

Everyone is encouraged to use their best judgment, drawing from their background and past experiences, to vote for the projects they believe are most deserving of grants.

The following is not meant to sway voters toward any individual project but rather to provide a framework for best practices when reviewing applications.

Our #1 goal is to make sure the applicant isn't a scam. Beyond that, we want to make sure we are awarding grants to not only the most deserving projects but also the people and teams we trust the most to use our grant monies responsibly and create real impact with the grants.

Best Practices for Evaluating Applicants

1. Read through the application in its entirety.
2. Click on any relevant links to the project included in the application, and find any relevant links that were not included. Links you'll want to check out include:
 - a. Project's website
 - i. Does the project have a website?
 - ii. Does it look like a legitimate and well maintained website?
 - iii. What is the projects history?
 - b. Project's social accounts
 - i. Are the accounts active?
 - ii. How long have the accounts been live for? (i.e. did they just create a twitter account after applying for this grant so that it would appear they have a social presence?)
 - iii. Do they post useful information about the project?
 - iv. What does their following and engagement look like?
 - c. Project's github or other links to backend/code
 - d. Project's blog (if they have one)
 - e. Any press releases or other media talking about that project (you can do a simple google search for this)
3. Research the project's founder (or person who submitted application, if different from founder) and team
 - a. Find and evaluate the following from the founder(s)/founding team:
 - i. Twitter profile
 - ii. Website (if they have one)
 - iii. Blog (if they have one)
 - iv. Wallet history (not necessary to look deeply into this, just a way to immediately identify is the person might have created a new wallet to scam ArbitrumDAO)
4. If the project has received prior VC funding or grants, research how the project has used that previous funding
 - a. Have they put the money to good use?
 - b. Have they built out new features with the money?

c. Have they built out a team with the money?

If you notice any red flags as you're going through this process, please leave a comment under their proposal on JokeRace so that other voters can easily identify these red flags as well.

If you're not sure whether something is a red flag, feel free to start a discussion in our TG chat before leaving a comment onchain.