

Six projects, fully costed

What Fundación Cigarra needs funded in 2026 and 2027 — with quotations, deliverables and reporting, in US dollars.



#	Project	Amount (USD)	Type
1	Balanced nutrition and food security	\$8,447 / month \$101,360 / year	Recurring
2	Facility repairs and child safety	\$11,683	One-off
3	Second floor: library, English room, art room, bakery	\$68,565	Capital
4	Covered multipurpose court and theatre	\$71,344	Capital
5	Cigarra community mural	\$2,498	One-off
6	Plan Padrino child sponsorship	\$203 per child / year	Recurring

Converted at COP 3,202.79 per US dollar; the official Colombian rate on 30 August 2026. Peso amounts come from contractor quotations held by the foundation. Quotations older than 30 days are re-tendered before submission, as most funders require.

PROJECT I · RECURRING · HIGHEST PRIORITY

Balanced nutrition and food security

Three meals a day for 192 children. It is our single largest annual cost and the one least covered by stable income.

In Ciudad Bolívar, 6.2% of children under five are undernourished (Bogotá Health Secretariat, SaluData), which raises susceptibility to infection, illness and — in the worst cases — mortality. A child who arrives hungry cannot learn, and a family that cannot count on a midday meal cannot count on much else.

Every child enrolled at Cigarra receives **breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack**, every weekday of the year. There is no means test and no waiting list for food.



Lunch at Cigarra. 192 children eat three times a day here.

Cost structure

Meal	Per child / day	192 children / day	Per child / month	192 children / month
Breakfast	\$0.58	\$111	\$12	\$2,216
Lunch	\$1.19	\$228	\$24	\$4,569
Afternoon snack	\$0.43	\$83	\$9	\$1,662
Total	\$2.20	\$422	\$44	\$8,447

Based on the foundation's grocery quotation of COP 27.052.800 per month. Annual cost: COP 324.633.600 — **\$101,360**.

What a funder can take

- **\$101,360** — a full year of meals for all 192 children
- **\$8,447** — one month for all 192 children
- **\$528** — one child fed for a full year
- **\$44** — one child fed for a month

What we report

- Monthly attendance and meals served, by group
- Grocery invoices and supplier receipts
- Nutritional status follow-up for children under five
- Photographs with informed consent on file

Note on sponsorship. A Plan Padrino sponsorship of \$20 per month covers roughly 46% of what it costs to feed one child. We say so plainly because funders check, and because it is the clearest illustration of the gap this portfolio exists to close.

PROJECT 2 · ONE-OFF · URGENT

Facility repairs and child safety

Roofs, paint, corner guards and railings. Unglamorous, urgent, and the cheapest way to keep 190 children safe in the buildings they already have.

Cigarra's premises were built incrementally over 24 years, largely by the community. Three classroom roofs — including the technology room, which houses donated computers — need replacing before the next rainy season. Exposed concrete corners at child height need impact-absorbing guards, and several stairways and walkways need proper railings.

How a funder can help

- Cash for materials and labour
- Donated materials: paint, roofing sheets, corner guards
- Skilled volunteer labour in construction or painting



Roofing in need of replacement.



Stairways used daily by children.

Quotation

Item	Colombian pesos	USD
Repainting throughout the premises	COP 9.113.000	\$2,845
Roof replacement in three classrooms, including the technology room	COP 19.832.100	\$6,192
Impact-absorbing corner guards to protect children	COP 7.774.000	\$2,427
Safety railings on stairs and walkways	COP 700.000	\$219
Total	COP 37.419.100	\$11,683

Itemised from the foundation's contractor quotations. Each line can be funded independently — the roof replacement (\$6,192) is the most urgent and stands alone as a fundable unit.

PROJECT 3 · CAPITAL

A second floor: library, English room, art room and bakery

72 square metres built above an existing single-storey structure — four programmes that currently have no room of their own.

1 · Library “Cigarra, creator of dreams”

A reading and learning space open to the whole community, so that children, families and neighbours can build critical thinking and use information well. Today the library shares a corner of another room.

