



GRANT FUNDING PROPOSAL 2025

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1. Executive Summary

Develop Empower Smart and Mighty Youths (DESAMY) Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to uplifting underprivileged youth in rural Haiti by providing access to quality education, academic support, and holistic personal development. Founded by Rose Berth François in 2017, DESAMY was born out of a personal mission to empower youth through education, mentorship, and character-building initiatives, addressing the profound challenges of poverty, violence, and limited opportunity in Northern Haiti.

DESAMY's flagship initiative, the *Cultivate Talent* program, provides after-school tutoring, scholarships, and essential educational resources to students in communities such as Terrier-Rouge and Cap-Haïtien. These areas face systemic issues such as low literacy rates, high dropout levels, food insecurity, and gang violence that interrupt access to safe and reliable schooling.

With a proven track record—students in DESAMY's tutoring program boast a 90% pass rate on national exams, compared to the national average of just 19%—the organization seeks funding to expand its impact through the following initiatives:



- **\$70,000 for Student Scholarships:** Covering tuition and school-related costs for 100 students from low-income families.
- **\$65,000 for the “Let’s Learn” Tutoring Program:** Supporting 150 students through personalized, after-school academic instruction and mentorship.
- **\$9,000 for 30 Computers:** Equipping the tutoring center with technology to enhance digital literacy and online learning.
- **\$7,500 for School Supplies:** Providing backpacks, notebooks, pens, and other essentials for students.

This \$151,500 investment will enable DESAMY to break the cycle of poverty for more than 230 students annually by equipping them with the tools to succeed and empowering them to become leaders in their communities.

2. Organization Background

Develop Empower Smart and Mighty Youths (DESAMY) was founded on October 27, 2017, and is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. With locations in both the U.S. (Charleston, SC) and Haiti (Terrier-Rouge), DESAMY is committed to providing education and empowerment programs to underserved children in Haiti.

Mission

To educate, inspire, and empower young people so they can build meaningful lives and contribute to the betterment of their communities.

Vision

A future where every Haitian child has access to quality education and the love and support needed to thrive.

Core Values

Empowerment | Education | Community | Integrity | Compassion

Leadership Team

- Rose François, Founder & CEO



- Tracey Manuel, Board President
 - Moise François, Chief Financial Officer
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3. Problem Statement

The communities of Northern Haiti—including Cap-Haïtien and Terrier-Rouge—suffer from entrenched poverty, limited access to quality education, high unemployment, and inadequate infrastructure. Students face barriers such as unaffordable school fees, lack of supplies, long travel distances, food insecurity, and gang-related violence, all of which severely impact educational outcomes and personal development.

4. Project Description

DESAMY proposes an integrated educational support project designed to improve access to and success in education for 230 youth in Cap-Haïtien and Terrier-Rouge. The program includes four core initiatives:

1. “Let’s Learn” Tutoring Program

- Target: 150 students (ages 6–19)
- Activities: After-school instruction, mentoring, exam prep, life skills, ongoing performance evaluations

2. Student Scholarships

- Target: 100 students from low-income households
- Coverage: Tuition, uniforms, books, registration fees

3. Technology Access

- Activity: Provide 30 computers to improve digital literacy and enable access to online resources

4. Educational Resources

- Activity: Supply backpacks, notebooks, pens, and essential materials to support daily learning
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5. Programs and Services

These initiatives align with DESAMY's mission to create meaningful, long-term change in underserved communities:

- **After-School Tutoring:** Tailored support in math, reading, and science
- **Scholarship Program:** Financial aid for school attendance and retention
- **Digital Literacy:** Technology integration for learning
- **Parental Engagement:** Workshops and events to involve parents in educational outcomes

6. Budget and Justification

Initiative	Amount
Let's Learn Tutoring Program	\$65,000
Student Scholarships	\$70,000
Computers (30 units)	\$9,000
School Supplies & Backpacks	\$7,500
Total Requested	\$151,500

7. Expected Outcomes and Impact

- At least 90% of students in the tutoring program will pass national exams
- 100 students will remain enrolled and complete the academic year
- Students will show increased literacy, math, and critical thinking skills
- Families and communities will become more engaged in education

By investing in education, DESAMY helps youth break free from poverty and build productive, self-sustaining futures.



8. Conclusion

DESAMY's programs are a proven solution to systemic educational barriers in Northern Haiti. With this \$151,500 investment, we can transform the lives of over 230 students through tutoring, scholarships, technology access, and learning materials. We invite your support in creating brighter futures through education.

