KaJ Labs Launches $30 Million Grant Program for Lithosphere Developer Ecosystem

Program targets developers building AI-native applications, tooling and core infrastructure as Lithosphere enters its post-mainnet growth phase.



Seattle, Washington Nov 15, 2026 (Issuewire.com**)** - KaJ Labs, the research organization behind Lithosphere, has launched a US$30 million grant program focused on supporting developers and technical teams building within the Lithosphere ecosystem. The initiative follows the AI-native Layer 1 blockchain's public mainnet launch and is intended to help turn its production infrastructure into applications, services and tools that can be used across Web4.

The program places developers at the center of Lithosphere's next phase. Rather than focusing solely on network milestones, KaJ Labs is directing attention to the work required to build and maintain applications: testing smart contracts, improving developer experiences, integrating essential services and preparing projects for real-world use. The announced $30 million represents the program's overall scale, not a statement that individual grants have already been awarded or paid.

Areas of potential support include AI-native decentralized applications, developer tooling, infrastructure services, security-focused engineering and technologies that make it easier for users and autonomous systems to interact onchain. Projects involving smart contract execution, verifiable AI activity, programmable identity or cross-chain coordination may also be relevant to the ecosystem's development goals. Specific funding categories and eligibility requirements will be established through the program's published terms.

The grant initiative arrives at a pivotal moment for Lithosphere. Its public mainnet went live on October 13, 2026, followed by the LITHO Token Generation Event on October 15. Those milestones established the network's production foundation and native coin economy. The next phase depends on independent builders creating useful products, integrations and supporting infrastructure.

Lithosphere's broader technology direction combines support for EVM-compatible development with an AI-native execution environment. Its ecosystem also encompasses technologies for identity, service discovery, cross-chain coordination and verifiable agent activity. The grant program is intended to encourage practical work around these capabilities, including projects that make the platform more accessible to developers working on autonomous applications.

“A live mainnet is the foundation, but the real measure of progress is what developers are able to build on it,” said J. King Kasr, Chief Scientist at KaJ Labs. “This program is about giving technical teams a stronger path from an idea to tested, useful applications that can contribute to the Lithosphere ecosystem over time.”

KaJ Labs expects the initiative to support a range of development stages, from early technical exploration to projects working toward production deployment. The grant program is separate from token trading, liquidity campaigns or investment returns. Funding decisions will depend on applicable review processes and program conditions; participation or an expression of interest does not guarantee an award.

Further information about application procedures, selection criteria, award structures and timing will be communicated through KaJ Labs and Lithosphere channels. Developers seeking to participate should consult those channels for confirmed details before submitting project materials or making funding plans.

About KaJ Labs

KaJ Labs is a research organization focused on blockchain, artificial intelligence and next-generation internet technologies. Its work includes the development and support of Lithosphere and projects across the broader AI and decentralized technology ecosystem.

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About Lithosphere

Lithosphere is an AI-native Layer 1 blockchain ecosystem designed for decentralized applications, autonomous agents and cross-chain coordination. Its infrastructure supports a broader approach to programmable execution, identity and verification for Web4 applications.

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