# **Turbin3 Final Project Proposal**

A crypto-native platform that enables content creators to launch their own identity-verified tokens, allowing fans to financially and socially invest in their growth.

We are empowering creators with alternative monetization tools that go beyond ad revenue or centralized platforms. Fans become stakeholders, not just supporters gaining access, perks, and potential upside as creators succeed.

Why do I want to create such a platform? because small content creators have a hard time getting funding compared to when you make it big. This also gives the users an initiative to support upcoming content creators as unlike platform like Koffee which just lets you directly donate, we are also giving the fans an opportunity to earn. The creators can give users an initiative by providing unique content to users carrying some amount of their token.

#### **Key Value Areas:**

#### 1. Alternative Monetization for Underserved Creators

Empower mid-tier and niche creators to raise capital without relying on platform gatekeepers.

#### 2. Fan Financial Participation (Ownership Culture)

Turn loyal fans into stakeholders with social tokens that represent access, status, and long-term creator alignment.

#### 3. Decentralized, Global Discovery & Backing

Use low-fee, permissionless Solana infrastructure to allow fans anywhere in the world to support and invest in creators directly.

After the pitch: what would drive a community member to hold the token

### **Target Markets**

#### 1. Mid-Tier & Emerging Content Creators

(1K-100K followers, YouTube/Twitch/X)

Underserved by traditional monetization, yet highly motivated and communitydriven.

#### 2. Niche Creator Communities

Musicians, educators, indie game developers, etc. — tightly-knit fanbases, poorly monetized.

#### 3. Fans in Emerging Markets

Crypto-active regions (LATAM, India, Africa) where traditional support models like Patreon are inaccessible.

#### 4. DAOs, Creator Guilds & Collectives

Communities that support creative talent and can adopt token-backed discovery and funding models.

### **Competitor Landscape**

### **Key Players:**

- **Friend.tech / BitClout / Pump.fun** Speculative social coins with no real-world identity verification or fan utility.
- Rally / Coinvise / FYOOZ General-purpose social token platforms with limited creator engagement tools.
- Royal / Sound.xyz / Audius Music-focused, niche, with complex royalty frameworks.
- **Guild.xyz / Unlock Protocol / Collab.Land** Great for token gating, but no token valuation or ownership mechanics.

#### **Overlooked Competitors:**

 Non-crypto platforms: Patreon, BuyMeACoffee, Ko-fi — offer trust and simplicity, but lack global reach and upside for fans.

### **Weaknesses of Existing Solutions:**

- No verified identity or anti-bot mechanisms (Sybil risk).
- Tokens often lack clear utility or alignment with creator growth.
- No structured financial upside for early supporters.
- Poor support for global fan onboarding and micro-investments.

#### **Our Differentiators:**

- Gitcoin Passport / zkMe integration for verifiable creator identity
- Fan perks + performance-aligned token mechanics
- Solana-native for low fees, fast onboarding, and global scalability
- A phased roadmap: start simple (token minting + sale), grow into staking, governance, and revenue sharing

#### Founder-Market Fit:

As someone deeply embedded in both the Web3 space and the creator economy, I've seen first-hand how talented creators with real communities still struggle to earn sustainably. As a user and x-youtuber myself who have seen multiple youtubers who fell short of the final push when they could have become what they dreamed of, and after experimenting with crypto-native tooling, I realized that existing platforms fail to align fan support with creator growth.

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### **What is a Token Bonding Model?**

A **token bonding curve** is a mechanism where:

- Token price increases as more tokens are minted or bought.
- Often implemented as a mathematical formula (e.g., linear, exponential).
- There's a **buy/sell curve**, and prices adjust automatically.

### Example: Pump.fun uses bonding curves.

- Each token starts at a base price (e.g. 0.0001 SOL).
- Every time someone buys, price goes up slightly.
- When someone sells, they get paid based on the curve.
  - ⚠ Bonding curve = automatic market maker for a token.

### Why it matters here:

The person is suggesting that your platform should have a **bonding curve model** rather than fixed prices or open float trading.

#### Why?

- It creates automatic price discovery.
- Rewards early supporters mathematically (not just socially).
- Deters whales and manipulation.
- Keeps things on-chain, decentralized, fair.

