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)

- Cardano-native, open-source token and smart contract infrastructure

- 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. While MLabs quoted ~$4K for the base contracts, the full budget includes integration, testing, bug fixes, and a basic audit to ensure secure, production-ready deployment.	₳25,000

MVP Development	Outsourced front-end and back-end build of a minimum viable product, including DAO dashboard, wallet integration, and essential user flows.	₳15,000
DAO Pilot + Governance Ops	Internal testing of governance proposals, including testnet-based DAO voting simulation, with feedback loops to refine future decentralized participation.	₳7,000
Community Engagement	Targeted outreach, dRep engagement, Catalyst updates, and initial SoMe presence to attract early contributors and signal credibility.	₳5,000
Transparency + Reporting	GitHub documentation, treasury tracking dashboards, and storytelling to ensure clarity around fund usage and project impact.	₳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.