

# OpenCommunity Governance - Referenda #1

## 1. General Project Information

**Short description:** This proposal is a continuation of the Kusama OpenGov Proposal Audit project, with the objective to continue the work and help with the Polkadot OpenGov launch and treasury proposals.

**Project Category / Type:** Community, Governance

**Proponent #1:** CoinStudio

**DOT address:** 14d2kv44xf9nFnYdms32dYPKQsr5C9urbDzTz7iwU8iHb9az

**Requested allocation:** 1515.05 DOT / 7,045 USD

**Proponent #2:** Abdulbee

**DOT address:** 15cZn8K1DdE7qiBWK6mGFJMKYKjFrALTVwe5urpD9PzKSsPY

**Requested allocation:** 664.52 DOT / 3,090 USD

**Total allocation:** 2179.57 DOT / 10,135USD

**Discussion date:** 07/06/2023

**Onchain publish date:** 07/06/2023

**Governance referenda origin call:** small\_spender

**Previous treasury proposals on Kusama:**

- [Referenda #67 - Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits](#),
- [Referenda #67 - Proposal Extension](#)
- [Referenda #67 - Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits - Final Report](#)
- [Referenda #165 - Community approval to officially onboard Abdulbee as a recognized member of the Auditor team](#)
- [Referenda #177/#203 - OpenCommunity Governance project](#)

**Other:**

- Ongoing [discussion topic](#) with presented work samples
- Overview of entire [OpenCommunity Governance project](#)
- OpenGov Audits [Airtable](#)
- [GitHub](#) repo

## 2. Context

This proposal is a continuation of ongoing work of OpenCommunity Governance project approved through Kusama OpenGov referenda #67 and #177/#203.

This proposal outlines our plan to bring our successful proposal auditing process, first started on the Kusama Network, to the Polkadot Network. It builds on the work of the OpenCommunity Governance project, which has been running on the Kusama network for the past five months.



With the launch of OpenGov on Polkadot around the corner, we plan to use the knowledge and skills we have gained from Kusama OpenGov to help kick-start Polkadot's OpenGov. Our main goal hasn't changed: we want to make the governance proposals process within the Polkadot community better, more open, and more successful.

During our time on the Kusama Network, we have worked to improve the proposal writing process. We have created a [general template](#) that helps people put together clear, detailed, and high-quality proposals. We've also put together a team of auditors who take a close look at proposals and provide helpful feedback before they are submitted onchain.

This auditing process helps to make proposals better and easier to understand, which makes them more appealing to the community and increases their chances of being understood and approved. We are looking forward to working with the community to make Polkadot's OpenGov a success.

## 3. Problem

With the launch of OpenGov on Kusama, it became apparent that proposals are not very well structured, lack information, and include budgets that seem very hard to defend. Proposals can also be very diverse with a focus on different areas that not everyone can be familiar with. For all these reasons it is significantly time-consuming for voters to truly understand the proposal and cast an educated vote on it.

A major challenge in the current proposal evaluation process is the lack of constructive feedback during the discussion phase. To address this, appointed auditors will focus on being more involved in the earlier phases of proposal development. This proactive approach will help proposers receive feedback and address potential weaknesses in their proposals before they are submitted onchain, giving them time to evaluate the feedback and make improvements.

## 4. Proposal

[OpenCommunity Governance project](#) is based on a series of smaller milestone and delivery-based proposals, each building upon the previous one. The initial proposal validated the project's concept, demonstrating its viability and feasibility. The subsequent milestones will showcase the project's potential to improve the Governance 2.0 experience for all parties involved through regular reviews and assessments.

## 4.1. Available solutions

Currently, there is some level of individual and sporadic community engagement in the OpenGov process. However, this engagement lacks consistency and a standardized approach and rarely comes with the proper feedback.

## 4.2. Scope of work

The scope of work for this project outlines the tasks necessary to achieve the project goals. It breaks down the project into manageable milestones, tasks, and timelines. While the original plan included additional milestones and audits on reports and deliverables, the decision was made to pursue a smaller proposal and leave the above for the next proposal. The appointed auditors will engage with proposers during the discussion phase, ensuring that proposals are better aligned with the community's best interests, ultimately leading to better decision-making within the Polkadot ecosystem.

## 4.3. Milestones

This proposal is milestone and delivery-based, meaning funding will not be requested for the entire project upfront. Instead, funding will be sought for each subsequent milestone upon successful completion and delivery of the previous one. This approach ensures efficient use of resources and increases accountability.

### 4.3.1. Milestone 0: Prepare OpenCommunity Governance documentation

Milestone 0 focuses on adjusting the governance documents currently used in the Kusama network to align with the needs of the Polkadot ecosystem. This involves adjusting the Proposal and Audit templates, updating necessary documents on treasury sites, wiki, and GitHub, and initiating the audit process to improve the quality and transparency of incoming proposals with the set standards and guidelines.

