



Funding Avenues in the Polkadot Ecosystem

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- Decentralized Futures
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- Alpha Program



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the wrong program
and get no funding

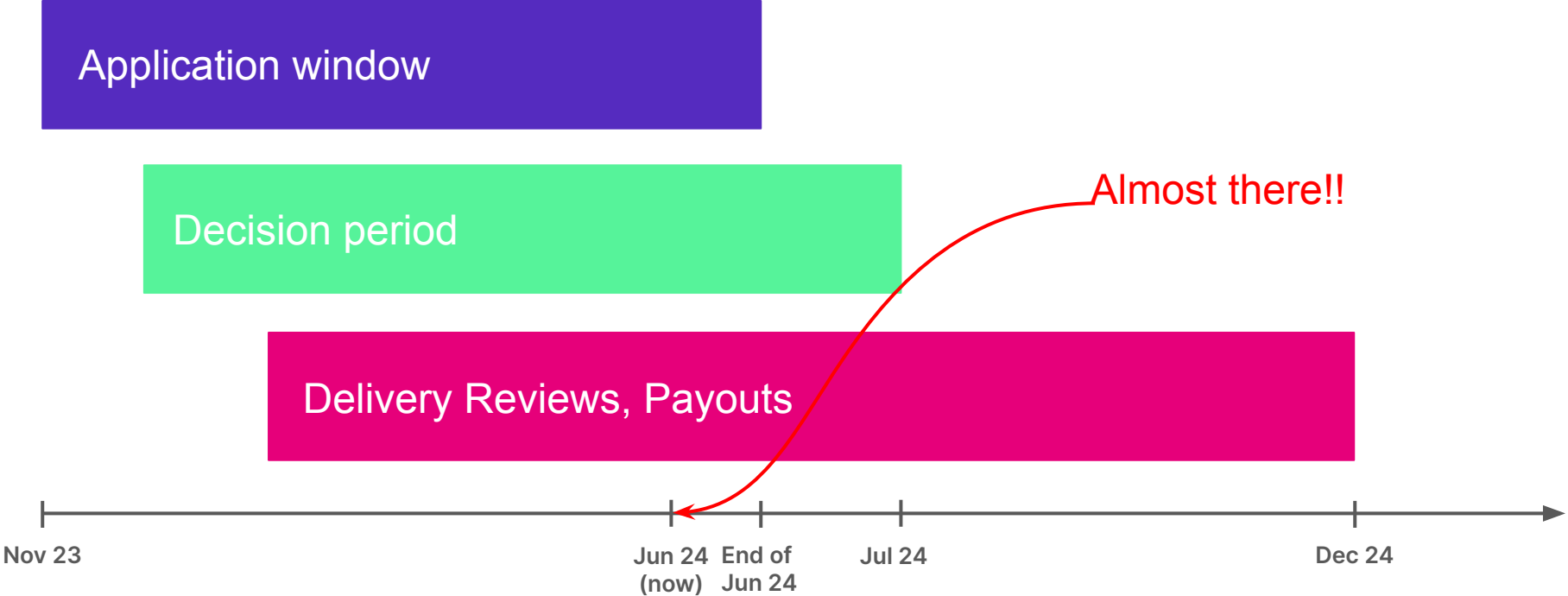


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Key Facts

- Significant funding capacity: **\$20M FIAT + 5M DOTs**
- **Temporary** program to kick-start initiatives that are financially self-sustainable in the long run
 - Continuous funding through treasury can be an option for being financially self-sustainable
- Managed and financed by the **Web3 Foundation**





