



## Request for Letters of Interest by December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Ayiti Community Trust (ACT) is the country's first endowed fund, building on Haiti's assets and driven by Haitians' local needs while providing resources for sustainable solutions. ACT is registered in Haiti and operates as a grant-making community foundation.

In 2020, ACT will distribute a total of \$50,000 in grant funding to one or more organizations that are in alignment with our focus. We seek to support those that are rewriting the Haitian narrative from one of deficits to one of assets within three interconnected pillars: environment, entrepreneurship, and civic education. We are particularly interested in entrepreneurial approaches to preserving Haiti's environment while contributing to civic discourse that promotes peace and collaboration.

### **ACT's Three Pillars:**

#### **Environment**

We believe that integrated management of Haiti's precious natural resources promotes climate resiliency, creates livelihood opportunities, and expands economic prospects for future generations. We seek to support innovative projects that aim to reverse or proactively prevent environmental degradations while engaging Haitian communities to change behavioral patterns that contribute to climate change.

#### **Entrepreneurship**

Haitians are entrepreneurial, but socio-economic challenges have stunted the growth of this sector for many segments of Haitian society. We seek to invest in innovative, cost-effective and sustainable strategies to increase entrepreneurship to revitalize local communities.

#### **Civic Education**

A people who are self-aware, competent, and purposeful are best able to sustain a nation. We seek to support community-building projects aimed at emerging leadership development, public stewardship, and re-engaging Haitian citizens to actively collaborate to promote the greater good of Haitian society.

#### **Who is Eligible?**

Organizations that can:

- Show proof of registration in Haiti
- Work in at least one of the three content areas

#### **What is the scope of work and grant amounts?**

- Grants should not exceed \$40,000 US
- Funds should be used for the following purposes:
  - Start-up of a program with a promising new approach
  - Capital – Building, equipment, or materials
  - Operating capital for scale-up of a proven concept/project
  - General Operating Support
  - Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance
  - Reasonable indirect costs for program/project implementation
- Ineligible projects/purposes:
  - Short-term Relief Efforts
  - Scholarships

- Research
- Individuals
- Endowments
- Memorials
- Events
- Membership
- Annual Campaigns
- Reduction of deficits

### **What are Next Steps?**

If your organization is **eligible** then the following information may help you to decide if you want to take the first step in submitting an application for funding.

- The total funds for distribution are \$50,000 and the size of the grants awarded will be no more than \$40,000 and no less than \$5,000. The size will be based on alignment with ACT priorities, scope and scale, overall financial needs and capacity.

**Preference** will be given to organizations that:

- request grants that do not exceed 50% of their overall budget.
- are Haitian-led organizations based in Haiti e.g. a majority of the Board and Executive leadership is Haitian. Exceptions may be made for organizations that have a track record of empowering Haitians as the change agents
- articulate root causes and how the intervention impacts them
- have a track record of sustainable and measurable outcomes
- Integrate more than one content area (environment, entrepreneurship, civic education) in proposed program/project
- organizational capacity including sustainability of other funding sources and ability to collaborate with other partners including government
- scope of impact demonstrated by measurable outcomes e.g.
  - Numbers of people served/impacted or geographic scope
- a track record of making impact in ACT's focus areas and where a grant from ACT would make a significant difference.

### **Application Process Step 1.**

**By December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Submit a **LETTER OF INTEREST (LOI)** in Kreyol, French, or English to the address below preferably by email.

The **LOI** should include the following:

- Size of grant and duration requested
- Your organization mission and strategies
- NGO's total budget size and program budget size
- Demographic description of Board and Leadership
- Title of the project
- Brief summary of how the grant will be used including:
  - description of intervention
  - short-term (1-3 years) outcomes (number of people served, geographic scope, and expected change)
  - long term impact (5-10 years) (systems or community level)
- Description of how the objectives of the proposed project relate to the priorities of ACT
- Primary contact for the organization

The LOI should be accompanied by the following Attachments:



- Proof of registration
- Most recent financials
- Names of leadership team of the organization: Board Chair and top executive/management positions

**Application Process Step 2:**

**By January 1, 2020** applicants will be notified whether or not they will be invited to submit a full application.

If invited to submit a **full application** it must be received at the address below by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The full **application** should include everything in the LOI, plus:

- detailed plan for implementation including budget and timeline
- how the proposed plan builds on past experience to be effective
- address the sustainability of current and future funding sources
- name and contact for other current funders
- name and contact for proposed collaborating organizations

**Application Process Step 3:**

**By June 30<sup>th</sup>** the applicant will receive notice of whether or not they have been awarded a grant and if they have approved for a grant, they will receive a letter of agreement to sign.

**Application Process Step 4:**

One month after returning the letter of agreement to the address below funding will commence.

For more information or questions

Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_