Airtable sheet will function as an essential tracking tool for the Polkadot OpenGov treasury proposals. It will help track the proposal defined milestones, timelines, and reporting dates. By enabling a transparent and comprehensive view of the progress of each proposal, this tool will play an important role in the overall governance process. The administration and maintenance of this Airtable are significant tasks that will provide substantial value for the future of Polkadot governance, allowing for efficient tracking and evaluation of proposal progress and delivery.

Milestone 0: Project management - Prepare OpenCommunity Governance documentation		
Description	Deliverable	Work Hours
1. Adjust the existing Kusama proposal template for the Polkadot Network.	Polkadot Treasury Proposal Template	8 hours
2. Modify the Audit template so that it is directly linked to the Polkadot proposal template.	Audit Template	4 hours
3. Update and upload documentation on the relevant Polkadot treasury site, Wiki, and Github.	Upload and update existing Documentation	4 hours
4. Create and maintain an open Airtable sheet to track the Polkadot OpenGov treasury proposal Audits with defined milestones, deliverables and timelines.	Airtable OpenGov sheet	16 hours
5. Project management: managing audit tasks, writing final reports, community and social channel regular updates.	Final report, regular forum updates	32 hours
<b>Total:</b>		<b>= 64 hours</b>

#### 5.1.1. Milestone 1: Implement OpenCommunity Governance

In Milestone 1, the primary objective is to start proposal audits while they are still in the discussion phase and follow up the proposals onchain.

A major challenge in the current proposal evaluation process is the lack of constructive feedback during the discussion phase. To address this, appointed auditors will shift their focus by becoming more involved in the earlier phases of proposal development. This proactive approach will help proposers receive feedback and address potential weaknesses in their proposals before they are submitted onchain, ultimately improving the overall quality of submissions.

As part of this milestone, strategic collaboration between the Audit team and Polkasassembly team will continue. The shared goal is to enhance the overall usability of Polkasassembly and provide users with interactive options for applying some audit/review components. This collaboration will lead to significant improvements in Polkasassembly's user experience, attracting more users and encouraging increased and simplified community engagement. The focus at this stage will be to maintain the Github repo where reports are stored and overview the integration into the Polkasassembly platform.

Milestone 1: Project management - Implement OpenCommunity Governance		
Work Tasks	Description	Deliverables
Project management	Coordinate Auditors to review proposals before they are published onchain. Maintain the quality of the feedback provided and prevent potential work overlaps.	Coordinate Auditor tasks
Polkasassembly collaboration	Continue collaboration applying to include audit Polkadot components into Polkasassembly. Maintain GitHub repo with the documentation.	A simplified audit publishing process for the Audit team. Testing the possible options in order to create a simplified process for the community.

The work proposed in this project will be carried out by two auditors who have been approved through the OpenGov Tip process. The work will be evenly divided between the two auditors where each will be responsible for delivering 20 audits. This approach ensures equal workload distribution but also allows each auditor to concentrate on their assigned proposals, improving the quality and depth of the audits.

Milestone 1: OpenCommunity Governance Audits			
Work Tasks	Details	Deliverables	Work Hours
Start OpenGov proposal audits	Begin the review process for incoming proposals, and provide feedback for the proposal owners.	40 onchain proposal audits	120 hours
<b>Total:</b>			<b>= 120 hours</b>

In order to effectively evaluate project proposals using [Audit Template](#), it is essential to have an objective and standardized grading system in place. This system provides clear guidelines that enable auditors to consistently assess proposals, ensuring that their evaluations are unbiased and well-informed. By adhering to these guidelines, we can efficiently identify the risks associated with each proposal and provide valuable feedback to proposers and community

Audit report criteria		
Grade	Rating	Description
-2	Unacceptable	Proposals with a complete lack of information or intentionally misleading details result in high risk. In such cases, the proposal's content may be false or deceptive.
-1	Needs Improvement	Proposals with missing or insufficient information have a medium level of risk. They don't meet the minimum criteria but can be improved by addressing missing information, enhancing clarity, or providing more accurate details.
0	Meets Criteria	Proposals with a low risk level meet the necessary requirements. They provide all

		essential information, reducing the potential risks involved.
1	Above Average	Proposals that go above the necessary requirements have a minimal risk. These proposers demonstrate extra effort in providing additional information and further reducing uncertainties.
2	Excellent	No risk proposals have the highest level of information quality. The proposer has supplied all information in a highly transparent and detailed manner, effectively eliminating the associated risks.

Audit report Guidelines	
Guideline	Description
Project/Proposal Size	Keep in mind the effort invested and try to scale scores relative to the proposal size. For instance, smaller proposals with a budget of 3 KSM may require minimal effort, while larger proposals may necessitate extensive budget breakdowns across multiple sheets.
Avoid Double Scoring	Ensure that the same aspect of the proposal is not scored twice.
Template Usage	Using the proposal template is recommended but not a requirement. Be careful not to grade someone solely based on their use of a different format or document. The focus should be on the quality and clarity of the information provided.
Overlap of Categories	Be aware that some elements may be presented across multiple categories. After completing the audit, review your comments to avoid praising or criticizing the same aspect twice.
Objectivity	Maintain objectivity throughout the audit process, and seek input from a second reviewer before posting the final assessment.

