

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) for SHE'S GREAT! in Guatemala

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I. SUMMARY:

The Supporting Her Empowerment – Girls' Resilience, Enterprise, and Technology (SHE'S GREAT!) is funded by the United States Department of State (DOS) and implemented by IREX. SHE's GREAT! is a holistic community-based gender responsive program for youth to identify and transform gender stereotypes and build inclusive communities where students are equipped with the networks, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Design, and Math (STEAM) training, confidence, and leadership skills to fully participate in their communities and careers. Through the SHE's GREAT! program implementation, a greater network of stakeholders and partners at the community and national levels are harnessed to better promote girls' increased economic, technology, leadership, and innovation skills and opportunities.

II. PURPOSE:

Program Purpose: SHE's GREAT! aims to promote the rights and empowerment of women and girls through three closely linked objectives:

Objective 1: Girls and boys are more resilient to restrictive gender norms affecting their life choices and opportunities.

Objective 2: An enabling environment is cultivated in schools or community-based organizations and communities to foster equal collaboration amongst girls and boys.

Objective 3: A network of participants, stakeholders, and partners at the community and national levels better promote girls' increased skills and opportunities.

III. LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES:

The geographic focus under consideration includes the following countries for regional activities:
Guatemala

IV. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Successful implementation of Gender and My Community Club that results in an increased understanding of gender norms, roles, and relations and a plan to take action to improve gender equality and prevention of GBV in early Spring 2022.
- Participants' capacity to engage in STEAM subjects and activities and enthusiasm for future career and higher education opportunities is increased during the SHE's GREAT! STEAM Camp for students, tentatively scheduled to be held in Spring 2022.
- Follow-on activities take place in target communities in Spring 2022 within selected schools that engage student participants in utilizing skills and knowledge gained during the Gender and My Community Club and SHE's GREAT! STEAM Camp.
- Participants, families, and communities gain increased familiarity with opportunities for girls in higher education and careers, as well as the harmful effects of GBV (discriminations, early marriage, etc.) such as high dropout rates, health consequences, and other traumas.

V. APPLICANTS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Be officially registered and working in compliance with all applicable civil and fiscal regulations, including, but not limited to pertinent local laws and status.

- Be officially registered as a legal entity and working in compliance with all applicable local laws. An applicant can show proof of effort to secure registration.
- Meet the projects objectives and principles
- Contain expected outcomes and results consistent with and linked to the projects objectives
- Applicant is not a debarred organization

VII. Award Information

Subject to the availability of funds, IREX expects to award one sub-award, ranging from \$75,000 USD to \$145,000 USD. The expected duration of IREX's support or the period of performance is 10/15/2021 – 09/30/2022.

IREX reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. Further, IREX reserves the right to make no awards as a result of this RFA.

To apply, please download the application materials at the following URL:

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please contact the following to If you have any questions.

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