

**RESPONSE #177028067 SUBMITTED ON 09/02/2020 01:04:33 PM****Pulsante: Rapid Response Fund 2020****Page 1 of 2 - Institutional**

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| 1. Name of the applicant organization                            | <b>Liga de Enseñanza Judicial de Mexico</b> |
| 2. List the organizations that are part of the process/movement. | <b>Liga de Enseñanza Judicial de Mexico</b> |
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| 5. Duration of the project or campaign in months  | <b>6 months</b>  |
| 6. What is the requested amount in USD?   | <b>15,000</b>  |
| 7. Mention the country(es) where the project will be carried out                                  | <b>Mexico</b>  |
| 8. What is the objective of the action?   | <b>Our organization promotes the rule of law in Mexico by empowering and inspiring high-school students to be competent, civic-minded advocates in pursuit of justice. We promote our mission by partnering with high-schools to develop and deliver engaging, civic-oriented learning experiences that provide students with the opportunity to learn about the rule of law while developing their abilities to think critically, work collaboratively and speak with impact. The specific action proposed here has the objective of developing a Spanish language version of our curriculum and associated teacher support materials.</b>  |
| 9. Avoiding technical jargon, describe in a simple and direct sentence what the project is about. | <b>The goal of this project is to expand our current English language based educational programs to accommodate high-schools with Spanish as the primary/only learning language.</b>   |
| 10. What is the change you want to achieve at the end of the process?                             | <b>As a result of this project, our program offering will include a Spanish language option in addition to the current English-based implementation.</b>   |
| 11. Why is it relevant to fund your project at this specific time?                                | <b>Mexico is suffering from rule of law issues that are at the root of the country's serious problems of social disparity, corruption and violence. Right now, there are people suffering throughout this country who are in desperate need of effective advocates to support social justice. Funding at this time will allow us to address this need by developing an offering that is accessible, relevant and timely. With in-person learning suspended due to the COVID pandemic, we have a unique opportunity to dedicate resources to preparing a program that is relevant to the majority of the population we serve and that can be implemented in conjunction with a full-time return to in-person learning in the 2021-2022 academic year. By inspiring our future leaders, igniting their passion and potential to advocate for justice, we share in Rapid Response Fund's goal of triggering public discussions and civic engagement.</b>  |
| 12. Draft work plan   | <p><b>There are two tasks on this project's critical path 1) Localization of the current English-Language curriculum and 2) Preparation of Multimedia Support for Teachers/Students.</b></p> <p><b>1) Localization.</b></p> <p>Our current academic program is offered only in English and is based on the substantive and procedural laws of the United States. This limits the applicability of the program to those schools/students with English language capabilities, i.e., American and International Schools. The task calls for developing a comparable curriculum that is in Spanish and based on relevant Mexican legal standards. Funding will be used to contract a Subject Matter Expert who will work in conjunction with our internal resources to develop a standards-based curriculum including Unit Plans, Lesson Plans and Teacher Guide.</p> <p><b>2) Multimedia Support</b></p> <p>Currently we use a number of videos available online (via youtube and other sites) to supplement student learning activities and facilitate teacher training. For the most part these re-</p> |

sources are free and easily accessible. However, they are all in English and we have not been able to find Spanish language alternatives. This task will comparable Spanish language video series. These videos will be based on the output of task 1. Videos will be scripted and performed by current students and teacher volunteers with funding going to production costs.

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13. What are the identified risks and how do you plan to mitigate them?

**Risk 1 - Subject Matter Expertise:** Securing a qualified and available Subject Matter Expert (SME) is an essential requirement to this project's critical path. R1 Mitigation Strategies - a) Expand our range of potential resources by allowing for remote, i.e., online, collaboration between internal resources and and the SME; b) Work in conjunction with our University and Legal Industry partners to identify multiple SME candidates across a broad geographic range.

**Risk 2 - COVID:** Social distancing requirements in Mexico may interfere with video production. R2 Mitigation Strategies - a) Allow/Provide for remote collaboration on scripting and rehearsals; b) Allow/facilitate an all remote vs. in-person filming option.

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14. What conditions make the implementation of the project viable in the proposed time frame?

Due to COVID isolation mandates imposed by Federal and Local authorities, we have canceled our in-person learning, including a plan expansion for the 2020-2021 academic year. This situation presents an opportunity in the form of increased bandwidth on the part of our internal resources who are currently working remotely. We can leverage this free bandwidth to work on the proposed project.

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15. How did you find out about this Fund?

From a friend who works as a University grant writer.

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I agree (and have authorization from my organization to do so)