

Dear Polkadot and Kusama Community,

As we continue expanding and strengthening the **Infrastructure Builders Program (IBP)**, we are pleased to provide an update on the current status, developments, and challenges ahead. The IBP remains committed to funding **independent infrastructure service providers**, ensuring decentralization and resilience across the Polkadot and Kusama ecosystems.

For detailed monthly contributions and ongoing activities, please visit our repository at [GitHub - ChildBounties](#).

### Bounty status

#### Polkadot Bounty 50

The Infrastructure Builders Program on Polkadot was approved by [Referendum 649](#) in May 2024. It was initially funded with **461,054 DOT** at an exchange rate of **\$8.95/DOT** (equivalent to **\$4.1M** at the time).

As of **March 2025**, the bounty retains approximately **113,098 DOT**. The most significant factor affecting the bounty has been the continued decline in DOT price, which now averages around **\$4.20/DOT**. This has further reduced the overall value of the funds available for distribution.

#### Current status (March 2025):

- Remaining funds: **113,098 DOT**, valued at **\$475,011** (based on an average DOT price of **\$4.20**).
- The average monthly operational cost over the past six months has been **\$207,583**, resulting in an annualized cost of **\$2,490,996**.

The increased costs associated with service expansion to additional chains and higher resource demands have led to a rise in monthly operational expenses, accelerating the use of available funds. Additionally, the negative market situation and the decline in DOT price have had the biggest impact, reducing the overall value of the bounty. Based on the current expenditure rate, the bounty has approximately three months of funding left. This makes it an appropriate time to begin working on a top-up proposal to ensure the continuity of services.

The current status of both Kusama and Polkadot bounties can be checked in the [IBP Bounty status sheet](#).

**Members**

Identity	Sum DOT	05/2024	06/2024	07/2024	08/2024	09/2024	10/2024	11/2024	12/2024	01/2025	02/2025
Stake Plus / CL	38,902.27	1,674.85	2,232.79	6,404.04	4,931.22	5,487.95	3827.92	2554.08	4689.60	3,151.21	3,948.61
Metaspan	26,742.60	1,583.17	2,110.56	1,773.67	3,280.27	3,102.73	3667.15	1583.48	2763.91	3,052.30	3,825.36
Helikon/Istanbul	30,550.83	1,726.05	2,301.04	1,927.09	3,272.07	4,939.40	3967.92	1713.46	3050.34	3,366.34	4,287.12
Gatotech / UK1	35,400.48	1,954.91	2,606.15	2,849.21	4,954.91	4,810.47	4417.44	1907.95	3415.93	3,766.74	4,716.77
Amforc / 4	30,148.19	1,583.17	2,132.70	3,292.97	4,695.50	2,442.37	3667.15	1583.48	2763.91	3,052.30	4,934.64
Coinsudio	6,674.41	305.64	923.41	570.08	964.99	831.81	911.04	394.98	513.52	560.50	698.44
Turboflakes	24,536.75	1,583.17	2,110.56	1,773.67	3,280.27	2,781.69	3206.82	1390.32	2436.62	2,659.56	3,314.07
Dwellir	32,058.64	1,954.67	2,605.82	2,172.56	3,839.22	3,804.79	4256.67	1838.25	3325.31	3,667.83	4,593.52
RadiumBlock	28,439.37	1,668.90	2,224.85	1,865.72	3,302.98	3,630.89	3847.61	1661.47	2935.77	3,240.67	4,060.51
Rotko	25,882.65	1,668.90	2,224.85	1,865.72	3,302.98	3,052.66	3363.98	1458.45	2591.58	2,828.70	3,524.83
Polkadotters	28,776.08	1,851.79	2,468.67	2,062.27	3,646.23	3,357.91	3699.24	1603.81	2922.17	3,189.53	3,974.46
LuckyFriday	24,526.47	1,583.16	2,110.56	1,773.67	3,142.11	2,909.58	3206.82	1390.32	2436.62	2,659.56	3,314.07
S3krit	57.65			28.50	29.15	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Stkd.io	15,259.94					3,865.60	2004.68	869.13	4077.73	1,978.01	2,464.79
<b>ChildBounty Sum</b>	<b>347,956.33</b>	<b>19,138.38</b>	<b>26,051.96</b>	<b>28,359.17</b>	<b>42,641.90</b>	<b>45,017.85</b>	<b>44,044.44</b>	<b>19,949.18</b>	<b>37,923.01</b>	<b>37,173.25</b>	<b>47,657.19</b>

