This proposal is designed to incentivize a few teams to independently maintain a robust API for public use for the Secret Community. Each of these teams has proven an ability to deploy, respond to issues, and maintain APIs for the network. Each team will be compensated $ 150 monthly per Secret Node they offer in their cluster with a cap on incentives at 16 nodes per team.

Last Quarter, the API teams helped mitigations API outages by prompt intervention, notably the outages from the v1.6 upgrade in november 2022 and the outage in march 2023 with the v1.7 upgrade.

For the next quarter Taariq (Quiet Monkey Mind) joins the API team, taking the existing chain of secrets slot.

# Teams

Currently for teams we have Secret Saturn (16), Trivium (16), Secret LLC (16), Consensus One (16), and Quiet Monkey Mind (10).

Teams in this proposal are only paid monthly for the nodes they can actually provide. In case a node provider is unable have a node up and running, no payment is made and the left over amount will be rolled over.

# Decentralized API

An DNS based load balancer is deployed that connects all the load balancers from each team.

# Reporting

Reporting available at: [Server Statistics](#) . Since the collected logs exceeds several GB per day, we opted to only provide a partial report.

# Node Counts & Total Costs

With 5 teams this proposal will cost (74 nodes x 150$ x 3 months) 33.300$ and provide 74 total API nodes to the community.

These numbers are not including the 10% volatility buffer, but the final ask will include it.