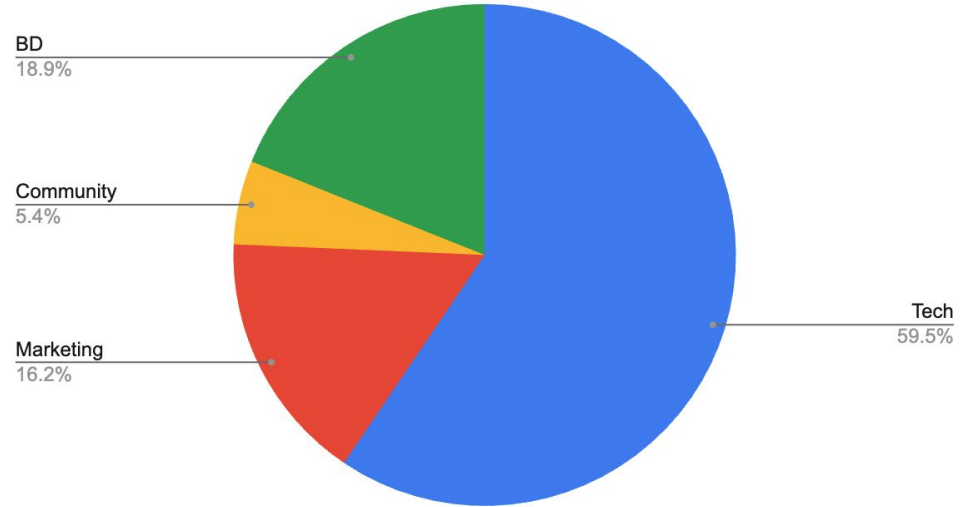
High Flexibility

- **Flexible regarding focus**, e.g. tech, ecosystem development, community-focused efforts
- **Flexible regarding license**, but Open-Source preferred
- **Flexible regarding funding mechanism**: grants, investments, service agreements
- **Flexible regarding funding amounts**
- **Flexible regarding payment**: vested DOT, FIAT
- **Apply** → **<https://futures.web3.foundation>**
 - **Mandatory Forum Post to be submitted before applying:**
<https://forum.polkadot.network/c/ecosystem>

Decentralised Futures Program
Key Metrics



- **>\$120M requested by various teams and projects**
- **~\$25M of funding signed**
- **Little FIAT left**
- **Focus: Tech, Marketing, BD, Community**



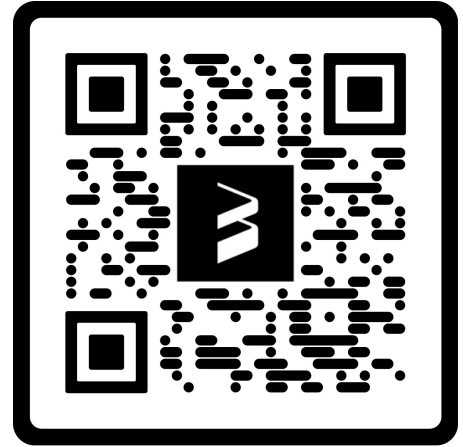


Maximize the Probability to get accepted

- **Higher % of DOTs as payment:** shows alignment with the ecosystem
- **Proven track record:** Past contributions & achievements, GitHub activity (devs)
- **Ecosystem Value:** Who will benefit and how? (thread activity, partnerships, value proposition)
- **Road to self-sufficiency:** Tokenomics, Biz plan, Income streams, further funding plans (if necessary)

What it Offers

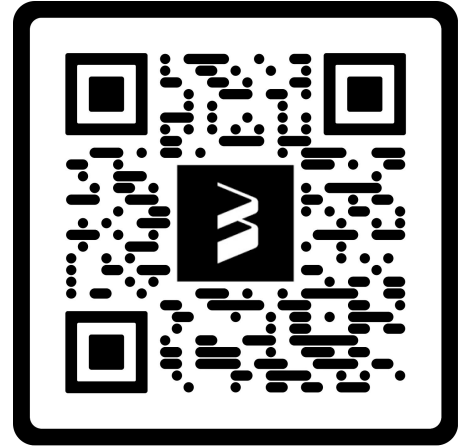
- Funding through **milestone-based** grants
- **3 grant levels**, based on project scale
 - Level 1: ≤10k\$
 - Level 2: ≤30k\$
 - Level 3: ≤100k\$
- >100k\$ possible (with council approval)
- W3F Grants Program badge (Lvl2+), intro to VC's (Lvl3) for good teams