### 5.1.2. Milestone 1.5: OpenCommunity Auditors

Kusama has served as an essential learning platform for our auditors. The hands-on experience gained from assessing treasury proposals on Kusama has provided our team with invaluable knowledge and experience regarding treasury proposals. Our auditors will apply their Kusama knowledge and skills to the Polkadot network. They will focus on improving transparency, enhancing proposal quality, and aiding in the development of Polkadot's governance system. The ultimate objective is to support a more mature, transparent, and efficient governance process in the Polkadot ecosystem.

Milestone 1.5 is a result of Kusama [Referenda #67 - Proposal Extension](#) and [Referenda #177](#) with the goal to educate and onboard community auditors. Additional Auditors are needed to keep up

with the increased number of new proposals and the additional tasks introduced in the previous milestone. Multiple audits conducted by independent Auditors will allow for a wider and more objective opinion on the proposals, increasing transparency and community involvement in the decision-making process.

If you are interested in joining the Audit team, please contact us and apply for the onboarding process on Kusama.

Onboarding Additional Curators status on Kusama (May 2023):

- 80+ Audit reports done on Kusama
- 7 Curator candidates [announced their application](#)
- 20+ Proposal Audits created by the candidates
- 1 Proposal Auditor ready to proceed with his candidacy proposal: [rodrigo7000](#)
- 1 Proposal Auditor Candidacy proposals submitted onchain: [Abdulbee](#)
- 1 Proposal Auditor Candidacy proposals approved onchain: [Abdulbee](#)

While a detailed process of onboarding and approving Auditors are included in the proposals mentioned above, here is a short overview of the process.

To ensure that the proposal Auditors are experienced and capable of performing their duties effectively, we propose that candidates follow the proposed Kusama onboarding process:

Phase 1. – Preparation		
Task	Description	Resource
Research	Get familiar with the proposal template, process and guidelines	<a href="#">Kusama Treasury - Project Proposal Template</a>
Research	Get familiar with the audit template, process and guidelines	<a href="#">Kusama - Treasury Proposal Audit Template</a>
Research	Get familiar with the existing audits	<a href="#">Referenda #67 discussion topic</a>

Phase 2. – Work tasks	
Task	Description
Create the Audit	Create an Audit report on a new onchain treasury proposal.

Discussion	Discuss the report with lead auditor CoinStudio
Post the Audit	Publish the Audit following the existing criteria and previous examples.
Create your portfolio	Create a minimum of 5 and maximum 10 quality Audit reports. Gather and address any community feedback or suggestions on your reports. This is the most important part of candidacy for the role of Proposal Auditor.

In addition, we propose that the candidates for the role of proposal Auditor must go through the treasury governance process themselves. This requirement will ensure that the candidates have a clear understanding of the treasury governance process and are familiar with the rules and guidelines that need to be followed while submitting a proposal. It will also ensure that the proposal Auditors have firsthand experience of the process and can provide valuable insights and feedback to the proposers and community.

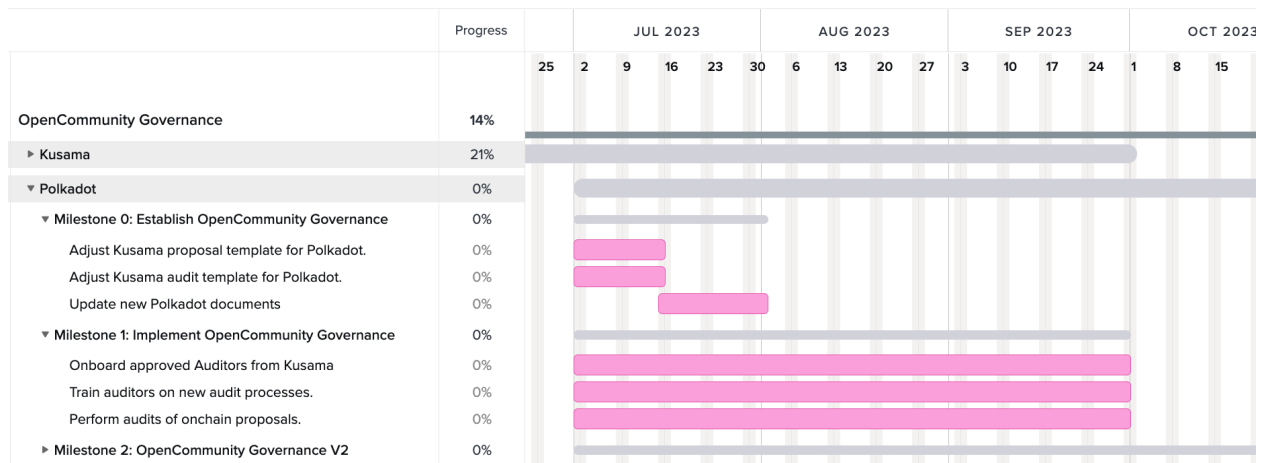
Phase 3. – Onchain application process	
Task	Description
Draft your Candidacy proposal	Use <a href="#">Kusama Treasury - Project Proposal Template</a> to create your Candidacy proposal.
Start a pre-proposal discussion	Create a new post on the discussions tab in <a href="#">Polkasassembly</a> . Run a discussion for a minimum period of one week.
Submit proposal on-chain - Small Tip	Submit the onchain candidacy in the form of a Small Tip. Provide all contextual info related to your candidacy. Stay engaged with the community.
Onchain decision	Onchain Approval of the submitted Tip is considered as the successful application for the Treasury proposal Auditor role.