### So What Do You Need to Do?

You're on the right track — but here's how to **upgrade your model** in response:

Current Model (What you described)	Improved Model (What they're nudging toward)
Creator sets a price, fans buy	Creator launches token with a bonding curve
Price is fixed or floats on DEX	Price changes automatically as per curve

Current Model (What you described)	Improved Model (What they're nudging toward)
Creator & fans have anti-scam rules	Creator & fans have incentives built into tokenomics
Utility/perk system TBD	Combine perks + token bonding = value loop

## **Process Appendix**

### **Al Prompts:**

#### Prompt 1:

I have an idea and I want to start working on a project on Solana. I want your help in finalizing the details of my idea.

Here is the idea I want to work on. Feel free to criticize it in case you find any loop holes, or if the idea is simply not viable.

We know there are a lot of content creators popping up everyday on the internet. But not all content creators are able to maintain a minimum level of wealth while they continue to work hard on creating content for people to enjoy even if they believe their content is great and have a decent amount of dedicated viewers watching them because of it. Which made me come up with this idea, how about I give them a web3 platform to create something like a stock of themselves / their channels which people can choose to invest in using crypto around the world. And through that they will be able to raise money if their content creator do well and the content creator are also able to generate some wealth which they can use to focus mainly on their content creation journey.

#### Output 1:

This is a **very compelling idea**, and it touches on some key pain points in the creator economy. Let's break it down by assessing **feasibility**, **potential benefits**, **risks**, **and technical architecture (especially on Solana)**. I'll also suggest enhancements and offer critical points where needed.

#### **IDEA SUMMARY**

A decentralized platform where content creators can tokenize their identity/channel and fans can invest in them via "creator tokens" on Solana. The tokens can increase in value as the creator grows. Creators receive funding, and fans get upside by backing early.

### **V** PROS

- 1. **Democratizes patronage** Anyone in the world can back a creator early.
- 2. **Incentivizes loyal fans** Fans get rewarded financially for their belief in a creator.
- Enables creator funding Creators can raise funds without platforms or brand sponsorships.

4. Fully decentralized + transparent - Ideal use case for crypto and Solana's performance.

### **!** CRITICISMS & LOOPHOLES (with mitigation)

Concern	Details	How to Mitigate
Securities Laws	If you're selling creator tokens that have value based on future returns, this could be classified as a <b>security</b> .	Frame it more like Patreon with benefits or membership access tokens, not stocks. Avoid profitsharing promises. Consider utility tokens (access, voting, exclusive perks).
Token Value Speculation	If creator tokens are traded freely, this can lead to unrealistic pumps/dumps, hurting fans.	Restrict early liquidity. Build <b>vesting mechanics</b> , or restrict transfers for a set time. Add burn mechanisms based on engagement, not hype.
Creator Exit Risk	What if a creator takes the money and vanishes?	Build <b>vesting schedules</b> for the tokens they receive. Tie their rewards to activity on-platform. Introduce <b>reputation scores</b> .
Value Measurement	How do you measure a creator's "performance"?	Use a combination of <b>off-chain stats</b> (e.g. YouTube/Twitch API), plus <b>on-chain metrics</b> (engagement, tipping).
Sybil Attacks / Fake Creators	Anyone can create fake creators and farm engagement.	Require social verifications (YouTube, Twitter, Lens, etc.). Limit minting without identity. Possibly integrate with Solana identity or Gitcoin Passport.

### IDEA REFINEMENTS (optional)

• NFT Memberships Instead of Tokens

Each creator can mint an NFT collection (like "season passes"). These NFTs grant holders perks (e.g. early videos, Q&As, revenue share via DAO treasury, etc.).

Creator Performance Index (CPI)

A smart contract tracks creator stats and adjusts token minting/burning or DAO rewards based on verified growth.

#### Creator DAO

Each creator becomes a mini-DAO. Token holders can vote on decisions like collaborations, funding requests, or roadmap items.

#### SocialFi Layer

Inspired by projects like <u>Friend.tech</u> and <u>Stars Arena (Avalanche)</u>, let people buy/sell "shares" of social clout but done in a **more responsible and utility-driven** way.

