

There appears to have been a breakdown in the RPGF proposal review process that I believe needs some transparency so as to ensure we better understand what went wrong and how it can be avoided in the future.

The proposal from NFTEarth was flagged with the following information in Review Round 2 and there was a unanimous vote from Badgeholder Reviewers to remove it:

- “This project is run by a serial scammer. [The Arbitrum on Gitcoin Grant Dispute #1: NFTEarth - Grants Discussions - Arbitrum](#) False information about being the only team building indexers. Used copy written material from musician “3lua” without permission for NFT drop. See: [L2DAO Investigation: Summary*](#)”

The NFTEarth Team was given an opportunity to appeal and provided the following:

- The report was filed under “False statements & deception, Deceiving badgeholders” I have been trolled/harassed while building on Optimism. The report starts by labeling me as a serial scammer. There is 0 substantiating evidence to support this other than just continual forum posts of this being the case - NFTEarth is live on Optimism right now - running at <https://nftearth.exchange>. There were no false statements made or any deception of Badgeholders. Specifically what was cited was false information about being the only team building indexers. This is not what was stated and appears they are just trying to cause confusion for badgeholders. Our team was and is still the only protocol to fork the Reservoir Indexer successfully, all other teams use their hosted version, which is a very different architecture. The other item cited was used copyrighted materials which again is baseless and not true, we made an actual cover song, no copyright infringement occurred.

In short, substantial evidence wrongdoing by the NFTEarth Team was introduced including links to copious amounts of documentation however the vote to remove was seemingly overridden on appeal on no additional evidence other than a denial.

Additionally, a simple search of the Arbitrum and Optimism forums yields a treasure trove of documentation detailing evidence of wrong doing by Weston and co:

- [Original Dumping of OP grant, Deception of Collective](#)
- [Grant Abuse, Deception, Washing Trading, Sibyl Attack](#)
- [Using Team Tokens to Dilute Supply, Drain LPs](#)
- [Creation and Rugging of NFT Collections, Sibyl Attack](#)
- [Unauthorized Private Sale of Team Tokens](#)
- [Arbitrum Investigation and Grant Ban of NFTE](#)
- [Physical Threats of Violence Against Arbitrum Members](#)
- [End of NFTE to Launch New Anon NFT Exchange that Has Gone Dark](#)

Voting results are private, tagging the folks who volunteered as reviewers to weigh in here:

- [@dmars300](#)
- [@ul Erdogan](#)
- [@maaria.eth](#)
- [@joanbp](#)
- [@wmitsuda](#)
- [@Fuji](#)
- [@Gonna.eth](#)
- [@OPUser](#)
- Ed (?)
- [@LauNaMu](#)

Questions:

- Given one of the single most extensive collections of evidence of wrongdoing we’ve seen on a single applicant, what was the rationale for overturning on appeal?
- Was there any communication with Weston, the NFTEarth Team, or those who submitted the reports outside of what

is outlined in the the appeal documents?

- Did [@OPUser](#) recuse himself from voting in this process given his past[connections to L2DAO](#)?
- Do the reviewers still believe this proposal should be considered as legitimate by Badgeholders or should they do their best to minimize the likelihood of an allocation?

Answers to these questions will help ensure that any immediate damage is mitigated and will help to understand what kind of safeguards can be put in place in the future.