Once the candidates are elected as proposal curators, they will be onboarded in the project, where their work will be paid and compensated according to the terms proposed in the proposal budget.

## 5.2. Timeline

The estimated timeline for the completion of the proposed milestones is approximately two months. This duration is a rough estimate and is highly dependent on the frequency of new treasury proposals being submitted to the Polkadot OpenGov during this period. The goal is to provide thorough and timely audits for each proposal, ensuring that our work is both effective and relevant.





## 5.3. Budget

The proposed budget outlines the costs associated with the project milestones 0 and 1.

Project manager - Prepare OpenCommunity Governance documentation			
Milestone	Task	Rate 60 \$/h	Cost
0	Prepare documentation: Proposal documents, reports, deliverables.	64	\$3,840
Total:		64	\$3,840

The secondary budget provided is an estimated cost for approximately 2 months of work or around 40 proposals audits. For this stage, all work will be included in this proposal in order to bootstrap the initiative. The future work will follow the Kusama plan where all additional work will be **post-paid through self-submitted tips**. Approved auditors will initiate self-tips for the delivered proposal audits, and to avoid spamming the treasury track, a tip should be for compensation of a minimum of 5 audit reports.

Additionally, the estimated budget for proposal auditors is set at a rate of 50\$/h, with a total cost of \$6,000 for creating 40 audit reports, of which a minimum of 30 will be for proposals in the discussion phase. Based on previous experience, a minimum of 3 hours is needed to read, review, and publish all relevant audit documents. This period on Polkadot is based on previous OpenGov experience on Kusama and rough estimates on the future work on Polkadot OpenGov. During this period, this will be constantly re-evaluated based on the learnings and experience from Polkadot treasury proposals. The auditing process will be carefully managed to maintain cost control measures and focus on the most crucial stages of proposal evaluation.

Estimated Proposal Auditor Budget - 40 Audit reports			
Milestone	Task	Rate 50\$/h	Cost
1	Auditor 1 - CoinStudio - Create 20 Audit reports where minimum 10 is for proposals in the discussion phase.	60	\$3,000
1	Auditor 1 - Abdulbee - Create 20 Audit reports where minimum 10 is for proposals in the discussion phase.	60	\$3,000
Total:		120	\$6,000

To ensure that community members are fairly compensated for their participation in the onboarding process, the proposed budget has been designed to offer transparent guidelines and incentives for their engagement. By establishing a fair and consistent compensation system, we aim to motivate more community members to actively contribute to OpenGov.

With the goal to improve efficiency of the process and implement cost control measures, we have made the decision to discontinue providing audits for proposals that are still in the writing stage. This decision was made on the basis that auditing half-finished proposals proved to be highly time-consuming, often requiring auditors to dedicate significant effort to review and provide feedback on incomplete ideas. By focusing on more developed proposals, we aim to optimize the use of our resources and deliver more meaningful insights to the community.

The following **cost control measures** have been implemented to optimize the auditing process:

- A minimum of 3 hours is necessary for each Polkadot audit, including reading, auditing, maintaining documentation and posting a report on medium-spender proposals. This combined approach ensures that the auditing process is efficient and focuses on the most crucial aspects of each proposal.
- Limit the number of Auditors per proposal to 2 during the current milestone. This restriction ensures that each proposal receives multiple perspectives while maintaining cost efficiency. In certain big spender proposals, this decision may be re-evaluated to ensure appropriate coverage.
- Restrict the number of reports a single Auditor can submit to 2 per proposal. This measure ensures that each Auditor is focused on providing quality feedback and allows for diverse opinions on each proposal. This includes a secondary Audit report in cases where the proposer changed the proposal to include recommendations from the initial report.
- In the future, after initial 40 Audit reports are created, all the Audits will be post-paid through self-submitted tips, allowing the community to have an active role in overseeing the audit process and ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the evaluation of proposals.

- If new auditors are approved through Kusama OpenGov, they will join the team in Polkadot. In this scenario, they will seek funding through the OpenGov tips as it is planned to be the default choice in the future.

These initial cost control measures aim to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the auditing process. As the team grows, these measures will be re-evaluated and adjusted accordingly to ensure continued optimization and cost control within the project.

All approved auditors will have the opportunity to contribute to the project, and they will be reimbursed for their completed audits through the OpenGov Tips. This reimbursement method has been chosen in order to reduce fund management costs and accommodate the small team size. All payments will be logged and presented in the final report, providing transparency and accountability for the entire process.