### TECH STACK (Solana-specific)

Component	Tools
Smart Contracts	Anchor, or native Solana programs
Wallet & Auth	Phantom, SolanaPay
Token Program	Use <u>Token-2022 standard</u> to support metadata, minting rules, etc.
Off-chain Stats	Use <u>The Graph</u> (via subgraphs) or direct API fetchers (YouTube, Twitch, Spotify)
Frontend	React + Tailwind + Solana Wallet Adapter
Storage	Arweave / IPFS for metadata; Supabase for off-chain content
Optional DAO	Realms or Squads on Solana

### INSPIRATION / SIMILAR PROJECTS TO STUDY

- Rally.io Creator coins (shut down, but great lessons)
- BitClout (DeSo) Social investing (collapsed due to regulatory and tokenomics issues)
- Friend.tech Shows that there is real interest in "investing in people"
- Sound.xyz / Lens Protocol Web3 creator monetization platforms
- Superteam Earn Solana grants platform (good Solana design patterns)

### IS THE IDEA VIABLE?

#### Yes, but...

- It must be careful about legal framing (avoid promising profits).
- Requires strong identity verification for creators.
- Token mechanics need to be fan-focused, not just speculation.
- Can succeed especially in niche communities like indie musicians, podcasters, crypto educators, etc.

### NEXT STEPS FOR YOU

#### 1. Pick your MVP:

• E.g., a creator can mint a token, set perks for holders, and fans can tip or buy tokens.

#### 2. Choose Creator Stats to Integrate:

• Focus on YouTube or Twitch initially.

#### 3. Design Token Utility:

 E.g., token holders get behind-the-scenes content or vote on next video topics.

#### 4. Prototype on Solana Devnet:

Use Anchor to build core logic for token minting, funding, and gating.

#### 5. Pitch and Validate:

Reach out to creators and fans to test the idea. Maybe run a pilot with 2–3 creators.

Want help designing your MVP or writing your first smart contract? Happy to help you sketch that out next.

#### Prompt 2:

Based on my idea, help me outline the core value proposition and initial thoughts on product market fit. What are 2-3 key value areas?

#### Output 2:

### **Core Value Proposition**

"Empower content creators to monetize their brand by allowing fans to invest in their growth via crypto-backed tokens, turning loyal supporters into stakeholders."

At its heart, your platform solves a **monetization and alignment problem** in the creator economy by leveraging crypto for **global, trustless support** and **fan ownership**.

### 2-3 Key Value Areas

#### 1. Alternative Monetization for Underserved Creators

- **Problem**: Most monetization options (e.g. ads, sponsorships, Patreon) only work well when a creator is already big.
- **Solution**: Give **emerging creators** a way to raise funds directly from fans and focus full-time on their work.
- **Crypto Advantage**: It's borderless, permissionless, and available even if they don't meet platform-specific criteria (e.g., YouTube's 1,000 subs rule).
- **PMF Signal**: Early/mid-tier creators actively look for ways to escape platform dependency and get stable income.

### 2. Fan Financial Participation (Ownership Culture)

- **Problem:** Fans support creators emotionally, but there's **no upside** beyond emotional satisfaction or basic perks.
- **Solution**: Let fans **buy into a creator's journey**—literally—via "creator tokens." If the creator grows, the fan benefits too.
- Crypto Advantage: Token markets enable transparent, liquid backing of people/ideas.
- **PMF Signal**: Proven by success of Friend.tech, BitClout, etc. there is demand to **speculate on social capital**, but your model adds **long-term alignment** rather than just trading hype.

#### 3. Decentralized, Global Discovery & Backing

- **Problem**: Many creators are platform-locked or can't reach/support international fans due to fiat barriers.
- **Solution**: Use crypto rails to let **anyone**, **anywhere** support any creator directly.
- **Crypto Advantage**: Solana's low fees and high speed make microtransactions and fan engagement scalable.
- **PMF Signal**: Many fans (especially in LATAM, SEA, Africa) are crypto-native but unable to support creators due to fiat limitations.

