

Catalyst Fund 14 Budget Breakdown

Funding Requested

\$55,000 (~\$43184.59 USD at time of writing)

This proposal supports:

- Development of Aquara's MVP (DAO dashboard, wallet integration, core flows)
- Smart contract and token infrastructure (Cardano-native, open-source)
- Launch of a DAO governance pilot (Q3–Q4 2025)
- Setup of transparent reporting framework for on-chain participation

These elements lay the groundwork for a decentralized water asset fund and long-term DAO operations.

Use of Funds Breakdown

Category	Description	Amount
Token + Smart Contract Development	Implementation of Aquara's native token and treasury logic by MLabs (quoted: \$4K), plus additional integration, testing, and a basic audit process.	A 25,000
MVP Development	Outsourced front-end and back-end development of a minimum viable product (MVP), including DAO dashboard, wallet integration, and core UI/UX flows.	★ 15,000

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DAO Pilot + Governance Ops	Internal testing of governance proposals, including testnet-based DAO voting simulation, with feedback loops to refine future decentralized	A 7,000
Community Engagement	Early community activation: targeted updates, dRep and Catalyst engagement, and coordinated SoMe presence.	A 5,000
Transparency + Reporting	GitHub documentation, treasury tracking dashboards, and storytelling to ensure clarity around fund usage and project impact.	A 3,000

Optional Stretch Goals (Pursued if co-funding or savings occur)

- DAO UX testing & user feedback workshops − ★3,000
- Light Product Management support #2,000

Timeline

- **Start:** October–November 2025 (after funds received)
- End: February 2026 (DAO MVP + reporting delivered)
- Milestones and documentation will be shared on GitHub

Notes

- All code and deliverables will be open-source.
- Progress and financial transparency will be shared with the community.



Any unused ADA will be returned or reported transparently.

All work will be publicly documented, and any unused funds will be transparently managed and reported to the community.