

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist persons in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Oasis of Faith Campus Ministries (at Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston)

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) Oasis of Faith Campus Ministries

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Contact person Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton email adriennerb@verizon.net

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project \$5,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

Donations from individuals and congregations, Boston Baptist

6. Your other funding source(s) Social Union, Massachusetts Baptist Foundation for Campus Ministry

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton Date Friday, August 28, 2015

Printed Name/Title Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton, Chaplain, Board President

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



**Grant Matthew 25 Grant Proposal 2015**  
**Oasis of Faith Campus Ministries at UMass Boston**

*Oasis of Faith CM exists to support the spiritual, moral, and intellectual development of the individual, an ethic of mutual social justice, and a commitment to service in and beyond the college community.*

Oasis of Faith Campus Ministries is the Protestant Campus Ministry that has existed at University of Massachusetts, Boston since 1974. The ministry is recognized by The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.

My Campus Ministry colleague Sister Dorothy Castles and I recognized more than 10 years ago that some of our students were homeless, and many more were not able to afford tuition, books, lab fees, transportation, and food. Hospitality in the Interfaith Chapel, now known as the Interfaith Center, had long included hot water to make tea and instant coffee, cookies and candy. The urgent need of several students made us spend more of our hospitality funds on snack crackers instead. The snack crackers are not funded by the university.

For many the crackers are the bridge between the campus classroom and the off-campus job. For some it is the nutrition that leads to an exam, or the next class. As one student admitted in the Spring, "I just can't afford to buy food on campus and the food I packed from home is already gone." The university finally admitted the reality of homelessness and hungry a few years ago. U-Access was established as a part of Student Affairs.

I would like to supply 150 imprinted reusable grocery bags with our logo and words of inspiration, filled with staples, and a guide for economical nutrition. A grocery gift card will be available for students. I would also like to share a portion of the funds with U-Access in gift cards to grocery stores that are close to the university and accessible on the public transportation system.

I will aid the students I know who are financially stressed, seek names from the Veterans Upward Bound program and work with colleagues in the university community.

In addition, Oasis will offer a community meal in the Fall and in the Spring. If funding permits we will offer more meals.

**Program Budget:**

Reusable Grocery Bags: 150 Imprinted Bags	\$ 165.00
Staples for the Reusable Bags:	\$ 400.00
Nutrition Booklets: Easy Economical Meals (Will search for free resources.)	\$ 35.00
Snack Crackers:	\$ 200.00
Community Meals on Campus during Finals (2 x \$600)	\$1200.00
Grocery Gift Cards: \$50.00 x 60 students	<u>\$3000.00</u>
	\$5000.00