

Gitcoin Grants Beta Round Eligibility

The Gitcoin Grants Beta Round is the second set of Gitcoin Program QF rounds that will run on the new decentralized [Grants Stack](#). The planned dates for this round are April 25th to May 9th and there will be **5 Core Rounds** each with a distinct matching pool:

- **Climate Solutions**
- **Ethereum Infrastructure**
- **Web3 Community & Education**
- **Web3 Open Source Software**
- **ZK Tech**

The purpose of this document is to outline the general eligibility policy that **ALL grants must meet** in order to qualify for acceptance into any of the 5 core rounds. In addition to the general eligibility, grants must meet the extra criteria for the round they are applying for. The documents outlining each specific round's eligibility criteria are linked at the bottom of this page.

Gitcoin Program General Eligibility Policy

This policy is set and enforced by the PGF workstream of the GitcoinDAO and is ratified by the GitcoinDAO stewards. Projects must meet the following criteria:

- **Verified Github (if applicable) and/or Twitter account**
- A single grantee OR organization **cannot apply to one or more core rounds with more than one grant.**
- **A single grant can only qualify for matching from one pool during the Beta Round.**
- **Project Update** - If you are a returning grantee, you must provide an update on what work has been accomplished since the last grant round your project received funding from.

Additionally, the following are **not permitted** in Gitcoin-operated rounds:

- **Hateful Content** - No racist, sexist, or otherwise hateful speech, no discrimination
- **Deceiving Users** - Malicious content that could cause harm or unintended consequences to users
- **Falsification** - Any type of hacking to falsify a contribution is prohibited. No encouraging or enabling Sybil attacks or other forms of malicious manipulation of the grants platform or the Gitcoin community
- **Fraud & Impersonation** - Claiming to be a brand or person you are not. The Grant owner must be directly affiliated with the project, the funds must go to the project, and be used for the purposes stated in the Grant's details
- **Quid Pro Quo & Bribery** - The Grant may not have any form of quid pro quo that has financial value (a scenario in which a user gets some additional unique benefit/award in return for their donation)

- **Advertising** - Using grants to showcase something you are selling like a token sale or NFT drop
- **Well-capitalized projects** - Not have prior external funding of over \$500k USD via venture capital, token launches, or NFT sales
- **Grantees cannot be subject to sanctions**, and funding cannot be used in violation of any applicable law, rules, or regulations (for example those addressing sanctions, financing of terrorism, and anti-money-laundering)
- Grantees can be eliminated from consideration in the round if they are found to be **encouraging or enabling Sybil attacks** or other forms of malicious manipulation of the grants platform or the Bitcoin community

Round-Specific Eligibility Policies

Along with the guidelines stated above, each of the 5 rounds will have its own specific eligibility criteria related to their themes, with each document linked below.

1. [Climate Solutions Eligibility Brief](#)
2. [Ethereum Infrastructure Eligibility Brief](#)
3. [Web3 Community & Education Eligibility Brief](#)
4. [Web3 Open Source Software Eligibility Brief](#)
5. [ZK Tech Eligibility Brief](#)