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What is the travel equity fund or apoyo internacional de viaje?

With the purpose of greater inclusion in Bike! Bike!, the travel equity fund or apoyo internacional de viaje, since 2016 it was created as a joint effort through which collectives from Mexico, the United States and Canada organized to support people who wanted to attend the conference in the US city of Detroit.

The support consisted of diverse tasks: from the collection of videos (shorts, documentaries, fiction) that portrayed the cycling culture in Mexico including the organization of fundraising activities, as well as the elaboration of personalized invitation letters for those who had to process visas and will need documented proof of the purpose of the trip.

In 2017 this fund, not only included people from Mexico, but the support managed to reach Córdoba, Argentina, from which benefited greatly el Taller Popular de Ciclomecánica "Suipacha" (the Popular Workshop of Cyclo-Mechanics "Suipacha") -who sent a member of the collective to share their experience - likewise Bike! Bike! had the participation of a project of the southern cone of the continent.

By 2018, the travel equity initiative was further disseminated in the el Foro Argentino de la Bicicleta (Argentinian Bike Forum), managing to cover the transportation expenses of more people from the country. It also achieved the highest fundraising so far in order to support air travel, which allowed to have various experiences of cycling activism in the conference held in Los Angeles.

This year, we want to continue with the idea of achieving greater inclusion through the participation of folks from Latin America in the conference.

To do this we created this small guide with the purpose of organizing the application and distribution of funds, so that nobody is privileged or appears to be benefitting more than the rest of the folks who have registered to obtain economic resources.

- Here is a list of countries in the American continent from where a visa is necessary to enter Mexico: Bolivia, Honduras, Guatemala, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haití and Nicaragua.
- Once you schedule an appointment with the embassy of your country, the visa process will *approximately* take 10 days to obtain the visa.
- If your nationality is of another continent, here is an extensive list of countries that require a visa:

<https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-requieren-visa-para-mexico/>

(this information is only available in Spanish)

*******If your nationality is of the countries mentioned in the list where a visa is required, you will have to directly communicate with the Mexican consulate of your country to verify what the necessary documents are to process the visa.**

IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration for economic support (the call will be open since it's publication and closed August 17, 2019)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0UErHFEvPUXFALKREF4jDBfmEJRerEfSOY-WgeyaWJtN6g/viewform>

- Accepting information to create invitation letters
(August 17, 2019)

- Distribution of invitation letters
(5 days after the registration)

- Publication date of the projects or colectives that will receive support
(August 22 2019)

******All dates can be adjusted, mainly if the embassy appointment dates (in the cases where visas are required) are delayed from the established******

******All situations or cases not mentioned in this open call will be resolved by the organizers******

REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR TRIPS

1. For all traveling from outside from Mexico, you will need a valid passport for at least one more year as of October 10, 2019 (folks whose passport is less than 6 months old will probably not be able to board international flights).
2. It is essential to assist in administrative tasks such as: search flights, transportation options, logistics and contribution of more ideas for collection.
3. Only the transfer of origin-destination (Tijuana) will be paid, no changes will be paid in the travel itinerary.
4. Everyone interested in receiving transportation support should indicate with absolute honesty how much money they need, based on the previous quotes made on the flights. No more than 80% of the cost of the flight will be contributed.
5. Another essential requirement to receive support, is to tell us how they visualize their participation in bike! bike! 2019

All donations made through the Raisely website will be made to the Bicycle Kitchen / La Bici-Cocina (EIN 26-0454089). All travel scholarship registrations will be reviewed by the

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If you have any questions, recommendations or suggestions to improve the process, please send us an email to bikebiketijuana2019@gmail.com, since it will be on this date that we will have the invitation letters and the visa application process will be able to begin.

Thank you!

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