

(Full Evaluation Criteria)

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Protocol Rewards – Project Evaluation System

Our selection process balances innovation, execution, and community engagement to support the most promising ideas on NEAR.

📝 Process

1. **Pre-selection:** via form submission
2. **Final selection:** shortlisted projects are invited for interviews
3. **Scoring:** each project is evaluated across 4 areas by multiple reviewers
4. **Selection Threshold:** Minimum 70 points required
5. **Tie-breaker:** Highest score in “Idea Potential and Development”

📊 Weight Distribution

Category	Weight
Idea Potential and Development	60%
Developer Skills and Experience	20%
Referrals and Stakeholder Endorsements	10%
History of Participation & Contributions	10%

1. Idea Potential and Development (60 pts)

1.1 Novelty & Uniqueness (20 pts)

- Is the idea innovative and distinct?

- Does it address a unique problem?

1.2 Feasibility & Development Stage (20 pts)

- Points:
 - 0-5: Concept only
 - 6-10: Early prototype
 - 11-15: MVP in testing
 - 16-20: Fully functional with users

1.3 Impact Potential (10 pts)

- Potential to drive adoption, usage, or innovation on NEAR

1.4 Team and Resources (10 pts)

- Team composition, advisors, partnerships, or funding

2. Developer Skills and Experience (20 pts)

2.1 Technical Expertise (10 pts)

- GitHub activity, language proficiency, systems experience

2.2 Leadership & Collaboration (5 pts)

- Proven leadership or ability to drive progress

2.3 Consistency & Commitment (5 pts)

- Regular contributions or project delivery history

3. Referrals and Stakeholder Endorsements (10 pts)

- 0-4: Weak or no referral
- 5-7: Strong endorsement from NEAR builder
- 8-10: Recommendation from core contributor / lead

4. History of Participation & Contributions (10 pts)

4.1 Ecosystem Contributions (5 pts)

- Past PRs, docs, dapps, community roles

4.2 Project/Founder Track Record (5 pts)

- Successfully shipped or led initiatives before
