

Context-setting for the decision on Q4 budgets

What are we deciding on?

We are deciding on WorkGroup (WG) budgets for Quarter 4 (Oct, Nov, Dec) 2024.

You can see budgets and quarterly reports here: [+ Ambassador Program Budget Planner](#)

Every quarter has its own tab in the sheet.

Who is eligible to be involved in making this decision?

Core Contributors make the decision.

You have the **Core Contributor** role if you have contributed at least 12 hrs to the Ambassador Program in the last 6 months. There are currently 54 Core Contributors (see list [here](#)).

If you're a Core Contributor, you don't **have** to take part - but it would be great if you did.

How will the decision be made?

The decision will be made using **consent decision-making**.

This means we ask for any objections to a WG's budget, and ask the objector what would need to change in order for them to consent. Then, WGs get the chance to amend their budgets to address the objections, and there is another round of consent.

Remember: Consenting does not mean you think a budget is perfect, or that you completely agree with every detail of it. It just means you think it would be safe to try. But if you think it would be harmful to the Ambassador Program in some way, you can (and should) object.

How does the process work?

By **Monday 9th Sept 23:59 UTC**, each WG will submit a quarterly report for the work they did in Q3; and a proposed budget for their future work in Q4.

By **Thurs 12th September, 23:59 UTC**, you should read the budgets and reports, and submit an initial consent form (which will be in the [+ Ambassador Program Budget Planner](#)). This form simply asks you to say whether you consent, do not consent, or abstain on each WG's budget.

NOTE: You may consent/unconsent for all WGs whose budgets and reports you have read, including groups that you belong to and/or took part in writing the budget for. For any WG(s) whose budget and report you haven't read, you should abstain.

On **Fri 13th Sept**, WGs with no objections will be approved; and individual forms will be shared for the remaining WGs which garnered any objections. These individual forms will ask you to state whether you consent, unconsent, or abstain to each WG's budget, and what would need to change to resolve your objection. The deadline for submitting these will be **Monday 16th Sept, 23:59 UTC**. For clarity, you still need to submit a form even if you have no objection to a WG's budget - this doesn't take long, and just involves ticking "I consent".

On **Tues 17th Sept** in the Governance WG call, objections will be discussed. If all the objections for a WG can be resolved in the meeting itself, that WG's budget will be approved. Any WGs who still have outstanding objections by the end of the call will be able to amend their budgets to take account of feedback. The deadline for this is **Sunday 22nd Sept, 23:59 UTC**.

On **Mon 23rd Sept**, another round of consent will begin for any WGs who still have outstanding objections. Core Contributors will need to look at the WGs' amended budgets to decide if they now consent or not. The closing date for submission of forms is **Weds 25th Sept, 23:59 UTC**

On **Thurs 26th September** in the Open Governance meeting, any outstanding objections will be discussed. If the objections for a WG cannot be completely resolved in this meeting, we will use a threshold of 80% - that is, if at least 80% of those who submit a form have consented, the budget will be approved. If fewer than 80% of those who submit a form consent to the budget, and objections cannot be resolved in the meeting, that WG will receive no budget for Q4 2024.

Please bear in mind:

Workgroups are decentralised, so their budget-writing styles might vary. But they should all itemise what money they need, and give some level of explanation for what each budget line covers.

A WG's quarterly report can be part of your reasoning for whether or not to consent to their budget. For much of Q3, the price of AGIX has been relatively low - so most WGs will not have been able to do everything they planned to do. This should not, in itself, be a reason not to consent.

What is a valid reason for objecting to a WG's proposed budget?

You can object to a WG's budget for any reason you see fit. But you must:

1. say what your specific objection is
2. say what would need to change in order for you to consent.

This ensures your reasons are clear; so that even if you prefer to maintain anonymity, your objection can still be discussed. Nevertheless - if you make an objection, it's useful for you to attend the relevant Governance discussion meeting if you possibly can.

Also, remember that in order to consent, you do not need to agree with every detail of a budget - you just need to believe it is safe to try. Please avoid nitpicking small details of a WG's budget, and ask yourself "Would it do harm to the Program to approve this?" If it would, then you should withhold consent; but if not, you should consent.

A note on privacy

Please be aware that if you complete any of the consent forms, the fact that you participated will be recorded onchain, via the wallet address associated with your Discord name in the SingularityNET Ambassador Treasury system.

The details of your responses (i.e. whether or not you consented, and what arguments you gave) **won't** be recorded; only the fact that you participated.