

# CLIN2 Funding Opportunity: Concept Overview

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# CIRM Clinical Programs: Challenges and Opportunities

#### **CIRM clinical trial award challenges**

- Delays
- Lack of advancement to next phase
- Lack of partnerships
- Lack of emphasis on commercialization planning

#### Landscape analysis conclusions

- ~50% of marketed CGTs originating in academia or emerging biopharma are launched by a larger company\*
- > CIRM's programs must depend on partnering for BLA/commercialization

Opportunity: Enhance success of CLIN2 programs with earlier development of clinical and manufacturing strategies, a market access strategy, & stage-appropriate pre-commercialization activities

<sup>\*</sup> Emerging biopharma is defined as <\$200M in R&D spend and <\$500M in annual sales
Source: IQVIA Institute for Human Data Science. Strengthening Pathways for Cell and Gene Therapies: Current State and Future Scenarios. March 2024

# **CLIN2 I Objective**

Accelerate clinical development of stem cell-based and genetic therapies to late-stage trials by encouraging innovative clinical trial designs, incentivizing stage-appropriate market access strategies and precommercialization activities





# **CLIN2 | Scope**

Objective

Accelerate clinical development of stem cell-based and genetic therapies to late-stage trials (Ph2 or later)

Prioritization

Enrich clinical pipeline with innovative CGT that have potential for transformative clinical impact and address barriers to access and commercialization

Outcome

The expected outcome of all CLIN2 awards is completion of a clinical trial for the CGT candidate

Allowable Activities All necessary activities to complete a Ph1, 2 or 3 clinical trial, including manufacturing for the trial, regulatory interactions, developing a market access strategy and conducting pre-commercialization activities





# **CLIN2 | Scope**

Phase 1, 2, or 3 clinical trials, including registrational trials, using a regenerative medicine therapeutic approach

**PDEV** 

CLIN2

**BLA** filing

#### **Required activities**

- Clinical trial completion including those with accelerating trial designs
- Establishment and regular convening of a Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)
- Data sharing
- Outreach and inclusion activities
- Stage-appropriate commercialization and access and affordability activities

#### **Allowable activities**

- 1. Natural history studies (FDA-approved) needed for baseline or control data
- 2. Manufacturing for next phase trial:

Activity gated based on:

- a) Evaluation of current trial data, and
- b) Ability of awardee or partner to provide 50% co-funding





# Recall I SAF Recommendations (CLIN2)

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# **CLIN2 I Prioritizing to achieve SAF Goal**

SAF Goal: Propel 15-20 therapies targeting diseases affecting Californians to latestage trials

To achieve the SAF goal, the CLIN2 Program will incorporate program preferences

#### **Guiding Principles:**

- Fund therapies that
  - Offer potential for transformative clinical impact
  - Address bottlenecks to access and affordability
  - Are not adequately supported by federal funding or private investment

#### **Implementation Plan:**

- Build a diverse portfolio of therapeutic approaches
- Priorities informed by internal portfolio and external landscape analyses
- Approved on a fiscal year basis by the ICOC



### **CLIN2 | Preferences for FY25/26**

#### Preferences will be factored in during Qualification and ARS review

Concept Preferences	Rationale
Pluripotent stem cell-derived therapies	<ul> <li>Propositions 71 and 14</li> <li>Potential to address patient access &amp; affordability barriers</li> </ul>
In vivo genetic therapies	Potential to address patient access & affordability barriers
Non-viral nucleic acid delivery	Potential to address patient access & affordability barriers
Diseases of the brain and CNS (Prop 14)	Proposition 14 priority
CA organizations	CA taxpayer-funded initiative
Progressions from IND-enabling or pipeline trial awards	Advance CIRM-funded therapies
Fast Track, RMAT, or breakthrough designations	Leverage greater FDA access
Pivotal trials	Fastest route to BLA





# **CLIN2 | Application & Review**

#### **CLIN2** will incorporate a pre-review process to:

- Exclude ineligible applications
- Assess application completeness (verifying patient access and commercialization requirements are addressed)
- Prioritize applications using objective program preferences
- Manage high application volumes





### **CLIN2 I Qualification Process Workflow**



#### **Submission**

Applicant completes application in GMS (estimate ~10 per cycle)



#### 2 CIRM Qualification

CIRM rank orders applications based on preferences and related objective criteria