# **Early Product-Market Fit Indicators**

You're most likely to find PMF among:

- **Emerging creators** (1K–50K subs/followers) who feel undervalued by platform algorithms.
- Crypto-native audiences who enjoy backing early-stage talent (like NFT collectors, DeFi users).
- **Niche fandom communities** (music, gaming, web3 education) where fans already feel deep ownership.

If you **build the first version around a few such creators**, focus on their experience, and show clear alignment of incentives between creators and fans, you're well-positioned to hit early PMF.

#### Prompt 3:

For this value proposition

- 1. Alternative Monetization for Underserved Creators
- 2. Fan Financial Participation (Ownership Culture)
- 3. Decentralized, Global Discovery & Backing

suggest 2-5 key target demographics or market segments

#### Output 3:

Great — given your value propositions, here's a breakdown of **2–5 highly relevant** target demographics / market segments, prioritized by early adopter potential, crypto savviness, and pain point alignment.

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#### Why?

They're big enough to have a loyal following, but **too small** to earn a living through ads or sponsorships.

**Common platforms**: YouTube, Twitch, TikTok, X (Twitter), Instagram

#### Pain points:

- Inconsistent or low ad revenue
- Lack of platform support
- Not yet big enough for brand deals

Why they'll care: Your platform gives them capital + community ownership without needing to "make it big" first.

### of 2. Crypto-native Audiences & Degens

#### Why?

They're already comfortable with wallets, investing, and tokenomics. They're early adopters of SocialFi, NFT projects, and speculative creator tools.

**Common hangouts:** Farcaster, Discords, X (crypto side), Solana Twitter, degen communities

#### Pain points:

- Lack of real innovation in SocialFi (tired of Ponzi games)
- Want more meaningful speculation (vs meme coins)
- Want access to emerging creator talent

Why they'll care: They get a novel asset class — tokenized creator clout, tied to real-world growth.

# § 3. Niche Creator Communities (e.g., Musicians, Educators, Indie Game Devs)

#### Why?

They often have **devoted micro-communities** and struggle with monetization outside platforms like Bandcamp, Substack, etc.

#### **Common examples:**

- Independent musicians on SoundCloud
- Indie game devs on Itch.io
- YouTube educators / language teachers
- Writers & poets using Substack

#### Pain points:

- Can't monetize well without ads/sponsors
- Rely on fragmented tools (Ko-fi, Patreon, etc.)

Why they'll care: Your platform is a unified, crypto-native alternative that offers community-funded growth.



### **6** 4. Global Fans in Emerging Markets

#### Why?

They follow creators online but are excluded from traditional support tools due to fiat/payment gatekeeping.

Regions: India, LATAM, Africa, SEA

#### Pain points:

- Can't pay in USD (Patreon, etc.)
- Frustrated by platform censorship or access restrictions

Why they'll care: With Solana's low fees, they can support creators globally using crypto with as little as \$1.

### 6 5. DAOs, Web3 Collectives, and Web3 Creator **Guilds**

### Why?

These are groups that already **fund creators**, **developers**, **or educators**. You can offer them tooling for creator staking or backing.

**Examples:** Superteam (Solana), Developer DAOs, Creator DAOs

#### Pain points:

- No structured way to invest in individual creators
- Lack of liquid social assets tied to contributor value

Why they'll care: You offer a platform to bootstrap creator economies within DAOs.



### Prioritize these for MVP launch:

- 1. **Mid-tier creators** + their fans → for sticky usage
- 2. **Crypto-native fans** → for liquidity and experimentation
- 3. Niche content verticals → for deeper community building

Would you like help mapping these to user personas (with goals, pain points, quotes, etc.) or planning go-to-market strategies for each segment?

#### Prompt 4:

Identify key competitors for a project with this value prop targeting these markets Mid-Tier & Emerging Content Creators

Niche Creator Communities (e.g., Musicians, Educators, Indie Game Devs)
Global Fans in Emerging Markets

DAOs, Web3 Collectives, and Web3 Creator Guilds

What are potential weaknesses in their offerings?

