

Hey everyone.

This is the first in a series of RFCs I plan to post in order to help crowdsource grant / RFP ideas and increase community involvement in the DGP! The goal of this exercise is to try to identify any pain points in key areas of the protocol's growth by soliciting feedback and ideas from as wide of a range of perspectives as possible, with the hope of producing some actionable ideas we can use to proactively source grantees or create RFPs.

dYdX Governance

Governance on dYdX is at an interesting inflection point. The launch of the v4 chain brings with it the opportunity to carry the best parts of the existing governance mechanism into a more decentralized and community driven arena.

At the same time, there are some improvements that could be made. Governance (as we often see in huge protocols on the scale of dYdX) suffers from relatively low participation, as well as information asymmetry between the average dYdX user and highly sophisticated institutions or DAO contributors.

This post is aimed at sparking a discussion on potential grants (or grantees) that could be deployed to improve governance on dYdX. Some potential topics could include (but are not limited to):

- Delegated governance (endorsed delegates, interplay between them and validators on the v4 chain, etc)
- Governance decentralization (delegation programs, mechanics aimed at reducing vote concentration)
- Governance standards
- Governance / Proposal education content or tooling
- DAO contributor onboarding and incentives
- Governance as a community-building tool
- Bridging the gap between dYdX's trader audience and governance participants
- v4 governance vs v3 governance (what goes up for voting on each? Discussions / research around fully transitioning governance to v4)

I encourage everyone to not only share their ideas, but to give feedback on the ideas of others as well! My hope with this series is to encourage a robust conversation between members of the dYdX community. Please feel free to also give feedback on this RFC (do you find it valuable, etc?)