<b>Bounty Status DOT</b>	<b>461,054</b>	441,916	415,864	387,504	344,863	299,845	255,800	235,851	197,928	160,755	113,098
<b>Payouts DOT</b>	<b>347,956</b>	19,138	26,052	28,359	42,642	45,018	44,044	19,949	37,923	37,173	47,657
<b>Remaining DOT</b>	<b>113,098</b>										

	Average										
<b>DOT/USD</b>	\$5.76	\$6.74	\$5.79	\$6.14	\$4.59	\$4.46	\$3.73	\$8.61	\$6.62	\$6.07	\$4.87
<b>ChildBounty USD</b>	\$189,503	\$128,993	\$150,815	\$174,210	\$195,513	\$200,825	\$164,374	\$171,723	\$251,088	\$225,493	\$231,995
<b>Total payouts USD</b>	\$1,895,028										

<b>Bounty summary</b>	
<b>Remaining DOT</b>	<b>113,098</b>
<b>Remaining USD estimate</b>	<b>\$651,590</b>

**Kusama Bounty 19**


The Infrastructure Builders Program (IBP) originated as Bounty 19 on Kusama, approved by Referendum 35 in December 2022. It was initially funded with 52,000 KSM (equivalent to \$1.3M at the time), intended to cover operations for one year. Due to good administrative practices, favorable market conditions, and a staggered onboarding of members, as of March 2025, the bounty still retains approximately 10,338 KSM, extending beyond the initial duration planned in Bounty 19.

**Current status (March 2025):**

- Remaining funds: **10,338 KSM**, valued at **\$177,296** (based on an average KSM price of **\$17.15**).
- Monthly cost: **\$500**, leading to an **annual cost of \$6,000**.
- Future changes:
  - Hobbyist track services remain active** but are expected to **undergo a redesign** in terms of tasks and responsibilities.

Going forward, we anticipate **modifications to the role and structure** of the Kusama Bounty, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively while continuing to support the ecosystem in a meaningful way.

Members		09/2023	10/2023	11/2023	12/2023	01/2024	02/2024	03/2024	04/2024
Identity	Sum KSM								
Stake Plus	6401	403.13	430.69	304.51	256.97	0.00	197.28	167.19	266.38
Metaspan	5952	326.78	315.05	204.39	208.30	0.00	141.73	145.11	227.43
Helikon	4076	289.00	278.62	180.75	184.22	0.00	124.73	128.00	200.57
Gatotech	5245	388.41	429.63	234.80	285.80	0.00	262.15	160.25	264.67
Amforc	4139	370.43	357.12	258.88	250.02	0.00	145.71	158.27	246.92
Coinstudio	1029	109.01	105.09	68.18	69.48	0.00	41.51	40.59	63.85
Turboflakes	3810	288.67	262.54	170.32	173.59	0.00	118.11	120.93	189.53
Dwellir	3937	372.39	359.01	232.91	237.37	0.00	157.84	163.34	255.78
RadiumBlock	2337	817.55	67.43	769.24	125.93	0	156.52	155.83	244.78
Rotko	1851		824.95	30.03	125.93	0	495.25	127.65	247.46
Polkadotters	1372			564.04	52.74	0	350.37	147.32	257.30
LuckyFriday	971				521.13	0	161.36	101.60	187.02
Pablo (Contractor)	174	76.30	84.07		13.90				
ChildBounty Sum	41295.08	3441.66	3514.19	3018.05	2505.38	0.00	2352.58	1616.07	2651.69



Member services migrated to Polkadot Bounty 50

Hobbyist		09/2023	10/2023	11/2023	12/2023	01/2024	02/2024	03/2024	04/2024	05/2024	06/2024	07/2024	08/2024	09/2024	10/2024	11/2024	12/2024	01/2025	02/2025
Identity	Sum KSM																		
aperturemining	79	5.29	5.10	4.06	3.37		2.19	2.14	3.29	3.17	4.23	4.62	5.04	4.76	6.54	2.57	2.55	4.29	4.75
dozenodes	79	5.29	5.10	4.06	3.37		2.19	2.14	3.29	3.17	4.23	4.62	5.04	4.76	6.54	2.57	2.55	4.29	4.75
stkd	79	5.29	5.10	4.06	3.37		2.19	2.14	3.29	3.17	4.23	4.62	5.04	4.76	6.54	2.57	2.55	4.29	4.75
mathcrypto	79	5.29	5.10	4.06	3.37		2.19	2.14	3.29	3.17	4.23	4.62	5.04	4.76	6.54	2.57	2.55	4.29	4.75
paradox	79	5.29	5.10	4.06	3.37		2.19	2.14	3.29	3.17	4.23	4.62	5.04	4.76	6.54	2.57	2.55	4.29	4.75
ChildBounty Sum	394	26.46	25.50	20.31	16.87	0.00	10.96	10.69	16.43	15.84	21.16	23.08	25.20	23.80	32.70	12.85	12.77	21.45	23.75

