

Grant Cover Letter – The Happy Series

Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to request funding support for The Happy Series, a three-book illustrated literacy collection designed for students ages 6–9 (Grades 1–3). The series integrates English Language Arts instruction with Social-Emotional Learning by strengthening reading comprehension, collaborative discussion, and written response while modeling empathy, teamwork, and calm problem-solving.

The Happy Series aligns with state ELA standards for reading literature, speaking and listening, and writing, as well as SEL competencies including emotional regulation, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Each title includes educator support materials and printable student activities, allowing for immediate classroom implementation.

Funding this project will support literacy access and educational equity by placing high-quality, engaging texts into classroom libraries and school media centers.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Smith
Author, The Happy Series