#### Output 4:

Here are key competitors across your target segments, along with strengths and weaknesses in their offerings:

#### 1. Social Token Platforms

### Rally, Coinvise, TryRoll, FYOOZ

• **Strengths**: Easy token issuance, integrated wallets, initial creator and cryptonative traction (ALTWOW BLOGGER).

#### • Weaknesses:

- General-purpose: Not tailored to creators' niches (e.g., musicians, educators).
- Lack performance-based incentives—mostly speculative and fiat rewards.
- Minimal identity verification: risk of token dilution or impersonation.

### 2. Decentralized Social Networks Creator-Coins

### **BitClout / DeSo, Diamond App**

• **Strengths**: On-chain social, creator coin trading built-in with visible valuations (The New Yorker).

#### Weaknesses:

- High volatility; altcoin-style speculation eclipses long-term fan engagement .
- Poor onboarding experience: wallet setup, KYC concerns.
- Weak creator onboarding; many "reserved" or fake profiles (<u>The New Yorker</u>).

### 3. Music Rights Platforms

#### Royal, Audius, Sound.xyz, anotherblock

 Strengths: Focused on music; allow fans to invest in royalties or NFTs (Wikipedia).

#### · Weaknesses:

- Music-only focus—limits cross-vertical reach.
- Complex legal/royalty setups.
- Often high minimum investments; less accessible for fans in emerging markets.

### 4. Creator Membership / NFT Gating

### Guild.xyz, Unlock Protocol, Bonfire, Collab.Land

• **Strengths**: Smooth token-gated community access; simple interface (<u>Blockchain App Factory</u>, <u>Mirror</u>).

#### • Weaknesses:

- Primarily utility-based NFTs, without financial upside for fans.
- Lacks integrated token-economy for creator growth tracking.
- No secondary marketplace or transparent trading.

### **5. Global Fan Tokens for Sports**

### Socios.com/Chiliz

• **Strengths**: Proven fan token model at scale with major sports clubs (Wikipedia).

#### Weaknesses:

- Designed exclusively for sports; not content creators.
- Centralized minting and price control.
- Primarily utility (voting) without growth-based appreciation for fans.

### Summary of Gaps & Opportunities

Gap	Your Opportunity
Niche-Specific Utility + Financial Upside	Build creator tokens tied to growth metrics (subs, engagement) and perks (inside access).
Global Fan Accessibility	Focus on low-cost Solana micro-investments, ideal for emerging markets.
Identity Verification & Anti- scam Tools	Use social verification or Gitcoin Passport to ensure authenticity.
Hybrid Token Model	Combine NFT/gated access with tokenized appreciation—unlike existing "either/or" platforms.

These gaps highlight where your platform can stand out: offer a **creator-focused**, **performance-aligned token model** with **global accessibility**, **strong identity**, and **hybrid utility-plus-staking model**.

Would you like to dive deeper into one competitor's tokenomics, or craft differentiation strategies?

#### Prompt 5:

Critique my project's value proposition, target market, and competitive analysis value proposition

Alternative Monetization for Underserved Creators

Fan Financial Participation (Ownership Culture) Decentralized, Global Discovery & Backing

target market

Emerging creators

Crypto-native audiences

Niche fandom communities (music, gaming, web3 education)

Why might this not be a true blue ocean? What types of competitors might have been overlooked?

#### Output 5:

Your positioning is strong—but it isn't a blue ocean. Here's why, including overlooked competitors and pitfalls:



### Why It's Not a True Blue Ocean

#### 1. SocialFi & Creator Coin Platforms Already Exist

Platforms like Pump.Fun, Boop.fun, Believe App, Friend.tech, BitClout/DeSo, and Clanker already enable creator-driven tokenomics, especially on Solana/DeSo (Reddit, WIRED).

- Weaknesses: Many focus on meme-coin speculation with high volatility and lack utility.
- **Opportunity**: You can differentiate by adding token utility tied to actual creator performance and fan engagement.

#### 2. Web3 Creator & Fan Engagement Platforms

Music-centric startups like **Sesh** use mobile-wallet "fan cards" and analytics to deepen creator-fan connections (Web3 Marketing Agency, Business Insider). On Solana, tools like **Sollinked**, **Solarplex**, **Only1**, **Primitives**, and **Glass** (video NFTs) target creator monetization (Solana Compass).

