

1. Is this a token swap, if not why have you included it in the proposal?

No, this is not a token swap in the traditional sense.

We included a token allocation in the proposal only after receiving feedback from community members who felt that, since the Treasury is funding a revenue-generating project, there should be a mechanism for long-term alignment and potential upside.

The intent here is not to treat treasury as a financial investor - rather, it's about acknowledging the role the community plays in helping this infrastructure come to life. The allocation is symbolic in many ways and ensures the network is directly connected to Cyborg's growth.

2. Why not reach out to Polkadot ecosystem fund, HIC, for potential funding support?

This Treasury proposal is meant specifically to support the product development phase. But beyond this, launching, scaling, and marketing Cyborg Network will require significantly more capital and for that, we do plan to raise from investors, both inside and outside the ecosystem.

Our approach is simple:

Build now → Show traction → Then raise

We've also mapped out a path with Polimec, and have already started early conversations. That said, Polimec generally works best with projects that expect to have a mainnet soon.

As for ecosystem funds like HIC and the Polkadot Ecosystem Fund - yes, we reached out to both in early 2024. At that time, our team was still quite young, and without a strong track record. The conversations didn't progress much.

Since then, we've focused entirely on building credibility:

- Delivered a successful Treasury milestone
- Won multiple ecosystem hackathons
- Received two W3F grants
- Shipped working integrations

We're proud of the progress but we believe the real turning point will be launching this product. Once we have it live, with real usage and on-chain data, we'll be in a much stronger position to re-engage investors and ecosystem funds and make a stronger impression.

3. How is Cyborg Network aligned with Polkadot's "common good" mission?

Let's be fully transparent: Cyborg Network is not a tooling or infrastructure layer for Polkadot itself. But here's the thing, "common good" doesn't always have to mean internal dev tooling. It should also mean:

"How does this bring business, users, and demand to Polkadot?"

That's where Cyborg really delivers.

We're building a product that brings in a completely new wave of users - developers, businesses, and service providers from the web2 world, who've likely not used blockchain before. This will drive new wallets being created, and Polkadot becomes their first touchpoint in blockchain.

Here's the real value Cyborg brings to Polkadot:

- New user adoption from outside the ecosystem and giving Polkadot exposure to new markets, governments, and enterprise.

- Miners can choose to receive their rewards in DOT, creating sustained buy-side pressure.
- A portion of Cyborg's revenue will be converted to DOT via AssetHub, ensuring ongoing liquidity and usage.
- We'll operate as a Polkadot parachain, contributing to coretime demand and network activity.
- Cyborg Miners will carry physical Polkadot branding, turning every deployed unit into a real-world awareness channel.

4. How many milestones are left, and will you be submitting more proposals to the Treasury after this one?

This is our second and final milestone under the Treasury. Once this milestone is completed, the core Cyborg product will be functional. This milestone brings us right up to the public testnet launch and pilot rollout.

We won't be submitting any further Treasury proposals after this. From here, we plan to sustain growth through revenue, ecosystem partnerships, and external fundraising, no ongoing dependency on the Treasury.