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# Block Producer Additional Grant Guidelines

## Introduction:

In response to the financial needs of Block Producers, the Proton Blockchain has introduced an additional grant program to assist Block Producers (BPs) with server and data center costs. This document outlines the eligibility criteria, required documentation, and guidelines for the approval of these grants. This additional grant consists of up to 4 million XPR or 50% of your data center costs for three months (whichever is less), disbursed to eligible BPs to aid with their operational costs.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- 1.1. The BP must be an active and registered Block Producer on the Proton Blockchain in the top 30 by rank.
- 1.2. The BP must demonstrate a history of adhering to the Proton Blockchain Block Producer Code of Conduct for no-less than six months.
- 1.3. The BP must have a proven track record of contributing to the Proton Blockchain ecosystem, such as participating in governance, providing educational resources, or supporting community initiatives.
- 1.4. The BP must show that the additional grant is necessary to maintain the quality of their infrastructure and the stability of the Proton Blockchain network.

## Required Documentation:

- 2.1. A completed grant application form, including the BP's name, contact information, and a brief description of their contributions to the Proton Blockchain ecosystem.
- 2.2. A detailed breakdown of the server and data center costs that the grant will cover, including itemized expenses and relevant quotations from vendors.



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2.3. Proof of the BP's ownership or lease of the servers and data centers in question, such as invoices or rental agreements for at least the last three months.

2.4. A statement explaining the financial need for the additional grant and how it will be used to maintain or improve the BP's infrastructure and network performance.

### Proof of Expenditure:

3.1. Upon receiving the grant, the BP must provide proof of expenditure within 60 days.

3.2. Proof of expenditure may include invoices, receipts, or other documentation showing that the grant funds were used to cover the specified server and data center costs.

### Grant Approval Guidelines:

4.1. Grant applications will be reviewed by a designated consortium comprising members of the Proton Blockchain governance body.

4.2. Applications will be assessed based on the eligibility criteria, the demonstrated need for financial assistance, and the potential impact on the Proton Blockchain network's stability and performance.

4.3. The Consortium will prioritize grants for BPs that have a strong track record of contributions to the Proton Blockchain ecosystem and have demonstrated a commitment to the Proton Blockchain Block Producer Code of Conduct.

4.4. The total amount of grant funding available will be determined by the Proton Consortium and may be subject to change based on the network's financial health and other factors.

4.5. The Consortium reserves the right to request additional information or documentation from BPs during the grant application review process.



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## Grant Payment Schedule and Terms

5.1 The one time grant amount may be paid in a certain schedule based on the applicants' financial needs and time frame

5.2 A term(s) may be defined by the Consortium for the applicant after the Grant is approved for the applicant. During the terms, Consortium may monitor the performance of the applicant.

5.3 The Consortium reserves the right to hold or revoke the approved grant if the applicant violates the Code of Conducts during the terms of the Grant.

By following these guidelines, BPs can access additional grant funding to help cover some server and data center costs. This financial assistance aims to support the continued operation of high-quality infrastructure and maintain the stability and performance of the Proton Blockchain network.