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Project Requirements

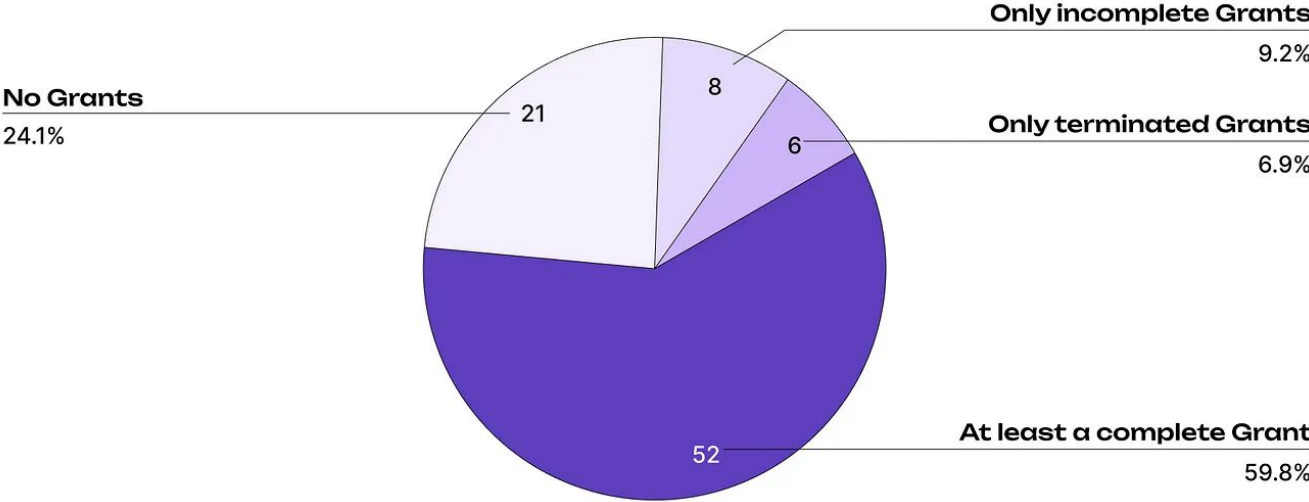
- **Technical** nature - Development or Research
- Deliverables must be **open-sourced** and must not rely on proprietary software
- **High reusability**
- Must NOT be closely tied to specific business model
- Must NOT have had a successful token sale
- Must NOT mention any specific tokens
- Must NOT be illegal or gambling-related



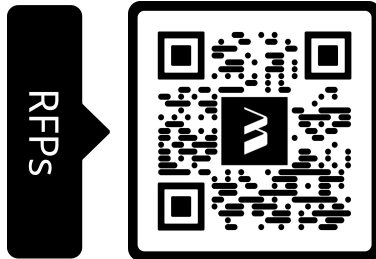
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Parachains Grants (Total)



- RFP := declaration of interest for others to submit a grant or a treasury application
- Most RFPs are created by W3F Grants
- But anybody is free to submit an RFP
 - Review process by W3F Grants Committee, similar to grant application process
- <https://grants.web3.foundation/docs/rfps>






RFP	Last Updated
anti-collusion_infrastructure.md	29.11.2021
bpf-contracts.md	06.01.2023
formal_guarantees_for_grandpa.md	07.10.2022
ISO_20022.md	31.05.2022
parachain_validation_conformance_testing.md	18.01.2023
polkadot-protocol_conformance_tests.md	08.05.2023
sub-consensus.md	23.11.2021
uptane-for-substrate-design-and-scope.md	04.03.2023
user-account-access-analysis.md	07.01.2023
xcm-tool.md	20.07.2021

- Layers of technologies building the ecosystem
 - Wallets, UIs, Tooling, Contracts, Pallets, Host Implementations, etc.
- Maintained on the [Polkadot Wiki](#)
- Over 300 projects across various categories
- Actively maintained stack for developers

























Layers of Polkadot Stack

In the below sections, you can find a list of different layers of the Polkadot Stack.

Maintenance Status:

-  Actively maintained
-  Stale (no activity on the main branch for one month)
-  Unmaintained (no activity on the main branch for more than three months)

Wallets

Components	Existing projects	Potentially interesting projects
Web Wallets	Multix  , Polkasafe  , polkadot-js/apps  , Talisman Web Application  , mydotwallet  , Sub ID  , Primis  , Sakura  , Web3Box  , Coong Wallet  , Subscan Multisig UI - React  , Subscan Multisig UI  , Dorafactory-Multisig  , Capi Multisig App 	User-friendly Wallet based on the Recovery Pallet , Web wallets focused on user-onboarding (e.g. using localStorage)
Desktop Wallets	nova-spektr  , Omni desktop 	Enterprise Wallets
Browser Extensions	Talisman-Extension  , SubWallet-Extension  , Enkrypt  , Polkadot{.js}  , PolkaGate  , Doter  , Speckle OS  , Kuma Cross-chain Wallet 	Sign-in with your Polkadot, Kusama, etc. account.