In summary, the proposed budget and compensation structure have been carefully designed to encourage active community involvement, while also ensuring that participants are fairly compensated for their contributions. By further opening and decentralization of the auditing process and creating a transparent reimbursement system, we hope to foster greater engagement and support the overall success of the project.

#### 5.4. Payment condition

**Governance referenda origin call:** small\_spender

**Proponent:** CoinStudio

**DOT address:** 14d2kv44xf9nFnYdms32dYPKQsr5C9urbDzTz7iwU8iHb9az

**Requested allocation:** 1515.05 DOT

**Proponent:** Abdulbee

**DOT address:** 15cZn8K1DaE7qiBWK6mGFJMKYKjFrALTVwe5urpD9PzKSsPY

**Requested allocation:** 664.52 DOT

**Final allocation:** 2179.57 DOT / 10,135 USD

Funding request - 2 months		
1.	Payee 1 - CoinStudio- Project manager, Lead auditor	
	Milestone 0	\$3,840
	Milestone 1	\$3,000
	<b>Budget (USD)</b>	<b>\$6,840</b>
	Conversion/slippage 3%	\$205

	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>\$7,045</b>
	DOT/USD EMA7 on 15/06/2023	\$4.65
	<b>Total amount requested (DOT)</b>	<b>1515.05</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Payee 2 - Abdulbee - Project auditor</b>	
	Milestone 1	\$3,000
	<b>Budget (USD)</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
	Conversion/slippage 3%	\$90
	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>\$3,090</b>
	DOT/USD EMA7 on 15/06/2023	\$4.65
	<b>Total amount requested (DOT)</b>	<b>664.52</b>
<b>1. + 2.</b>	<b>Final funding requested (DOT)</b>	<b>2179.57</b>

- <sup>2</sup> DOT/USD EMA7 source: <https://polkadot.subscan.io/tools/charts?type=price>

Payment conditions will be re-calculated using the latest rates on the day of onchain submission.

## 5.5. Deliverables and Success criteria

To ensure the proposed project success, criteria have been established for each milestone, serving as key performance indicators for evaluating progress. Regular updates on the project progress will be provided through live Polkasassembly discussion posts, maintaining transparency and encouraging community engagement. This open communication allows the community to stay informed and provide valuable feedback at any time.

Deliverable	Description	Outcome
1. Proposal Template	A user-friendly template for creating detailed and comprehensive proposals.	Reduced time required to write comprehensive proposals.
2. Feedback Template / Audit Template	A standardized template to facilitate community feedback and audit processes.	Increased community involvement in the governance process.
3. Documentation uploaded to the relevant sources	Communicate with the W3F team and update the proposal template.	Polkadot treasury page and Wiki updated with the latest proposal templates.

4. Airtable with proposal overview	Create and maintain an open Airtable sheet to track the Polkadot OpenGov treasury proposal Audits with defined milestones, deliverables and timelines.	Airtable OpenGov sheet
5. 40 One-Page Audits with Feedback	One-page audits with feedback from Abdulbee and Coinstudio on various proposals.	40 Audit reports where minimum half on the proposals in discussion phase.
6. Final report	Summary of all the work done throughout the project, encapsulating the accomplishments, learnings, and improvements brought by our audits.	Inform the community about the outcome of the project

## 5.6. Known constraints

The main constraints that could impact the success of this initiative are limited resources for conducting comprehensive reviews, potential resistance from the community to adopt a new process, and a lack of community interest and low availability of qualified candidates.

## 5.7. Reporting

All information on Audit reports, registered candidates and their work on proposals will be presented on the separate Polkasassembly Polkadot discussion topic in similar way as it is on Kusama [Referenda #67 discussion topic](#).

## 5.8. Communication

Team member: CoinStudio

Email: [coinstudio.polkadot@gmail.com](mailto:coinstudio.polkadot@gmail.com)

Polkasassembly post: New Polkadot post similar to Kusama [Referenda #67 discussion topic](#).

Element: [@coinstudio:matrix.org](https://matrix.org/@coinstudio:matrix.org)

## 6. Team

Project manager/Lead Auditor: CoinStudio

Proposal Auditor 1: [Abdulbee](#)

Proposal Auditor 2: YOU (If you are interested in joining the Audit team, please contact us and apply for the onboarding process on Kusama.)

## 6.1. Kusama/Polkadot reputation

Since the launch of the Kusama mainnet in late 2019, I have been involved in the Kusama and Polkadot ecosystem. After a year of closely observing and learning about the network, upon friend suggestion I decided to take a more active role in the ecosystem. I decided to participate in the network by setting up and running my own validator infrastructure. This decision has allowed me to contribute more meaningfully to the ecosystem's growth and development while gaining valuable hands-on experience in the Polkadot and Kusama networks.

