

Special thanks to members of the [Feedback Commission](#) for discussion and review.

In 2025, Retro Funding will focus on data-driven impact measurement with a human-centered approach. These Missions have been chosen to focus the Collective on being able to accurately measure an important sub-set of contributions. We must first refine and perfect the ability to reward these contributions before expanding our capabilities to measure additional contributions. For more information on Retro Funding in 2025, and how it relates to our long-term commitment to Ether's Phoenix, check out the [Retro Funding 2025 blog post](#).

While not a Season 7 initiative, the Foundation plans to propose an OP Stack program, starting with a limited scope around supporting Ethereum Core Development, in Season 8.

Retro Funding Missions

The Collective is consolidating token allocations under a unified Mission Framework, aligning Retro Funding with other token allocation programs within Optimism. While Retro Funding continues to pursue the impact = profit vision, this alignment of the entire Collective around a common Mission framework will ensure cohesive operations across all token allocation programs.

What is an Evaluation Algorithm?

An Evaluation Algorithm defines the measurement of output and outcomes of a Mission. This can involve both human qualitative assessment and data-driven quantitative measurements. Rewards are allocated by running the evaluation algorithm at one or multiple measurement dates. The Evaluation algorithm used in Retro Funding Missions will evolve throughout the Retro Funding program based on the feedback by selected Citizens.

Retro Funding: Onchain Builders

Retro Funding: Onchain Builders rewards projects that drive cross-chain asset transfers, enabled through interop, by growing the Superchain across eligible OP Chains.

1. Expected impact on the Intent

: Drive cross chain asset transfers by growing the Superchain economy and growing the adoption of interop among onchain builders

1. Total budget

: up to 8M OP from the Retro Fund

1. Eligibility

: Projects are eligible who have deployed their own contracts on supported OP Chains. To claim a contract, the deployer address of the contracts needs to sign a message in the Retro Funding sign up. Contracts deployed by factories are attributed to the factory deployer. Detailed eligibility criteria will be published by the Foundation near the start of the program.

1. Evaluation Algorithm

: The first iteration of the evaluation algorithm will be selected by Citizens before the start of the mission. Impact will be rewarded within the following topics: 1. Growth in Superchain adoption

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2. Interoperability support and adoption
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6. Measurement Date

: Monthly, starting in February. Rewards will be delivered on a monthly basis.

Additional details about Citizen involvement and voting details related to the above Mission will be published at a later date. See context on how we these Mission were determined [here](#).

Retro Funding: Dev Tooling

Retro Funding: Dev Tooling rewards [toolchain](#) software, such as compilers, libraries and debuggers, that support builders in developing onchain applications on the Superchain. The Dev Tooling round originally planned as “Retro Funding 7: Dev Tooling” in 2024, will be folded into the ongoing rewards for Dev Tooling throughout 2025.

1. Expected impact on the Intent

: Support onchain builders in developing interop-compatible applications

1. Total budget

: up to 8M OP from the Retro Fund

1. Eligibility

: Eligible projects include those that have created an open source repository and/or package. Verification requires linking the package’s GitHub repository to the Retro Funding signup. Packages published on npm or crates will be attributed to the GitHub repository listed in the package manifest. Projects which are not eligible include applications and network services (any APIs, hosting platforms, monitoring, etc.). Detailed eligibility requirements will be provided by the Foundation prior to program launch.

1. Evaluation Algorithm

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- Importance of the tool in onchain application development
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