Bounty Status	52000	26309	22770	19731	17209	17209	14845	13219	10551	10535	10514	10490	10465	10441	10409	10396	10383	10362	10338
Payouts KSM	41662	3441	3540	3038	2522	0	2364	1627	2668	15.84	21.16	23.08	25.20	23.80	32.70	12.85	12.77	21.45	23.75
Remaining KSM	10338																		

Average																			
KSM/USD	28.45	18.898	19.602	24.62	29.647	38.568	45.612	46.773	30.423	31.560	23.625	21.663	19.835	21.001	15.295	38.898	39.160	23.316	21.036
ChildBounty USD	46777	65028	69385	74804	74777	0	107806	76089	81172	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Total payouts USD	1216214																		

Bounty summary																			
Remaining KSM	10338																		
Remaining USD estimate	\$294,127																		

From May 2024 all member service payments are issued and tracked through [Bounty 50](#) on Polkadot and Kusama Bounty will continue to cover the services delivered through Hobbyist track.

## Expansion and Achievements

IBP has successfully established 12 global locations, surpassing our initial target of 10, all while maintaining budgetary constraints. Here's a breakdown of the current status across various regions:

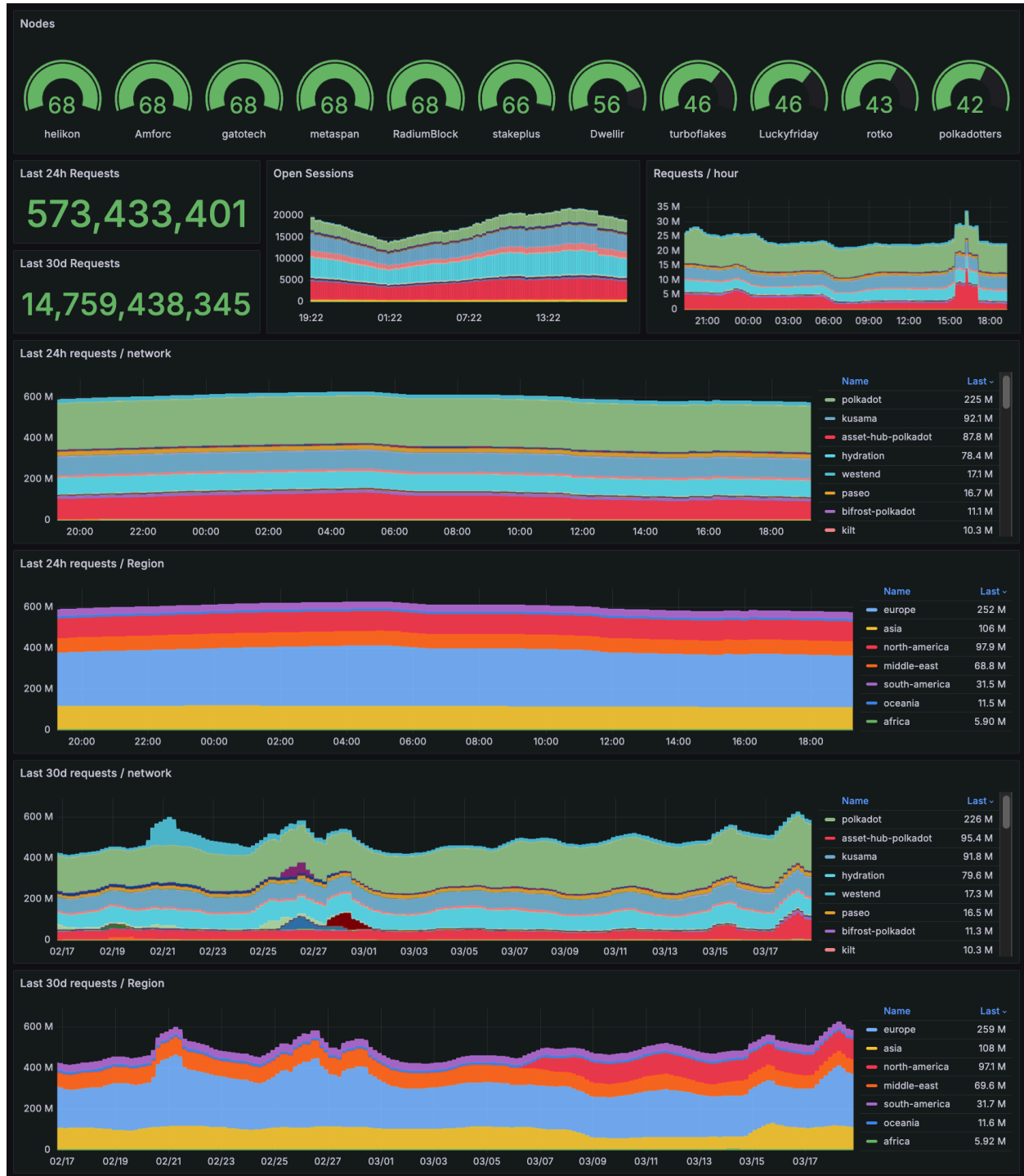
Member	Level	Region	Country	Status
Dwellir	6	Africa	Nigeria	Active
Gatotech	6	Central America	Costa Rica	Active

