Summary:

A proposal to decrease stablecoin Interest Rate parameters across all Aave deployments.

Motivation

Following the anticipated decrease in DSR — from 10% to 8% — we believe it is prudent to update Aave stablecoin interest rates to best align with the broader market. Previously, we <u>recommended</u> reducing rates concurrent with the last DSR decrease from 13% to 10% in April.

The new parameters went into effect on May 6, 2024, and thus far have helped improve rate stability and utilization rates. As part of our ongoing monitoring of broader markets, we note that MakerDAO is in the process of reducing the DAI Savings Rate, which could impact stablecoin rates throughout DeFi.

Following our methodology laid out in previous <u>recommendations</u>, we recommend closely aligning Slope1 with the DSR to reduce the opportunity of rate arbitrage and ensure that Aave remains competitive. As a result, we propose decreasing Slope1 by an equivalent amount: from 9% to 7%.

Caveats:

FRAX

12%

No Change

Ethereum V2

- 1. We do not recommend an update to the following assets on lower-cap stablecoins on Ethereum V2, as they are currently being deprecated.
- 2. Similar to the previous proposals, we recommend bridged USDC.e on all deployments to have a 1% higher slope1 to motivate the borrowing of native USDC.

Specification Market Asset Current Slope1 Recommended Slope1 Ethereum V2 **USDC** 9% 7% Ethereum V2 **USDT** 9% 7% Ethereum V2 DAI 9% 7% Ethereum V2

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Next Steps

- 1. Following community feedback, submit an Aave Improvement Proposal (AIP) to implement the proposed updates.
- 2. We believe this adjustment will align the protocol's rates more closely with current market conditions and borrower behavior. Based on the outcomes, potential future steps include:
- 3. Further adjustment of Slope1:

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As always, our priority remains to monitor these developments closely and provide timely, data-driven recommendations to maintain Aave's competitive edge and market responsiveness.