#### **Full Review**

CIRM moves selected applicants to full review





# **CLIN2 I Qualification Rubric**

Criteria		Key Considerations	
1	Prop 14 Preferences	<ul> <li>PSC-derived therapies, in vivo gene therapies, diseases of the brain and CNS</li> </ul>	
2	Other Preferences	<ul> <li>Non-Viral Nucleic Acid Delivery</li> <li>Progression from Pipeline Program</li> <li>CA organization</li> <li>Fast Track, RMAT, or Breakthrough Designation</li> <li>Pivotal Trial</li> </ul>	
3	Novelty of therapeutic approach	Differentiation compared to CIRM active awards portfolio	
4	Under-represented therapeutic/disease area	Targeting a therapeutic/disease area under-represented in CIRM active awards portfolio	





# **CLIN2 | Structure**

	CLIN2				
	First-in-Human	Phase 2	Phase 3 or pivotal		
Recurrence	4x per year				
Max Duration	4 years				
Applicant	California or non-California organizations				
Co-funding*	30% (for-profit) None (non-profit)	50% (for-profit) None (non-profit)	50%		
Max Award (Total Cost)	\$8M (for-profit) \$12M (non-profit)	\$15M	\$15M		
Awards/Year	9-16**				
Projection	9 x \$15M = \$135M				
Total Funds/Year	\$135M				

<sup>\*</sup>Co-funding is a percentage of total Allowable Project Costs

<sup>\*\*</sup> Number of awards is dependent on how many at each stage and organization status. Avg. CLIN2/year 2022-2024 = 13





# **CLIN2 | Eligibility**

	Eligibility Requirements	
Applicant	California and non-California organizations	
Eligible Candidates	<ul> <li>Stem cell-based cell therapies and genetic therapies</li> <li>MSCs, small molecule and biologic therapies if a pipeline program*</li> </ul>	
Candidate Readiness	<ul> <li>New program to CIRM: IND cleared by FDA before CLIN2 application</li> <li>CIRM pipeline program*: IND filed before CLIN2 application and cleared by FDA before moving to GWG review</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected Outcome</b>	xpected Outcome • Completion of a clinical trial and program prepared to advance to next stage	
Award Start	Must be ready to start within 60 days of award approval	
PI/PM Effort	<ul> <li>PI – 15% average maintained through duration of award</li> <li>PM – 50% average maintained through duration of award</li> </ul>	
Co-Funding**	Ph1: 30% For-Profit only; Ph2 or Ph3: 50% For-Profit or Non-Profit	

<sup>\*</sup> Pipeline program: progressing from an IND-enabling stage or earlier phase clinical trial CIRM award

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# **CLIN2 I Access & Data Sharing Requirements**

#### **Access and Affordability**

Require patient access and affordability planning

#### **Clinical Data Sharing**

 Require a Data Sharing and Management Plan and coordination with CIRM's data sharing initiatives





# **CLIN2 I Proactive Award Management**

#### **Proactive Award Management**

- Quarterly scientific progress reports and follow-up calls with CIRM
- Inclusion of CIRM in FDA meetings
- Inclusion of CIRM in Strategic Planning Committee meetings

#### **Performance Driven Milestone Structure**

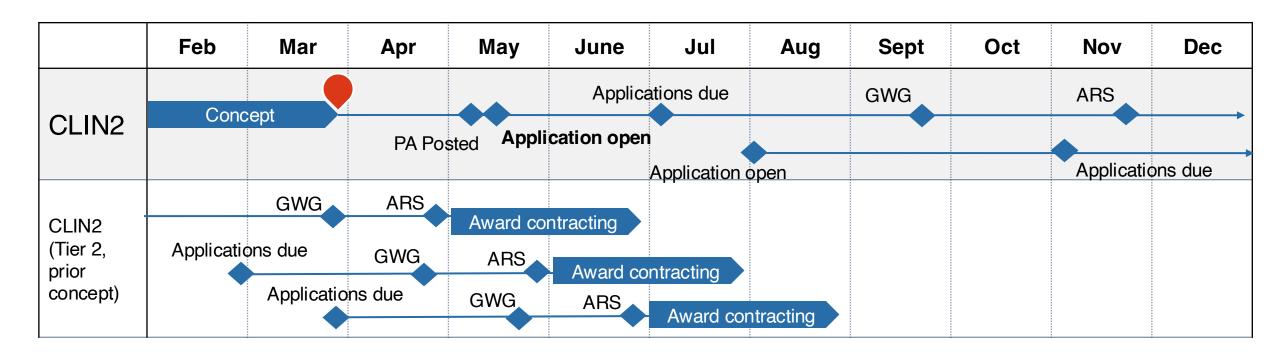
- Operational milestone (OM)-driven awards
- Contingency funding required if CIRM funding tranche is exhausted
- OM delay of more than 4 months triggers evaluation, with right to terminate award





#### **CLIN2 I Timeline**

# Application to award start ~ 8 months First cycle awards start in February 2026



# **Request for Motion**

CIRM requests that the ICOC approve the proposed CLIN2 Concept Plan