On-Chain Funding

- Submit spending proposals on-chain
- DOT/KSM holders vote on approval
- Bounties have specialized curators
- Capacity: ~\$144M (DOT), ~\$6.5M (KSM)

Tips for Proposals

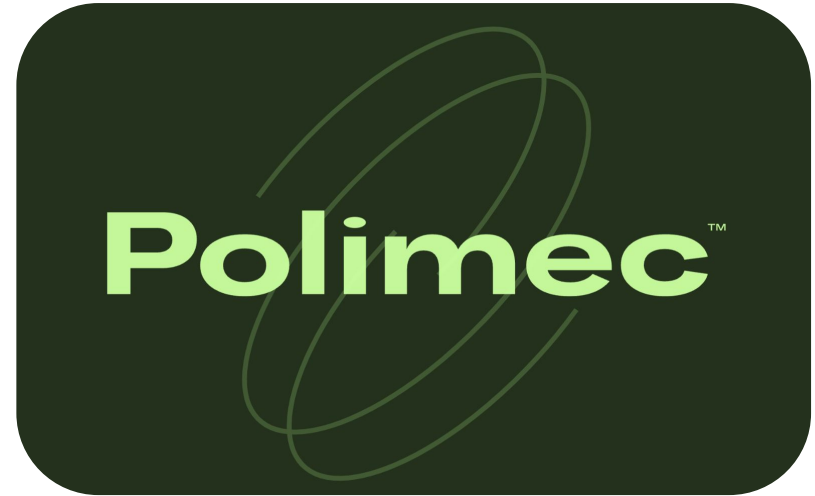
- Focus on benefiting the ecosystem
- Clear problem statement and goals
- Detailed milestones and budget



Source: <https://x.com/Polkadot/status/1777736073407524990>

Fundraising platform on Polkadot

- regulatory compliant
 - a. Kilt DIDs, issued by Deloitte
 - b. KYC/AML process included
- Brings VCs, Angels and retail together
- DID Issuance currently supported by DF Grant (\$1 instead of ~\$50)
- Used by projects like Hyperbridge and Mandala Chain
- Combinable with DF and/or Treasury





Targeted to specific areas

- Initial areas: **ZK innovation** and **node implementations**
- Pool size: ~1M \$DOT
- Governed by curator group
- Apply:

<https://github.com/pioneersprize/Polkadot-Pioneers-Prize>

PIONEERS PRIZE

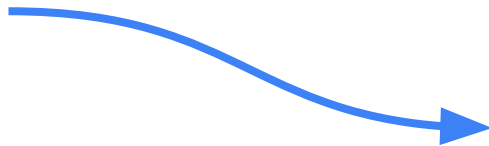
SOLVE BIG CHALLENGES FOR THE BIGGEST
BOUNTIES IN BLOCKCHAIN.





Focus on JAM client implementations

- Pool size: ~10M \$DOT
- Re-register:
<https://jam.web3.foundation/>
- Polkadot Fellowship will judge submissions
- Language sets



A: "Cooperate Code"

Maximum prize per milestone: 100,000 DOT + 1,000 KSM

Java, AspectJ, Kotlin, C#, Go

B: "Quick Code"

Maximum prize per milestone: 100,000 DOT + 1,000 KSM

C, C++, D, Rust, Swift, Zig, Carbon, Fortran

C: "Cude Code"

Maximum prize per milestone: 100,000 DOT + 1,000 KSM

Scheme, Common Lisp, Prolog, Haskell, ML, Perl, Python, Ruby, JS, Groovy, Dart

D: "Correct Code"

Maximum prize per milestone: 100,000 DOT + 1,000 KSM

Ada, Julia, Erlang, Elixir, Ocaml, Smalltalk, F#, Scala, APL

Z: "Mad"

