

Grants Council Lead:

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Season:

Season 5

Intent #1:

Progress Towards Technical Decentralization

Proposed Budget:

1.33M OP (+0.33M Season 4 Budget)**

Please provide reasoning:

This Intent includes crucial components of the Optimism community's goals to optimize for security and decentralization. This Intent is expected to encompass some of the features of the Season 4 Request for Grant (RFG) program (e.g., Audit and security programs), which accounts for the proposed increase relative to Season 4. See [RFG Roundup](#) (including also code audit and RPC finalists from Season 4).

The inclusion of an Unallocated Budget and Repurposing provision enable any course correction should this budget underestimate need.

Up to 1M may be reserved and used for code audit or similar code security programs (e.g., AI smart contract review, fault detection & security monitoring), but may be otherwise generally used for the Intent. The delegates making proposals under this Intent shall be in charge of specifying whether the proposal should be considered under the Audit and Security category or under the general Intent 1 budget.

The budget is drafted on the assumption that much of Intent 1 (e.g., Council) will be subsidized by Foundation allocations, independent of this budget.

Intent #2:

Grow the Superchain

Proposed Budget:

4M OP (-1M Season 4 Budget)*

Please provide reasoning:

This Intent is similar to Intent 2 from Season 4, with a more expansive focus (the Superchain). While the focus is broader, it is difficult to assess what fraction will be Builders or Experiments grants. The initial allocation to this Intent is 1M lower than the initial allocation in Season 4, which is due primarily to 1M being reserved in the Unallocated Budget (below) and the fact that the RFG program (2M in Season 4) will not be specific to this Intent in Season 5, as it was in Season 4 (see more at * below).

Up to 0.5M OP may be used for RPC subsidization, but may otherwise be used for other purposes if not used for RPC subsidization.

*Season 4 began with an Intent 2 budget of 5M (2M Experiments, 1M Builders, 2M RFG). Based on demand, the remainder of Season 4's unallocated Intent budget (~2.5M) was repurposed pursuant to Collective vote mid-Season to Experiments and Builders grants within Intent 2 (see [here](#)). The total Season 4 allocation was therefore closer to 5.5M for Experiments and Builders grants and 2M for RFGs. As this budget (a) includes an Unallocated Budget portion and (b) a clause for Repurposing and (c) the RFG program is distributed amongst the intents for Season 5, the initial budget proposal is not higher.

Intent #3:

Improve the Consumer Experience

Proposed Budget:

1.33M OP (+0.33M Season 4 Budget)**

Please provide reasoning:

This Intent is an important step to making Optimism a long-term home for Web3 participants. The proposed budget increase represents a recognition that the community came together to design the Intent, which encapsulates the philosophy of

demand-based granting (undergirding the RFG process in Season 4). As the Intent is currently experimental and the Season 4 utilization for Intent 3 was fairly low, a larger increase was considered premature. The inclusion of an Unallocated Budget and Repurposing provision enable any course correction should this budget underestimate need.

Intent #4:

Improve Governance Accessibility

Proposed Budget:

1.33M OP (-1.66M Season 4 Budget)**

Please provide reasoning:

This Intent represents a needed feature of the Optimism Collective—broad and diverse governance. The budget for this Intent is reduced based on low utilization in Season 4 (e.g., ~1.4M was unused for Intent 4). The inclusion of an Unallocated Budget and Repurposing provision enable any course correction should this budget underestimate need.

Unallocated Budget (1M OP):

It is not possible to predict with accuracy which Intents will receive the highest quality proposals or the greatest demand. Should this proposal pass, 1M OP will be reserved for general allocation to any of the Intents.

Repurposing:

The Council may propose to repurpose the allocation of the budget dedicated one or more Intents during Season 5, provided the community is given two weeks to consider the proposal and one week to vote on the proposal. The proposal process will adhere to the reflection period proposal type outlined in the Operating Manual.

Total Intents Budget: up to 9M OP (-1M Season 4)

**Note that it is difficult to compare Season 4 and Season 5 directly, as the number and structure of Cycles differ. The Foundation may be of assistance in articulating the difference, either through guides on this Forum or in any clarifying comments below.