2 · Bakery

Reactivating the bakery gives early-childhood children a playful practical space and gives adolescents a real introduction to a productive trade — and a route into enterprise.

3 · English classroom

A dedicated, properly equipped room for English across all ages. A second language is one of the few assets that reliably opens doors out of Ciudad Bolívar.

4 · Art room

Art classes have run for a year inside each group's own classroom, which limits what children can make. A dedicated room with worktables and materials removes that ceiling.

Quotations received

Quotation	Scope	Colombian pesos	USD
A — recommended	Architectural design, structural design, permits, ground-floor foundation, second-floor slab and roof	COP 219.598.848	\$68,565
B	Foundation, second-floor slab and roof — structural shell only, no design, permits or finishes	COP 324.000.000	\$101,162

Both quotations are for 72 m². Quotation A is both broader in scope and lower in price and is therefore our recommendation; we will re-tender before any submission, since most funders require quotations less than 30 days old. Neither figure includes interior finishes, furniture or equipment, which we would budget separately with the funder.

Phasing

The structure can be built first and the four rooms fitted out one at a time, so a funder can support the whole project or a single room. We would report on each phase as it completes.



The current library — a shelf unit inside a shared room.

PROJECT 4 · CAPITAL

Covered multipurpose court and theatre

Bogotá sits at 2,600 metres and it rains most of the year. Cigarra's outdoor stage and court are unusable for long stretches, which means sport, dance rehearsals, orchestra performances, assemblies and the annual musical all lose their space at the same time.

Roofing the existing stage area turns it into a year-round multipurpose court and theatre — the single piece of infrastructure that would most increase how much the site can hold.

Scope of works

- Steel structure for the roof, to approved design
- Thermo-acoustic *ecorrof* roofing
- Electrical installation and lighting
- Aluminium and laminated-glass windows
- Micro-perforated surface on the eastern side
- Aluminium and laminated-glass access door

Total: COP 228.500.178 — \$71,344



Architect's render of the covered court.

PROJECT 5 · ONE-OFF · SMALLEST ENTRY POINT

The Cigarra mural



The wall beside the music department, visible from the road to Barrio Alpes.

A mural on the wall beside the music department, painted by the adolescents of the alternate shift alongside a professional artist. The wall faces the road to Barrio Alpes and is seen by everyone entering the neighbourhood.

It is the least expensive project here and the one children participate in most directly — they design and paint it, and it becomes theirs.

Includes: artist and facilitator fees, paint and materials, transport and per diems.

Total: COP 8.000.000 — \$2,498

PROJECT 6 · RECURRING · FOR INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS

Plan Padrino — child sponsorship

Sponsorship is our most established giving product and the backbone of the 15% of operating costs covered by individuals. It suits individual donors, employee-giving campaigns and companies sponsoring a group of children.

Plan	USD	Colombian pesos	Covers
Monthly	\$20	COP 65.000	1 child
Six months	\$103	COP 330.000	1 child
Annual	\$203	COP 650.000	1 child
Gold	\$375	COP 1.200.000	2 children
Platinum	\$515	COP 1.650.000	3 children
Ultra	\$656	COP 2.100.000	4 children

What a sponsor receives

- A six-monthly progress report on the sponsored child
- A six-monthly bulletin of foundation activities
- An annual donation certificate, valid for tax purposes in Colombia and the United States

For companies

- Corporate sponsorship of a group of children, reported together
- Employee giving with matching — we are registered with Benevity, ID 840-680505337
- Workplace volunteering, on site in Bogotá or remotely

How we account for restricted funds

- **Separate tracking.** A dedicated cost centre or bank account for each grant, reported against its own budget.
- **Documentation.** Invoices, payroll records, supplier receipts, attendance registers and photographs with informed consent on file.
- **Schedule.** Interim and final narrative and financial reports, on whatever cadence the funder requires.
- **Tranches.** We accept disbursement in instalments released against approved reports.
- **Unspent funds** are returned or reallocated only with the funder's written agreement.

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