Maximum prize per milestone: 5,000 KSM

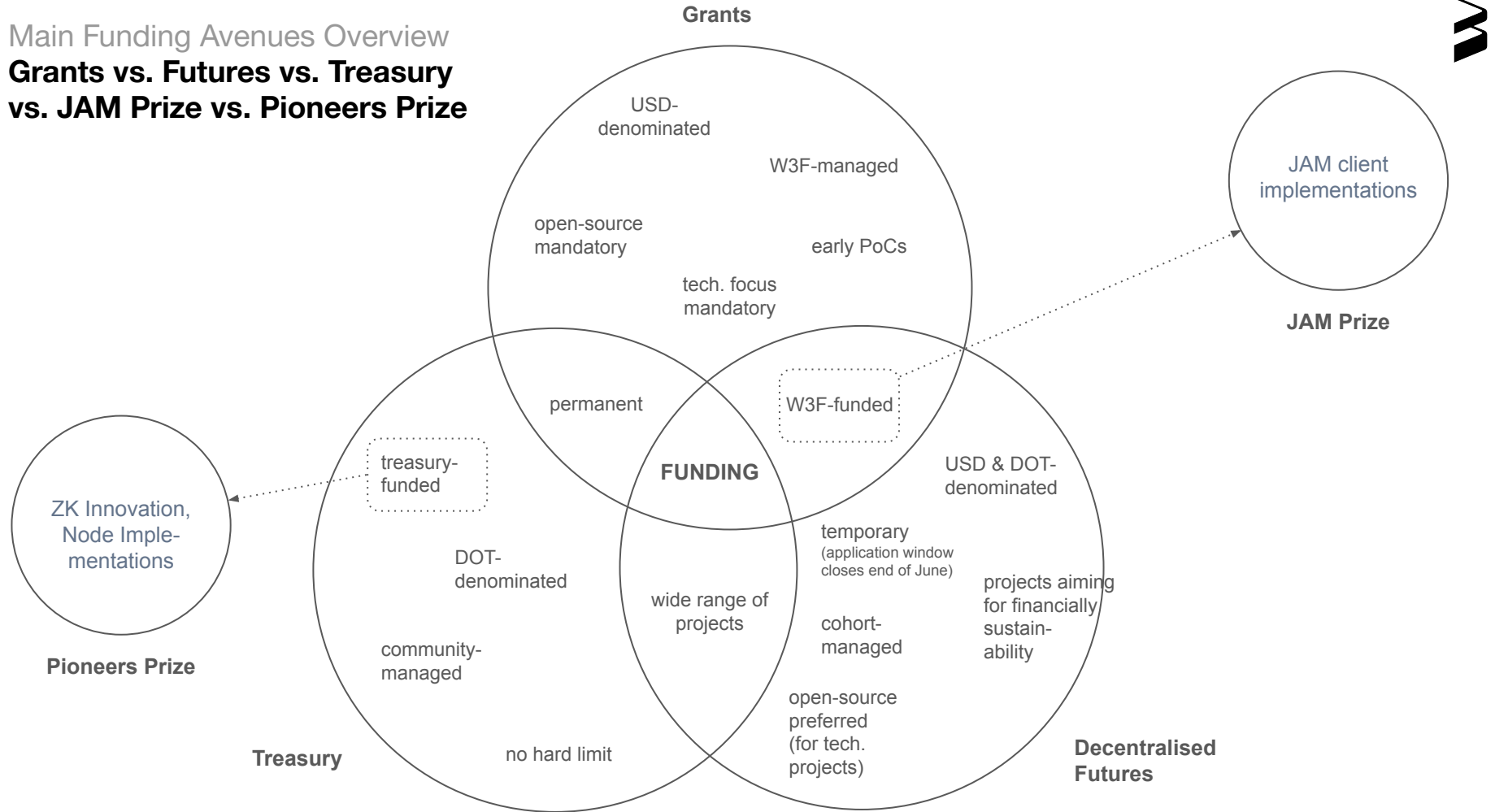
Brainfuck, Whitespace, Redstone

Parachain programs
Overview



Main Funding Avenues Overview

Grants vs. Futures vs. Treasury vs. JAM Prize vs. Pioneers Prize





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Treasury: www.polkadot.network/ecosystem/treasury

Pioneers Prize: pioneersprize/Polkadot-Pioneers-Prize

JAM Prize: <https://jam.web3.foundation/>

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