Grant Proposal 1: An Open Trust Network

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The problem. Many people have been lied to, cheated, used, or hurt on purpose. AI will likely run more and more of our systems in the coming years. If moral evil is still rewarded and not prevented then, AI could do it faster and at a much larger scale than humans can, and we may not be able to stop it. The problem to solve is moral evil that is rewarded and not prevented: those who do it often keep their gain, and their acts often go unreported or are found late.

The vision. A world where everyone is kept safe, left free, treated fairly, and helped to grow, belong, and contribute. In that world, moral good is rewarded and is the norm, while moral evil is not rewarded and is rare.

The project. An open trust network of humans, businesses, AIs, and robots where moral good is rewarded, and moral evil is not rewarded and is prevented. An open record shows each member's own account of how they treated others, and what the people they dealt with say. It cannot be quietly changed or erased. The record is the first part to be built. More parts would be built as the work shows what is needed.

The rough plan. The network starts with food businesses in one town (for example, farms, distributors, restaurants, and shops) that deal with each other repeatedly, have been harmed by moral evil, and want to deal in moral good. They use the record first, to track whether promises are kept. Parts that prevent moral evil come later. The project will openly report, whatever the result, how members' reported quality of life changes after they join, and whether members who do moral good live better than members who do moral evil. The aim is that members who do moral good will have a much better quality of life, and their word of mouth will make non-members want to join. Growth will likely be slow at the start, then speed up as the network spreads worldwide.

The main risk. The network only works if members and non-members check the record before dealing, and that first needs enough non-members to join. The first test measures both, early and cheaply.

Why me. In my structural engineering job, my boss privately asked me to make a failed structure appear to pass so we could get paid. I realized he cared only about the money, not the people who would die if it failed. I resigned instead. I faced many similar experiences in different places with different people in which I learned how the real world works. The common thing is moral evil. All the most painful problems I experienced are from the ripple effects of moral evil, which drew me to work on this project. I have no experience building something like this, and have no wealth or connections. But I'm determined to make the vision a reality fast, and to build it so it outlasts me, with the help of trusted, skilled, experienced people I will recruit, who believe in the ambitious vision and can act independently on their work.

The request. $10,000, over about 3 months, for:

1. A working prototype of the network's open record of entries, and a small AI agent that reads it.
2. Asking food businesses to join and record real orders, and whether each was delivered as promised.
3. A public report: how many people joined, what worked, what didn't work, and what to do next.

The money covers my living costs, AI tools and hosting, and a reserve, which includes legal and software reviews from experienced people. I will report results, good or bad, before asking for more money. I can receive funds as an individual, and I will set up an entity once the first test gives positive results.