• Weaknesses: Many are limited to NFTs or fan access; they rarely include performance-tied financial upside or global micro-investment mechanics.

 Opportunity: Integrate both NFT gating and token appreciation within one platform.

#### 3. Decentralized Social Media / Web3 Identity Platforms

Projects such as **Mirror**, **Lens Protocol**, **Zora**, **Audius**, **Theta**, and **Bluesky/Minds** offer decentralized publishing and tokenization (<u>Medium</u>, <u>Web3 Marketing</u> <u>Agency</u>).

- **Weaknesses**: Mostly anchor on content ownership or token gating, not full financial participation tied to growth.
- **Opportunity**: Fuse user-owned social identity and transparent rewarding with fan-backed token valuations.

### **Additional Overlooked Competitors**

### **Music/Entertainment Fan-Token Models**

Platforms like **Socios.com / Chiliz** offer fan tokens for sports teams and entertainers (<u>blog.matcha.xyz</u>, <u>Wikipedia</u>).

- **Weakness**: Centralized control, limited to utility (voting), not creator growth appreciation.
- **Opportunity**: Enable decentralized, creator-defined token structures with performance-linked upside.

### Game Dev & Niche Creator Platforms

Emerging platforms like **SoMaker** facilitate indie game creators to deploy and monetize on Solana via NFTs and passes (Medium).

- **Weakness**: Focused narrowly on game development, not broader content verticals or fan-backed financing.
- **Opportunity**: Expand beyond single verticals with multi-format creator support.

#### **Creator-Focused DAOs & Crowdfunding Tools**

Tools like **LikeStarter** explore social DAOs for funding creators/projects (arxiv.org).

- Weakness: Traditional DAO mechanics lack dynamic, tokenized, exchangeable creator equity.
- **Opportunity**: Combine DAO-style pooling with liquid social tokens tied to individual creator metrics.

### **Strategic Takeaways**

- Stand Out: Unlike current offerings, deliver a performance-aligned token model where fans truly "own" part of a creator's growth—not just VIP access or speculative coins.
- Tech Gaps to Address:
  - Token utility for fans (voting, content access, revenue share).
  - Measurable, verifiable creator growth metrics.
  - Global micro-investment, affordable in emerging markets.
- Non-Crypto Competition: Don't forget platforms like Patreon, OnlyFans, Buy Me a Coffee, Pearpop, Sesh, Guild.xyz—these have strong footholds with creators and non-crypto fans (Web3 Marketing Agency, Wikipedia, Alchemy, Wikipedia). Their weakness? No token upside.

#### **Final Verdict**

The space is crowded—but ripe for differentiation. If you **combine verified identity, performance-tokenomics, cross-vertical utility, and global micro-investment**, you can carve out a distinctive position in this evolving landscape.

Need help deep-diving into any individual competitor or dissecting their tokenomics models?

#### Prompt 6:

Critique my founder market fit

As a builder deeply embedded in both the Web3 space and the creator economy,

I've witnessed first-hand how traditional monetization platforms fail the long tail of creators—those with passionate, loyal fanbases but without access to sustainable income or global reach.

I understand the nuances of crypto tooling, token mechanics, and on-chain identity, and I'm leveraging that knowledge to design a platform that bridges the gap between creator funding and fan ownership—not through speculative hype, but through transparent, performance-aligned creator tokens.

My background in working with technical infrastructure (like Solana, smart contracts, Web3 wallets) and my understanding of creator workflows (YouTube APIs, social integrations, identity tooling like Gitcoin Passport) uniquely position me to build a platform that's both crypto-native and creator-friendly.

This isn't just a project I want to build—it's a problem I personally understand, and one I know how to solve by building lean, iteratively, and with trust and utility at the core.

What makes it potentially weak? How could I strengthen my positioning?

#### Output 6:

Your founder-market fit statement is **strong and credible**, especially in how it:

- Connects your **technical expertise** (Solana, smart contracts, wallets)
- Shows empathy for creators
- Mentions identity tooling, which few founders highlight
- Emphasizes building with utility over hype

That said, here's a detailed critique of **potential weaknesses** and **how to improve** your positioning:

#### **Potential Weaknesses**

#### 1. Lacks Personal or Emotional Authenticity

You're making solid claims, but there's **no personal anchor** or signal of lived experience. Investors or partners want to hear:

"Why you, not just anyone with skills?"

