Event Name: 2009 Student Hurricane Network Spring Break Caravan
Event Date/Time/Location (if known): 3/15-3/21 in New Orleans

Describe the event in the space below. Please be as specific as possible.

14 CLS students will travel to the Gulf Coast and join forces with other law students from around the country to assist legal organizations with the ongoing relief efforts in communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. Student placements are coordinated by the Student Hurricane Network, a national association of law students and administrators. I am writing to request ad hoc funding on behalf of the participating students. The funds will be used for rental cars (to get to and from the placements) and accommodations.

Do you expect to receive external funding? If so, how much and from what sources?

We are sharing funding from Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett with CJAN. Our portion is in the amount of $2,220, which we estimate to be around $51.00/ person after group expenses have been subtracted.

Please itemize your anticipated expenses:

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Hotel Rooms (4 Rooms at $139/ night for 6 nights)</td>
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<td>Transportation to New Orleans ($260 x 14 People)</td>
<td>3,640.00</td>
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<td>Car Rentals (3 Cars @ $500/ week)</td>
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<td>Food (14 people @ $25.00 a day)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>10,576.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total that we are Requesting</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,100.00</strong></td>
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Is there anything else you would like the budget committee to know about this event? Attach an explanatory document, in Word format, if necessary.

Is this event similar to events your group has held in the past? Circle one: YES
If you answered no to the previous question, please disregard this section
If so, when? Please briefly describe the similar event (or simply say “near-identical event”):
Last Year, March 16-22, SHN - Gulf Coast Caravan. Near-identical event.

Funding approved for similar event: $3,400.00
Amount actually spent on similar event (if known): all
If you are requesting more money for this event than you were approved for the past event, please briefly explain why your group needs more money:
Our group is asking for less money even though flights and rental cars are more expensive.
From March 15th to 22nd, Columbia Law Students will travel to the Gulf Coast and join forces with other law students from around the country to offer legal services to victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This trip provides a unique opportunity for our students to complete 40 hours of concentrated pro bono work assisting legal organizations with the ongoing relief efforts in the Gulf Coast. Last year some of our students worked with a local criminal justice organization to plan an Expungement Day event--others collected data for a lawsuit against the Road Home Program on behalf of African-American homeowners.

It is important for the Student Senate to support programming that brings students together outside of the classroom to support a common cause. The Gulf Coast Caravan is unique in that Columbia students are able to devote an entire vacation to pro bono work outside of NYC. In past years, students have paid for the entire trip upfront without knowing if they would receive any money from outside sources. They have proudly carried the Columbia name down to the organizations in the Gulf Coast and have asked for nothing in return—all because of a dedication to the region. In 2009, almost 4 years after the storm, the Gulf Coast still isn’t back to normal. Students from last year’s trip marveled at the number of people still living in trailers in their front yards. But with every trip, it becomes clearer that law students are needed to lend a helping hand to understaffed organizations. I urge the Senate to keep this in mind when deciding whether to provide supplemental funding for this trip.

I am writing to request ad hoc funding on behalf of the participating students, all of whom would otherwise be required to pay for the entire trip on their own. The funds will be used for food. We are asking for $2,100.00 so that students can have the price of the trip offset for about $200.00 dollars each (this amount includes the Simpson allocation). This was the same per student amount that was requested and received last year. We are actually able to ask the Senate for less this year because of the additional money from Simpson, Thatcher and Bartlett. The money we are receiving from Simpson, Thatcher and Bartlett will mainly be going to rental cars ($500 x 3 rental cars = $1,500.00). After rental cars, there will only be $720.00 remaining. Divided among 14 students, that’s about $51.00 per student. With the Senate money, we will be able to give students an additional $150.00 each, bringing the per student funding in total to $200.00 (20% of total cost of trip).

Any assistance that Student Senate is able to provide would be greatly appreciated.