A. Name of project and Project URL on Ideascale/Fund

Community CIP Editor: 1 year budget
- https://cardano.ideascale.com/c/idea/64760
- https://projectcatalyst.io/funds/9/f9-the-great-migration-from-ethereum/community-cip-editor-1-year-budget

B. Name of project manager

Robert Phair, CIP Editor - https://github.com/rphair

C. Date project started

01 October (Q4) 2022

D. Date project completed

30 September (Q3) 2023

E. List of challenge KPIs and how the project addressed them

⇨ *Projects who were either planning to or did launch on an EVM-based blockchain deploy in the Cardano ecosystem and can do so easily.*

The CIP (Cardano Improvement Proposal) process maintains Cardano's legitimacy relative to Bitcoin and Ethereum which each have a longer duration of community evolved standards. At the time of this writing, Cardano has 56 new CIPs or updates in progress (46 that I am personally involved in): all with potential improvements to Cardano and its interrelated standards.

F. List of project KPIs and how the project addressed them

⇨ *Online metrics of direct CIP editor participation*

Though it should always be stated in such assessments that individual CIP Editor activity is non-competitive, and often subject to other work-related factors, the effect of Catalyst funding in support of the CIP process after this year of my own contribution is measurably huge.

CIP Pull Requests (past and current) contributed to by each editor (including past editors) as of 2023-10-01 20:30 EST (clickable search links):

- 395 (involves:KtorZ)
- **331 (involves:rphair)**
- 285 (involves:sebastiengllmt)
- 198 (involves:crptmppt)
- 114 (involves:Ryun1)
- 40 (involves:Crypto2099)

These statistics demonstrate that Catalyst funding (through my project activities) can sustain a level of contribution and performance which had previously only been achieved through salaried positions at IOG, the Cardano Foundation or Emurgo / dcSpark.

Likewise, after this year of funded activity, I can now be seen as the #2 all time contributor to the CIPs repository itself: https://github.com/cardano-foundation/CIPs/graphs/contributors

⇨ *Manual reporting for Catalyst: to be also released on GitHub*

For many specific links to contributions, achievements, and community interactions over the past year, please see highlights at the beginning of each of this year's monthly reports (`2022-10-24.md` through `2023-09-15.md`):

- https://github.com/rphair/cip-editing

G. Key achievements (in particular around collaboration and engagement)

In Q2 2021, after the original CIP editing team recognised that I had been attending CIP Editors' meetings regularly as an observer, the meeting convenor at the time (Frederic Johnson from the Cardano Foundation, effectively the founder of the CIP process) said to me, "It would be nice if we could get Catalyst funding to support CIP editors from the community."

At the time, all other CIP editors were employees of IOG, the Cardano Foundation, or Emurgo. I decided to follow the invitation and persist with regular CIP meetings: mostly out of curiosity about whether the group would be opened up in this way, but also because I hoped for a way to legitimise and sustain the contributions I felt compelled to make.

After a couple more months I was officially designated as a "community editor" with write permission to Cardano's GitHub CIP repository. About a year later, I competed successfully for this project's funding: the first step to achieving that original, highly uncertain goal of community funding & representation for the CIP process.

Finally now we are seeing the fulfilment of that potential: Cardano's body of standards is being effectively and sustainably funded by the Cardano Treasury: with both documentation and visibility through my own activity on GitHub and regular Catalyst reports.

As seen in the GitHub KPI lists above, my CIP responsibility through Catalyst has made possible a robust distribution of labour through the Editors' group, so that the CIP process remains dependable and continuously available.

H. Key learnings

At the end of this year, in preparation for the renewal of my annual funding (Fund 10: Community CIP Editor: 1 year budget (continued)), I produced a comprehensive CIP tutorial which also covers all subjects addressed in this (Fund 9) original project proposal (articles on Medium):

1. Cardano Improvement Proposals (CIPs) — Introduction from an Insider
2. Cardano Improvement Proposals (CIPs) — Benefits & Goals
3. Cardano Improvement Proposals (CIPs) — Challenges: Past, Present & Future

Catalyst and community reviewers should please first read these reports, because they constitute my *real* project reporting for the year: including many links to real-life CIP case studies and engagements with the developer & general Cardano community.

These reviews also follow up my projections for *an originally unknown year of work ahead* (since CIP Editing, unlike most other Catalyst projects, cannot have a development plan) with the real-life examples of how I & my associates actually spent our time and effort.

For an <u>8-hour time budget per week</u> over this year of Fund 9, my sustained activity in this process has been an <u>unprecedented value</u> for both Cardano and the primary companies (IOG and the CF) who have also provided active members to the CIP Editing team.

I. Next steps for the product or service developed

Already documented in Fund 10 proposal ([Community CIP Editor: 1 year budget (continued)](#)), approved for funding & execution in next 4 quarters Q4 2023 through Q3 2024: stay tuned!

J. Final thoughts/comments

Already abundantly documented in Medium articles above (especially concluding article #3).

K. Links to other relevant project sources or documents. Please also include a link to your video here.

Submitted close-out video & transcript: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lyyj9eArhU