Helikon	6	Middle East	Turkey	Active
Lucky Friday	5	North America	USA (West)	Active
Stake Plus	6	North America	USA (East)	Active
Metaspan	6	Europe	Great Britain	Active
Turboflakes	5	Europe	Portugal	Active
Amforc	6	Europe	Switzerland	Active
Radium Block	6	Asia	India	Active
Rotko Networks	5	Asia	Thailand	Active
Polkadotters	5	Oceania	New Zealand	Active
STKD	4	South America	Chile	Active

Each member is important in advancing network decentralization, providing vital support to both the Polkadot and Kusama ecosystems.

## Monthly Usage

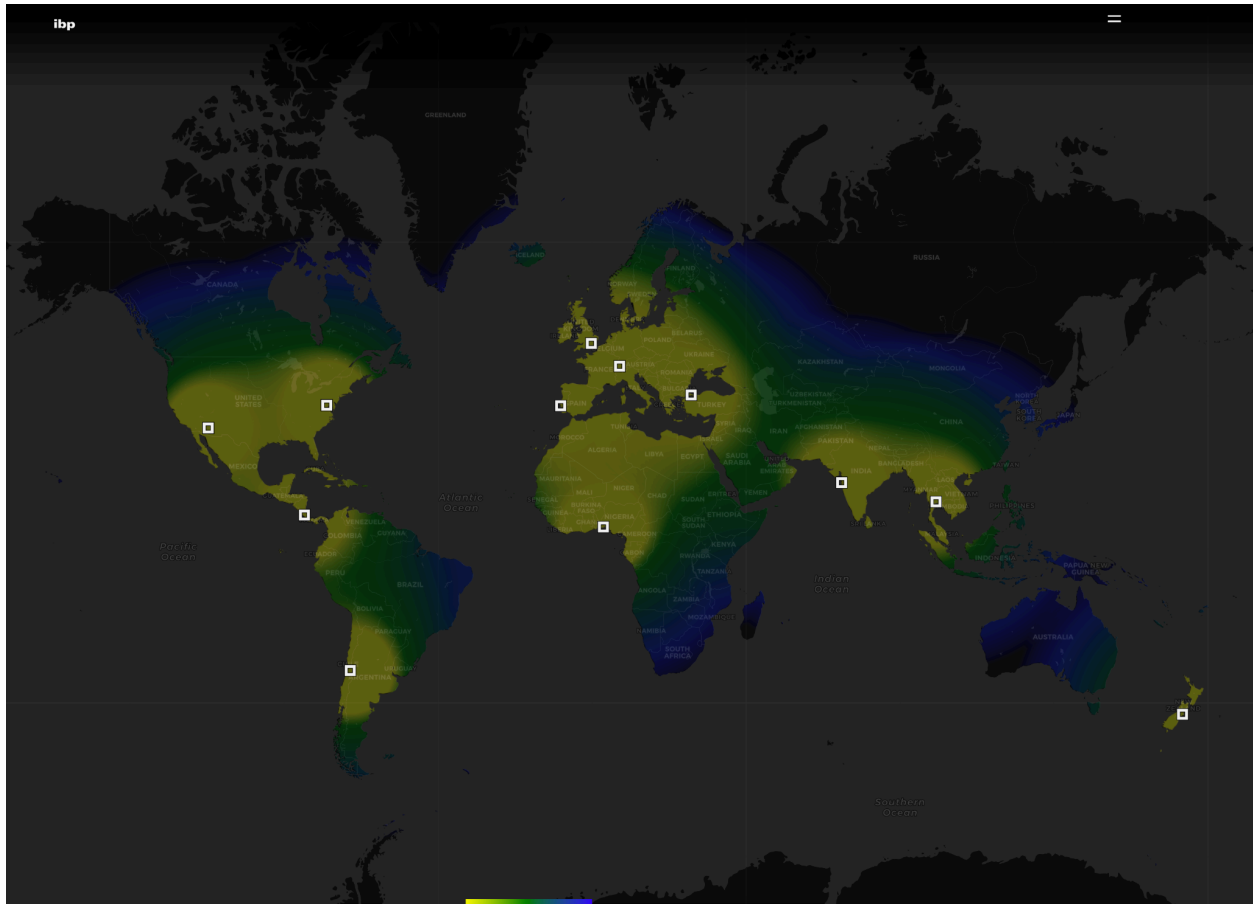
For March 2024 IBP served over 7.5 billion requests across all relaychains and system chains. In October 2024 IBP served over 14.4 billion requests across all the networks. In February 2025 IBP served over 14.8 billion requests across all the networks.