**Fix:** Add a one-liner about how you personally encountered this problem:

"As someone who worked closely with early-stage creators trying to monetize on YouTube while bootstrapping their own side income, I saw them struggle..."

### 2. No Mention of Traction, Experiments, or Past Wins

You're positioning as "I understand this space," but haven't shown **how** yet. A few phrases like "I've built X" or "I've run Y pilot" would increase credibility.

#### Fix:

- "I've already built creator tooling in Solana hackathons / demoed token launch flows for early creators..."
- "I tested early token drop mechanics with a small creator cohort to validate assumptions."

#### 3. Missing Domain-Adjacent Edge

You're technical and Web3-native. But do you have any **insider angle in the creator economy**? Investors want a founder with unfair insight.

**Fix** (choose if true):

- "I've worked with indie musicians on Patreon, helping them scale..."
- "I moderate a Discord with 10K+ small YouTubers and indie creators..."
- "I previously built small fan support tools before crypto, which gives me insight into what creators care about."

#### 4. Lacks a Market Bet or Unique POV

You mention what you're building and why, but **don't articulate a sharp insight** that other founders missed.

Fix: Add a sentence like:

"Unlike past creator coin projects, I believe the key is aligning token value with performance signals—not social speculation."

Or:

"Most creator token models fail by ignoring fan utility and creator identity verification. I'm fixing both."

### **Suggested Revised Version**

Here's a stronger version based on the feedback:

As someone deeply embedded in both the Web3 space and the creator economy, I've seen first-hand how talented creators with real communities still struggle to earn sustainably. While mentoring indie YouTubers and experimenting with cryptonative tooling, I realized that existing platforms fail to align fan support with creator growth.

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iteratively—with trust, simplicity, and long-term creator value at its core.

Let me know your actual background, and I can make this even tighter and more tailored.

#### **Action taken:**

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#### **Research Notes:**

Though the idea is sound, but there are potential downfalls which needs to be tackled early on.

Here are some potential issues we should focus on targeting first :

- Rug pull by creator: Creator can dump their tokens after raising money and abandon their fans.
- Fan impersonating a creator: We need to ask the creator to provide us with a proof so that not just anyone can create a impersonating token.

### **How to Enforce Fair Trading**

#### 1. Token Vesting for Creators

**Fixes**: Prevents rug pulls by locking creator tokens for a defined period (e.g., 6–12 months).

#### **How to implement:**

- When creator mints token, platform assigns 30–50% of supply to their wallet, but wraps it in a **vesting smart contract**.
- Use Solana's token vesting primitives or write a custom vesting contract.
- Linear or milestone-based vesting (e.g., every 3 months or based on engagement metrics).

#### 2. Minting Restrictions + Social Verification

**Fixes**: Stops impersonation or fake creators from launching tokens.

#### **How to implement:**

- Require users to connect social accounts (YouTube, X, etc.)
- Integrate **Gitcoin Passport** or similar DID tooling to check Sybil resistance.
- Optionally use a verification checklist (e.g., 3+ social stamps or community upvotes).

#### 3. Anti-Manipulation Trading Rules

**Fixes**: Prevents token price pumps/dumps and whales from dominating supply.

#### **How to implement:**

- Use bonding curve mechanics (like <u>pump.fun</u>) where each buy raises price slightly—deters bots.
- Set **per-wallet buy caps** for first X hours after token launch.
- Optional: integrate **quadratic voting or staking** for governance features.

### Final Architecture Summary

Layer	Tool / Mechanism
<b>Identity &amp; Sybil Protection</b>	Gitcoin Passport, Twitter/YouTube Auth
<b>Token Creation</b>	SPL token factory with custom parameters
Trading Mechanism	Bonding curve with per-wallet limits
<b>Fund Protection</b>	Escrow vaults + milestone releases
<b>Anti-Rug Protection</b>	Creator token vesting smart contract