

F8 Funded Proposers Sub-Circle

Meeting #2: 1st June 2022

Our F8 funded proposal: <https://cardano.ideascale.com/c/idea/398211>

Go-round: what have we all been doing this week?

Van - made payments to the team. Had conversations with Danny about the FP guidance notes, and with Phil Khoo on aligning those with Catalyst School's workshops on how to propose. Had Coordinator breakout room on FP issues. By next meeting: want to do another breakout at Coordinator, and finish off the Guidance Notes and get them incorporated.

Mie - ETH proposers' survey. <https://forms.gle/GANTobFpuWDaW6Ht8> Future plans: Challenge insight sharing for Grow East Asia, Grow Cardano on Saturday June 4th at around 6 am UTC Also proposal writing next week.

Stephen - Closing down old proposals & starting new ones.. Working with NFT guild, who are doing a panel at Consensus. Working with Community Governance Oversight to look at governance processes in Catalyst, incl dReps.

Emelia - Brought up topic of FPs, and how to engage more with them, at CATH (Catalyst Africa Town Hall). FPs are also raising issues at CATH - main one is language, being able to propose in English and another language. Also suggestion that CATH should focus on practical projects and issues that have real world impact esp youth, and have breakout rooms on particular topics e.g. education, development. Will be discussed in next CATH.

Mercy - Conversation with Danny re: guidance notes - hope to protect those and keep having them. How to connect/liase our subcircle with other subcircles? Tomorrow main Circle has a meeting.

Alex - problem-sensing in LatAm - Funding fest in last week's LatAm Town Hall which onboarded several new people and will raise new issues.

Main agenda

Who are we?

- Need to make sure people understand what we do as a SubCircle. Mercy could use Town Hall slides, and Coordinator meetings, to tell people.
- Also, what we stand for - a more collaborative, less mechanistic approach? More decentralised - working independently in different places? Slower, maybe? It's important that there is more than 1 way to work in Catalyst, and that methods should suit the community.
- Also managing expectations - didn't get time to discuss this properly, so **ACTION:** on agenda for next meeting.
- CA name change is coming... might this affect things for proposers? probably not, if the role itself is not changing

Using the \$7,000 Rapid Funding Mechanism money

ACTION: we will all look at the proposal properly <https://cardano.ideascale.com/c/idea/403562> and decide next meeting. Till then, will ask Treasury to hold the money for us.

ACTION: Van to get back to Andre to say this.

We note that this funding has to be used for specific deliverables, not for general expenses.

Who we liaise with

Mercy has added a great list to the Miro board of proposals and groups that we should be aware of when we're planning work.

ACTION: All to add any other prospective collaborations that we become aware of.

F9 proposal

We agree to

- a. work on an F9 proposal that will
 - o remove unhelpful distinction between “funded proposer” and “proposer”
 - o move away from specific connection to Circle, and create an independent “proposers’ group” to advocate for proposers’ interests
 - o create a way to showcase proposals, highlight proposers’ issues, and engage potential proposers
 - o Possibly could be in the Grow Africa challenge, the Grow E Asia challenge, or both - only if it will complement and fit with what’s already in those communities.
- b. work on a F10 Challenge Setting for proposals that focus on supporting proposers. Could attract proposals that foster collaboration; showcase and promote proposals; onboard new proposers; offer mentorship; provide channels to address proposers’ issues

Should the work of writing it be compensated by Rapid Funding? **ACTION** - decide next meeting

Should we create a new Ideascale account for it? **ACTION:** decide offline

ACTION: Van to create a shared doc where we can start ideas. Proposal and challenge setting in same doc, to allow a unified approach. **Deadline is 30th June.**

Priorities discussion (Miro)

Many of us selected **language issues** (proposing in more than 1 language, commenting on Ideascale in not-English; eventually, CAing in not-English.)

Ideas / plans:

- i. help proposers to “native-ise” proposal translations into English (how will we arrange this and match people up? **ACTION:** discuss next meeting)
- ii. a tick-box on proposal submission form to say that a proposal has been auto-translated
- iii. encourage people to comment on Ideascale in not-English; normalise non- English discussion in Catalyst spaces
- iv. maybe discussion with CAs, to make them aware they must not penalise people for non-English or “poor” English (possibly do this thru Catalyst School?)
- v. CA pop-up for F9 to ask what languages an applicant could CA in (preparatory to enabling not-English CA-ing in fund 10?)

ACTION - add to agenda for next meeting to progress it.

Make exact rate of conversion more open - rate tied to weekly average? - Mercy to progress this via meetings with Danny and Marek (and/or thru Circle if it continues?) - and alert us if there is anything we can do to support.

Real world issues/socially-engaged projects - Emelia and Vanessa selected this. Emelia will work thru CATH to promote breakout rooms that address real-world issues; Vanessa is looking at the idea of trying to develop a community of practice around it. Maybe collaborations somehow?

We all chose issues around **foregrounding Proposer needs** (supporting and encouraging new proposers; showcasing proposals and their work/achievements; promoting proposals to voters and dReps; after-funding help and mentoring; breaking down division between funded/unfunded; need for coaching and mentorship; lack of suitable Challenge to submit proposals). These will be addressed by our decision to submit proposals and aF10 Challenge setting. But there may be other things we can do, alone or in collab with relevant funded proposals, Catalyst School, Challenge Teams, etc **ACTION:** should probably add to next meeting agenda, given that we all selected something on this type of issue.

Issue that **FPs are not very united** as a community and do not realise they can influence how Catalyst runs - will be partially addressed by all that we're doing, but we might need to discuss at a future meeting to monitor what progress we are making.

Mie and Alex highlighted **information issues** (people don't know where to go for info, and there's no "Proposal How-To") Could we make better use of the FP GitBook for sharing info, in several languages? What other places do we want to use? Also Vani has started writing a "How to propose in Catalyst" doc that we could all add to. **ACTION:** Vanessa to share this doc

Alex raised **Changes in the Funding process should have some consensus with the community** - is this something we need to address on an "all-Catalyst" level, and engage other groups with? Note that Community Governance Oversight, in its work on "what is a parameter change", has identified similar issues on how changes are communicated. **ACTION:** on agenda for next meeting.

Alex raised **Formalization of "societal" agreements** (i.e, agreements on how collaborators and co-proposers will work together). Alex and Stephen to look at addressing this via a proposal - possibly in "legal & financial implementations" challenge. Possibly using <https://cardano.ideascale.com/c/idea/400064> as a model. Also, look at Len Delunas's Teaming Agreements from F7 Misc.

GitHub Board

We might benefit from a GitHub problems board to track things; or is it a barrier? **ACTION** Look at demo GitHub board in time for next meeting, and decide how/if we want to use it.

Eastern Coordinator meetings?

Time of Coordinator meetings is not good for proposers in the Eastern Hemisphere - a couple of people have raised it as an issue. How feasible would an Eastern Hemisphere version of the Coordinator meetings be? Does ETH have capacity, and what support would they need?

ACTION: did not have time to discuss in detail. Vanessa to check name of the proposer who raised it last night. and pass on to Mie.