### Infrastructure:

Operating validators on Kusama since 01/2021: [CoinStudio](#), [CoinStudio/CS1](#)

Operating validators on Polkadot since 04/2021: [CoinStudio](#), [CoinStudio/Graffiti](#)

Member of the Polkadot and Kusama [1KV program](#)

Operating Kusama Nomination Pool #86 *CoinStudio Pool* and Polkadot Nomination Pool #68 *CoinStudio*

### Treasury proposals:

[#67 Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits](#),

[#79 Kusama Validator minimum commission rate](#),

[Referenda #67 - Proposal Extension](#)

[Referenda #117 - OpenCommunity Governance project](#)

### Bounties:

Kusama Infrastructure Maintenance [Bounty #13](#) Curator

Kusama Infrastructure Builders Program [Bounty #19](#) Curator

## 7. Comments, Qs&As

Question 1: Why is there a need to review proposals? How does this process contribute to the Kusama ecosystem?

*Answer: Reviewing proposals is essential because not every proposer has extensive experience with project planning, and constructive feedback is currently lacking in the ecosystem. By providing in-depth reviews and feedback, Auditors help proposers improve their self-awareness regarding project goals and responsibilities, ultimately leading to better project execution and a stronger Kusama ecosystem.*

Question 2: Did proposal audits improve the proposals in the past? Can you provide some examples of their impact on the ecosystem?

*Answer: Reviewing proposals is essential because not every proposer has extensive experience with project planning, and constructive feedback is currently lacking in the ecosystem. Some examples of the positive impact of audits include enhanced project planning, improved budget allocation, and the identification of risks that were previously overlooked.*

Question 3: Is this initiative sustainable in the long run?

*Answer: As the Kusama and Polkadot Ecosystems evolve and high quality proposals become the community standard, the need for audit reports will gradually diminish. This is already acknowledged and incorporated into the future Milestone 3, which focuses on the deprecation of the Auditor role and the full transition to a Reviewer role. This approach ensures that the initiative remains adaptive and sustainable.*

Question 4: How is the budget and funding for this proposal determined? Are the rates reasonable?

*Answer: The budget and funding for this proposal have been carefully planned to ensure that the project is cost-effective while providing adequate compensation for the individuals involved. The rates for the project manager and proposal auditors have been set at modest levels to strike a balance between fair compensation and responsible resource allocation. By establishing a clear and transparent budget, we aim to incentivize community members to participate in the project, contribute to its success, and maintain a sustainable governance structure for the Kusama ecosystem.*

## 8. Extras

Here is a short summary of the feedback received from the Kusama proposers with some Audit examples:

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 niftyest commented | 16th Feb '23

I just recently used the template as a starting point for [my first proposal](#). There it was of great help for me to understand the process and the requirements. Also CoinStudio was very helpful in chat with other questions I had. Thanks for that!

 3  0  Reply ...

1 replies ▾

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 Anabelle | P... commented | 17th Feb '23

Thank you for your regular updates and work on these templates. I have left some comments directly in the docs.

 1  0  Reply ...

1 replies ▾

E

 Babes Pap... replied | 14th Feb '23

thank you for your support and guidance [@coinstudio](#)!  
I didn't expect chaos when I published the proposal the first time, but "Kusama" didn't disappoint me and indeed provided a bit of chaos :)

A

ab691c55844b49ae8f925c735 replied | 6th Mar '23

Hey [@coinstudio](#), your audit report it's a very useful tool, and I appreciate the effort you have taken to provide with comprehensive feedback. The guidelines and suggestions included in Referendum #67 will be especially helpful in guiding me in creating my next proposal and achieving an excellent result.. I truly appreciate your contribution and your commitment to ensuring the quality. Your insights will undoubtedly benefit not only for my current proposal but also other ones. All link and file are OK

D

dataphysicist replied | 10th Mar '23

This is great, it highlighted some areas for improvement for the draft proposal. We will update shortly.

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 Kusama P... replied | 11th Mar '23

Wow, thank you very much for that detailed feedback and for taking the time to read through the proposal. Rest assured that we take all your evaluation seriously, and we will be using it to work on a much-improved proposal that addresses any concerns and improves the overall quality of it.



# Kusama treasury - Project Proposal

Funded by [OpenGovernance Proposal #67](#)



K

KusamaH... replied | 27th Mar '23

Thank you very much CoinStudio for your help with the proposal during the past month and the active and constructive feedback you provided us.

Your expertise and advise helped to guide us through all the step to make it an OpenGov-friendly proposal.

Sincerely, KusamaHub.

KusamaH... commented | 27th Mar '23

We are deeply grateful to CoinStudio for his valuable contribution to the proposal over the past month, and for his active and constructive feedback.

Through his unparalleled expertise and astute guidance, the proposal was transformed into an OpenGov-friendly initiative, offering immense utility to the community.

1 0 Reply ...

1 replies ▾

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CrisPap replied | 31st Mar '23

Thank you very much for taking the time to evaluate our proposal.

Your audit report highlighted some good points that we should definitely look into.

Really nice initiative overall that could be very useful with some extra necessary developments that will improve the decentralisation and accuracy of the score results.

Report

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Hypercube commented | 30th Mar '23

Thanks for the review, Coinstudio.

I'll add as much missing information as I can. This is very helpful.

I think you missed a few items that were actually included in the proposal. But if you couldn't find them instantly, that's a sign I wasn't clear enough.

