

Vote Rationale

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Summary

The proposed Info Governance Action “Cardano Blockchain Ecosystem Budget: Amaru Node Development 2025” is constitutional.

Rationale Statement

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Governance Action (gov_action1h4ygv0hjf3lmafcm76rpdzcm8vsvj9k5wejn3npyxwxm3fesnqqw9kxxz) proposes a Cardano Blockchain ecosystem budget of 1.5 million ada for the second half of 2025 to fund the continued development of Amaru, an open-source, interoperable block-producing node for Cardano. The project aims to enhance network decentralization, robustness, and accessibility.

Constitutional Alignment

This proposal demonstrates comprehensive alignment with the constitutional framework:

- **Article III, Section 5 (Process of On-Chain Governance):** The action fully meets procedural requirements. It provides a standardized format with a verified immutable IPFS link (ipfs://bafkreibqma7t2k4rcywvx5afukahhi3dp2so2ugh7t4ljuawhanvk7sr34) and hash for its extensive off-chain documentation, which includes title, abstract, motivation, detailed rationale, and supporting materials.
- **Article IV, Section 1 (Proposing Budgets):** The purpose of funding the Amaru node falls within “ongoing operation, maintenance and future development of the Cardano Blockchain ecosystem”. The budget period (H2 2025) and amount (1.5M ada) are explicitly stated and permissible.
- **Article IV, Section 2 (Funds Administration):** The proposal specifies administrators (the Amaru Maintainer Committee under PRAGMA) and a process for overseeing fund use, including assistance from an on-chain smart contract (intended to be audited by first withdrawal) and adherence to PRAGMA’s legal framework.
- **Article IV, Section 3 (Net Change Limit):** The proposal asserts its compliance with the currently agreed-upon Net Change Limit.
- **Article IV, Section 4 (Auditor & Dispute Resolution):** The proposal states it “makes provisions for an auditor (covered by the Ad-hoc mercenaries scope)”. Furthermore, the linked “PRAGMA Maintainer Committee Framework” includes provisions for dispute resolution, addressing this requirement.
- **Article IV, Section 5 (Handling Administered Funds):** The proposal does not suggest any action contrary to this section. Therefore, the constitutional rule requiring ada held by administrators before final disbursement to be delegated to the auto-abstain voting option applies by default.
- **Article VII, Section 4 (CC Role for Info Actions):** As an Info Action proposing a budget, the Constitutional Committee cannot prevent its recording. Our ‘Yes’ vote expresses the opinion that the substance of this budget proposal is constitutional and, if approved by DReps, would permit subsequent constitutionally compliant treasury withdrawals.

Precedent Discussion

While past governance actions have seen the acceptance of mutable links, sometimes with reservations, this proposal commendably adopts the best practice of using immutable storage (IPFS) for its metadata. This sets a positive standard for future actions, enhancing system robustness and trustworthiness in line with constitutional principles favoring decision-making based on immutable data.

Counter-argument Discussion

Significant constitutional counterarguments are minimal and appear adequately addressed by the proposal and its supporting documentation:

- **Audit Specificity:** While the audit provision is within a broader “Ad-hoc mercenaries” scope, the proposal explicitly states provision is made. DReps can scrutinize the detailed budget to ensure this allocation is sufficient for independent audits.
- **Incomplete Smart Contract:** The administrative smart contract being “still incomplete” at the time of budget proposal is a project risk. However, the commitment to have it audited and operational by the first withdrawal, coupled with the existing PRAGMA framework for oversight, means the proposed administrative process itself is not unconstitutional.

Conclusion

This Info Governance Action for the Amaru H2 2025 budget is well-structured, comprehensively documented, and demonstrates a clear effort to align with all relevant constitutional requirements. The project’s objectives are valuable for the ecosystem’s long-term health. The use of IPFS for documentation and the detailed self-assessment against the Constitution are particularly commendable. Our ‘Yes’ vote reflects our positive opinion on the constitutionality of this budget proposal.

Internal Vote

- Constitutional: 7
- Unconstitutional: 0
- Abstain: 0
- Did not vote: 0
- Against vote: 0

References

- RelevantArticles: [Preamble](#)
- RelevantArticles: [Article I, Section 1](#)
- RelevantArticles: [Article III, Section 5](#)
- RelevantArticles: [Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5](#)
- RelevantArticles: [Article VII, Section 1 & 4](#)
- RelevantArticles: [Appendix I, Section 3 \(TREASURY-04a\)](#)
- GovernanceMetadata: [Metadata Anchor URL](#)
- GovernanceMetadata: [Metadata Anchor Hash](#)
- GovernanceMetadata: [PRAGMA Maintainer Committee Framework](#)