As of yesterday we had a maximum request of 124,442,102 ARB in total but the cap is 50M (https://x.com/PSYTWEAK/status/1707337387280326957?s=20), not all of that needs to be approved but if the large players pass it will leave very little for the rest of the community to share.

Instead of rationing out ARB like baked beans in a food shortage, would it not make more sense to have the largest players side step STIP and go straight into asking the DAO for a grant? Leaving the 50M for the other 90 or so teams to play with?

doesn't make much sense to me to have the community favourites and best performing teams competing with small up and coming projects for the same pot of cash. It's going to lead to a least half of the teams getting declined this round and it pressures big teams to ask for less than they need to execute their plans, does that encourage a welcoming ecosystem?