Please stay tuned for new funding opportunities, which we anticipate will be available in Spring 2025.
What about Tier 2 resubmissions?	The pause applies to new calls for applications across all programs, except for DISCO which will have new applications. However, Tier 2 resubmissions and applications already in process are continuing as scheduled.
Are currently funded projects affected?	Currently funded projects are not affected by this pause.
When will PDEV apps be available?	As for PDEV applications, we expect the program announcement and application to be available by Spring 2025. CIRM's website will be regularly updated to provide the latest information on timelines and available funding opportunities.