Note that I used the exact same format as we did with a proposal that was accepted two years ago and was well received by the community, through v1 Governance.

I'll update this soon. Thanks again

1 0 Reply ...

1 replies ▾

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Dotcast replied | 30th Mar '23

Hey CoinStudio,

thanks for your report!

We will make the necessary changes to meet the audit standards and in this way deliver a more clear and complete proposal to the community.

C

 Cryptozilla replied | 3 days ago

Hello CoinStudio,

thank you for going through my treasury proposal and providing me with your detailed audit report.

I appreciate your analysis of the quality of information included in my proposal as it provides me valuable feedback on each section and identifies the areas, that might require improvement so that the community can really find all necessary information.

Within the next few days, I will add additional information and implement some changes based on your suggestions. Once done, I will provide the summary of which sections of my proposal got updated in the description at the top of this page and also as a reply to your comment.

Max

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 Day... replied | 3 days ago

Thank you, CoinStudio, very helpful. I will work on the improvements to elevate the quality of the proposal. Really do appreciate the feedback!

D

 MYBESTLIFE replied | 15 hours ago


Thank you CoinStudio! Proposal #67 is a great idea.

I will make improvements to "#2552 DeStore Network 6 month extension and further funding" based on your personal feedback through the audit.

# Kusama treasury - Project Proposal


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## Kusama - Treasury Proposal Audit

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Auditor: **CoinStudio**


**GRADE:**  
**6**  
**Above Average**

**Project name:** Nova Wallet 4th Proposal  
**Proponent:** Novasama  
**Proposal URL:** <https://kusama.polkassembly.io/post/2550>  
**Audit date:** 12/04/2023  
**Requested funding KSM/USD:** 16500 KSM / 548400 USD  
**Kusama Treasury status:** 307630 KSM  
**Requested % of Treasury:** 5.36%


**Grade Criteria Legend**  
Excellent >=15  
Above Average >=5  
Meets Criteria >=0  
Needs Improvement >=-5  
Unacceptable <=-15

**Score Criteria Legend**  
Excellent 2  
Above Average 1  
Meets Criteria 0  
Needs Improvement -1  
Unacceptable -2

**Average Score per Category**



**Total Score per Category**



**General Comments:** This proposal covers further development of Nova Wallet, focusing on expanding the existing features, the proposal is very well-written and presented, demonstrating a clear understanding of the project's goals and deliverables. However, there is room for improvement in certain aspects. The budget section could benefit from additional details to provide a better understanding of the costs and allocation of resources. It would also be helpful to include information regarding the previous proposal reports and their success, as well as measurable success criteria for the current proposal.

Description	Score criteria	Comments
	2 1 0 -1 -2	(explain reasons why score differs from default score 0)
<b>1. Information</b>		
1.1 Project description and category, requested allocation and referendum origin call clear and accurate.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Project summary includes all relevant information.
1.2 Discussion topic open for a minimum period of one week. All the questions and concerns addressed and answered.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
Score	1	
<b>2. Context</b>		
2.1 Project context and background presented in a clear terms which can be fully understood and assessed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Project and team background introduced with all relevant information and samples of the previous work.
Score	1	
<b>3. Problem</b>		
3.1 The problem the proposal is trying to solve is explained in a clear and concise terms.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Problems are presented in a clear and concise way with reference to the feedback received from the users.
Score	1	
<b>4. Proposal</b>		
4.1 Proposal solution is described with a sufficient amount of information.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Proposal is very well-written and presented. While first 2 proposals were accepted and delivered on Kusama, the previous one was on Polkadot. What is the reason for not staying on Polkadot treasury?
4.2 Similar projects or proposals listed and explained how they differ from this proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4.3 Milestones to achieve the goals of the project are clearly defined.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Milestones relative to proposed solutions are clear and described with all needed information.
4.4 Milestones are split into the smaller detailed work tasks with deliverables, resources and description.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Work tasks and deliverables explained into detail. Allocating a portion of development time to address community requests is noted.
4.5 Timeline with tasks/activities listed in a chronological order is clear and accurate.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	No details provided beside the general estimate of the proposal length of 6 months.
Score	1	
<b>5. Budget</b>		
5.1 Budget is clear and transparent and broken down into direct cost categories.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Breakdown of the funding request in terms of man-hours and roles for each feature is provided. However, having in mind the high funding request, a more detailed information regarding the costs associated with these estimates is recommended. Providing a clear and transparent cost structure will allow for a better understanding of the funding allocation and ensure that the requested funds are justified.
5.2 Budget costs are comparable to the similar treasury proposals.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Not clear due to only general information available and no details provided i.e. Total costs per feature based on the estimated man-hours and hourly rates
5.3 Final payment calculations and conditions are in line with proposed milestones.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Final payment calculation to be added before going onchain.
Score	-2	
<b>6. Deliverables</b>		
6.1 Key deliverables are clear and outline progress towards the proposed solution.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	These deliverables are well-aligned with the objectives of the proposal, which aim to enhance the functionality and user experience of Nova Wallet
		The project objectives and success criteria are recommended for a proposal, and it is important to have measurable targets whenever possible. It would be beneficial to define specific targets for each of the proposed deliverables, such as user adoption rates, feature usage, or improvements in user satisfaction.
6.2 Project objectives/success criteria is clearly defined with measurable targets where possible.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	I am wondering if it is possible to analyze the SubQuery API requests to reflect the usage of certain Nova features, such as the new Nomination Pool, this could serve as a measurable target. The team could set a specific goal for the number of users utilizing this feature within a given timeframe or a specific percentage increase in usage compared to previous implementations. Comparing the number of API requests for each parachain, team can present the usage of the wallet and user activity across different parachains in the ecosystem.

