

1. The DCSN Foundation Charter

(This pairs with your DAO Constitution. This is the legal wrapper.)

DCSN Foundation Charter

The legal and operational framework supporting the Decentralized Commodity Settlement Network (DCSN)

Article I — Purpose

The DCSN Foundation (“the Foundation”) exists to support the development, maintenance, and global adoption of the Decentralized Commodity Settlement Network (DCSN).

The Foundation is a **non-profit legal entity** whose sole mission is to execute the will of the DCSN DAO and ensure the long-term resilience of the protocol.

The Foundation does **not** control the protocol.

It serves the DAO.

Article II — Functions of the Foundation

The Foundation is responsible for:

1. **Funding Development**
 - hiring developers
 - paying contributors
 - maintaining open-source repositories
2. **Legal & Regulatory Interface**
 - engaging with regulators
 - ensuring compliance
 - protecting the DAO from liability
3. **Financial Operations**
 - receiving grants
 - receiving donations
 - managing operational budgets
 - holding treasury assets on behalf of the DAO
4. **Protocol Stewardship**
 - coordinating audits

- managing documentation
 - maintaining infrastructure
 - supporting node operators
5. **DAO Execution**
- implementing DAO-approved proposals
 - executing treasury allocations
 - managing emergency funds

Article III — Governance

The Foundation is governed by:

- a Board of Directors
- appointed initially by the founding team
- replaced or expanded by DAO vote

The Board:

- executes DAO decisions
- ensures legal compliance
- manages operations
- cannot override DAO governance

Article IV — Funding

The Foundation may receive funds through:

1. **Grants**
 - from ecosystems (Base, Optimism, Arbitrum, Ethereum Foundation, etc.)
 - from public goods programs
 - from philanthropic organizations
2. **Donations**
 - from individuals
 - from companies
 - from crypto funds
3. **Token Allocations**
 - a portion of governance tokens
 - vested over time
 - used for operations
4. **Service Agreements**
 - providing development or maintenance services
 - performing audits
 - coordinating infrastructure
5. **DAO Treasury Transfers**

- approved by on-chain vote
- used for protocol-related expenses

The Foundation is **non-profit** and may not distribute profits to any individual.

Article V — Independence

The Foundation:

- does not own the protocol
- does not control governance
- does not issue binding decisions
- does not interfere with market activity

The DAO retains ultimate authority over the protocol.

Article VI — Dissolution

If dissolved:

- all assets must be transferred to another non-profit entity
- or allocated to public goods
- as directed by the DAO

No assets may be distributed to private individuals.