

Is gitcoin.co legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

gitcoin.co

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

gitcoin.co appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-03 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Gitcoin presents a searchable reference library for public-goods funding, featuring active campaigns, funding applications, mechanisms, research, and case studies across Ethereum, Web3, open-source software, and collective-action ecosystems.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	32 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	9.3 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2017 939 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2017.
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.

Full analysis

Overview

Gitcoin is an established informational portal and searchable research library for public-goods funding, presenting grant campaigns, funding applications, allocation mechanisms, research publications, and case studies across Ethereum, Web3, open-source software, and collective-action ecosystems.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, brand impersonation, phishing indicators, deceptive return promises, or coercive financial calls to action were observed. The homepage presented substantial, coherent subject-matter content, while interactive testing found no login form, sensitive form, wallet-provider request, wallet-draining behavior, clipboard interference, cloaking, or suspicious script activity. This clean behavior converges with a long-established domain, extensive historical continuity, an established traffic footprint, and clean major threat-intelligence results.

- Domain-registration records show registration through Name.com, Inc. on 22 April 2017, making the domain approximately 9.29 years old; registration runs to 21 April 2027.
- Web archives contain 939 snapshots spanning 25 September 2017 to 2 August 2026, covering 10 tracked years with no gap exceeding one year.
- The homepage contains approximately 22,394 characters of substantive content and exposes no sensitive, hidden, or externally submitted password forms.
- External reputation checks recorded no malicious or suspicious classifications, no search-browser safety alert, and no detected signature match.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as a public-goods funding directory and research resource rather than as a broker, exchange, or provider promising investment returns. Its Ethereum and on-chain capital-allocation subject matter creates a financial-technology context, but the supplied pages make no licensing claim or representation that the portal itself delivers a regulated investment service. No matching broker-reputation record was identified; this is contextual only and is not a licensing determination. Transport security is current and appropriately configured for normal interaction.

- The homepage categorizes its offering around campaigns, research, applications, mechanisms, and case studies rather than retail investment products.

- Homepage content includes Ethereum ecosystem initiatives, grant programs, quadratic funding, decentralized governance, and public-goods capital-allocation research.
- The site is served from AS16509 (AMAZON-02 — Amazon.com, Inc., US).
- The site’s TLS certificate was issued by YR2 with domain validation (DV) and is valid until 23 September 2026.

What to Verify Next

For institutional engagement, due diligence should confirm the contracting entity and authorized representatives through transaction documentation and an independent business channel. Any proposed partnership or participation in a funding initiative should also be checked for its specific terms, custody arrangements, counterparty responsibilities, and applicable legal treatment; these checks concern the contemplated engagement rather than the trustworthiness of the website itself.

- The homepage provides a “Partner with us” pathway, establishing a potential route from informational use to a formal business relationship.
- Campaign listings include TheDAO Security Fund, Protocol Guild, and multiple Bitcoin Grants rounds, indicating that program-specific terms may vary.
- Research listings address on-chain capital allocation, retroactive funding, identity infrastructure, and decentralized coordination, showing that engagement may involve distinct operational models.

Summary Verdict

Bitcoin is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy website supported by convergent historical, reputational, behavioral, and content evidence. No contradictory risk signals were observed, and normal interaction—including account login and standard use—is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site uses CDN/WAF protection, with the observed address operating as an edge endpoint rather than a directly exposed origin. This reduces direct infrastructure exposure and provides a meaningful security mitigation, although protective hosting architecture is not independently proof of organizational legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may proceed with ordinary use, while organizations entering contractual or funding relationships should apply their standard counterparty and transaction-level due-diligence controls.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-03 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of gitcoin.co.

- The request stayed on gitcoin.co. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Name.com, Inc.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by awsdns-54.net, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-04-21. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2017-09-25. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Name.com, Inc.
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	216.150.1.1
Name servers	NS-948.AWSDNS-54.NET, NS-1233.AWSDNS-26.ORG, NS-310.AWSDNS-38.COM, NS-1938.AWSDNS-50.CO.UK
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-09-23
Domain age	9.3 years
Domain expiry	2027-04-21
Archive first seen	2017-09-25
Archive snapshots	939
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 32 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about gitcoin.co at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.