# Kusama treasury - Project Proposal

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## Kusama - Treasury Proposal Audit

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**GRADE:**  
**0**  
**Meets Criteria**

Project name: [Sol2Ink](#)

Proponent: [Brushfam](#)

Proposal URL: <https://kusama.polkasassembly.io/referenda/178>

Audit date: 03/05/2023

Requested funding: 1868 KSM

KSM/USD: 56200 USD

Kusama Treasury status: 304450 KSM

Requested % of Treasury: 0.61%

**Grade Criteria Legend**  
Excellent >=15  
Above Average >=5  
Meets Criteria >=0  
Needs Improvement >=-5  
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Brushfam aims to simplify the transition for Solidity developers to the Polkadot (ink) ecosystem through their tool Sol2Ink. Sol2Ink transpiles existing Solidity code into Rust and ink code, significantly reducing development time and effort. However, it's important to note that Brushfam currently has three active treasury proposals, and reports from their previous proposals are missing. This lack of information makes it difficult to assess the reach and impact of their previously delivered tools and pallets. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that Brushfam provide more transparency around their past and ongoing grants and proposals, including detailed reports on the usage and success of the tools and pallets they have delivered so far.

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	2 1 0 -1 -2	(explain reasons why score differs from default score 0)
<b>1. Information</b>		
1.1 Project description and category, requested allocation and referenda origin call clear and accurate.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Some information provided with the room for extra clarity and additional info. Payment info not clear regarding the current funding request.
1.2 Discussion topic open for a minimum period of one week. All the questions and concerns addressed and answered.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion topic open for 3 weeks.
Score	1	
<b>2. Context</b>		
2.1 Project context and background presented in a clear terms which can be fully understood and assessed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	The project context and background are well presented, providing clear insight into the current problem and justifying the need for the proposed solution.
Score	1	
<b>3. Problem</b>		
3.1 The problem the proposal is trying to solve is explained in a clean and concise terms.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposal addresses a significant issue in the ecosystem - the difficulty of transitioning from Solidity to ink! for existing projects and developers.
Score	0	
<b>4. Proposal</b>		
4.1 Proposal solution is described with a sufficient amount of information.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4.2 Similar projects or proposals listed and explained how they differ from this proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Two similar solutions presented, none existing in Polkadot ecosystem.
4.3 Milestones to achieve the goals of the project are clearly defined.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	The objectives are well laid out and focus on transpiling existing Solidity code into Rust and ink! code to ease the transition for developers.
4.4 Milestones are split into the smaller detailed work tasks with deliverables, resources and description.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Milestones are split into the smaller work tasks with associated description.
4.5 Timeline with tasks/activities listed in a chronological order is clear and accurate.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Only a rough timeline presented in number of weeks with 1.5 Full time equivalent employees.
Score	0	
<b>5. Budget</b>		
5.1 Budget is clear and transparent and broken down into direct cost categories.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Team is having 3 open proposals in the ecosystem. One approved, one ongoing and one in the discussion phase. The total amount of funding is around \$500,000. For this amount of funding I am failing to see the reason why there is no detailed budget for any of these funding requests.
5.2 Budget costs are comparable to the similar treasury proposals.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Budget is presented as the lump sum and it is not clear how funds will be distributed. Considering the asked amount, a more open and transparent budget is recommended.
5.3 Final payment calculations and conditions are in line with proposed milestones.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Similar as on the other proposals, there is only mention about split payments. There is no clear statement regarding exact \$ funding of this proposal, used KSM rate and total funding amount.
Score	-3	
<b>6. Deliverables</b>		
6.1 Key deliverables are clear and outline progress towards the proposed solution.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6.2 Project objectives/success criteria is clearly defined with measurable targets where possible.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Success criteria: - 5 Solidity-native projects building their ink! smart contracts using Sol2Ink - 50 stars on Sol2Ink GitHub - Active mentioning of Sol2Ink in dev-related events
6.3 Awareness of known conditions that may affect the project schedule, milestones, determined budget or project timeline.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Proposer have a dedicated team working on the deliverables and for this reason is stating there are no known obstacles that could delay the project timeline.
6.4 Reporting process is defined to inform the community about the progress and current status of the project.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Proposer will inform the community about the progress regarding the milestones of this proposal in the Element channels, Twitter, and Medium articles.
6.5 Clear communication strategy - where, when, what and who is going to present the information to the community and other relevant parties.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Score	2	