Half of the request or almost 8 billion requests are related to the Polkadot relay chain:

## Geolocation Diversity

The IBP focus is on its geolocation diversity, ensuring robust and reliable service across the globe. Below is a map image showcasing our current distribution:



This diverse distribution allows us to route requests to the closest active member, significantly reducing latency and improving performance. With the latest deployment in Chile, IBP significantly improved coverage in South America.

## Membership Status

Currently, we have reached our operational goal of 12 geo-distributed locations. As a result, we are not accepting new members at this time. However, we have received several pending applications. These applicants are on a waitlist pending further program expansion and the introduction of additional locations. If you are interested in contributing to the IBP, please submit your application through the following [IBP Application Form](#).

To follow up future IBP developments, please visit our repository at [GitHub - ChildBounties](#).

## Ecosystem Integration

The IBP has been successfully implemented by multiple ecosystem applications, including:

- Polkadot.js
- Talisman Wallet
- Nova Wallet
- Subsquare
- Polkasassembly
- Staking Dashboard

## Contributions from Hobbyist Members

The contributions of our hobbyist members further contribute to the IBP. These members will not be part of the Polkadot Bounty but will continue their valuable work within the Kusama Bounty by running a decentralized service monitor. Looking forward, hobbyist members are expected to support and learn by providing services to parachain teams on the Paseo test network.

It is important to note that it is not possible for members to participate in both the hobbyist and professional tracks simultaneously. All payments for hobbyist members will remain under the Kusama bounty, ensuring a clear and distinct separation from the professional track.

Our current hobbyist members running decentralized monitoring solutions include:

Member	Role/Service
Aperturemining	Hobbyist Monitor
Dozenodes	Hobbyist Monitor
STKD	Hobbyist Monitor
Mathcrypto	Hobbyist Monitor
Paradox	Hobbyist Monitor

## Service Updates

We are now supporting the following 34 networks:

Polkadot:

- asset-hub-polkadot
- bridge-hub-polkadot
- collectives-polkadot
- coretime-polkadot
- people-polkadot
- polkadot

Kusama:

- asset-hub-kusama
- bridge-hub-kusama
- coretime-kusama
- kusama
- people-kusama

Paseo testnet:

- asset-hub-paseo
- bridge-hub-paseo
- coretime-paseo
- people-paseo
- paseo

Westend testnet:

- asset-hub-westend
- bridge-hub-westend
- collectives-westend
- coretime-westend
- people-westend
- westend

Other Supported Networks:

- acala
- ajuna
- bifrost
- encounter



- hydration
- invarch
- kilt
- moonbeam
- mythos
- nexus-hyperbridge
- polimec
- unique

Sincerely,

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