

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: CenterPoint Baptist Church

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1472 Temple Hills, MD 20757

Phone: 202-780-6411

Federal Tax ID#: 26-3202578

Name of Region: DC Baptist Convention

Contact person (person completing this form): O. Jermaine Bego

Email of contact person: ojbego@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

CenterPoint Baptist Church Community Outreach Ministry

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

CenterPoint is requesting financial support for its "Blessing Bag" project which provides personal hygiene items to underserved women.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

This annual project is designed to boost body image influences on self-esteem, confidence and motivation. Increased personal care may lead to employment which increased a woman's opportunity to provide for herself and family members including young children.

5. Total cost of the project: \$10000.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000.00

7. List other funding source(s): CenterPoint BC, Far SE Collaborative, DC Baptist Foundation

8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) CenterPoint Baptist Church, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): O. Jermaine Bego (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 08/20/2018

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:**- Your mission statement**

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) OB

O. Jermaine Bego

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

CenterPoint Church “Blessing Bag” Project 2018

Vision: is to become a community centered in the Transformative Gospel of Jesus Christ

Mission: No Judgment No Shame Just Love

CenterPoint exist to be a gathering, not a building; a collective effort of exploring and living out faith. Whether a service with a standard liturgy or simply fellowship over a meal, it is where we encounter the hearts and minds of people to Deconstruct Church and Resurrect Community.

PREMISE

Maintaining personal hygiene is necessary for many reasons; personal, social, health, psychological and simply as a way of life. Keeping a good standard of hygiene helps to prevent the development and spread of infections, illnesses and bad odors. Most women are very conscious of personal hygiene because they are aware of health problems that can develop as a result of poor personal hygiene

PROBLEM

The latest analysis on women’s poverty (The Women’s Foundation) reveals a discouraging but well-known story for those of us interested in the issue. Years into the economic recovery and poverty rates are still on the rise for women. The number of women living in poverty in the Washington, DC region increased once again—from 10.2 percent in 2013 to 10.6 percent in 2014. The highest poverty rates continue to exist in Wards 7 and 8, where one-in-three residents lived below the poverty line in 2012.

PROPOSAL

CenterPoint serves as a ministry in the Ward 8 community where both physical and spiritual needs are ministered too. The proposed program is a platform for community outreach serving as a conduit to fulfill the church mandate to provide for the less fortunate.

CenterPoint “Blessing Bag” Project is a missional outreach initiative providing personal hygiene care packages that include items, such as, deodorant, mouth care products, soaps, and feminine toiletries. In the 2016, with generous support from the Matthew 25 grant, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and crowd funding, CenterPoint provided over 400 “Blessing Bags” to women in the Ward 8 communities of Washington, DC. In 2017, efforts had reach 500 bags assembled and distributed

By 2018 CenterPoint provided 1000 “Blessing Bags” to underserved women, more than doubling its previous year efforts. These “Blessing Bags” served women living in Section 8 housing, homeless shelters, senior living facilities and regrettably on the street. Its partnerships included additional churches, community groups and non-profit organizations, providing volunteers to collect, assemble and distribute donations.

PROPOSITION

CenterPoint seeks to continue in its effort to:

1. Serve underserve women with personal hygiene items
2. Coincided with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service
3. Provide opportunities for youth to gain volunteer community service hours
4. Build partnerships with additional community stakeholders

With a target of 1500 “Blessing Bags” for 2019, CenterPoint is requesting financial support from the Matthew 25 Grant in the amount of \$5000.00. Each “Blessing Bag” has a cost of approximately \$5.00 per unit. 100% of monies collected to fund this project are used solely for the benefit of the recipients.

CENTERPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH
2018-19 BLESSING BAG
BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT

INCOME

Matthew 25 Grant	5000.00
DC Baptist Convention Foundation	1500.00
Far SE Collaborative	500.00
Baptist Convention DC & Vicinity	500.00
CenterPoint Baptist Church	2500.00

EXPENSES

Personal Hygiene Products	7500.00	
Printed Materials (Pamphlets)	500.00	
Misc.	2000.00	
		0.00

BUDGET EXPENSE NARRATIVE FOR THE PROJECT

Personal Hygiene Products: The cost of items including feminine toiletries and hygiene products. The majority of items are purchased through a special non-profit program with retailer, Dollar Tree.

Printed Material: The cost for marketing is based on printed flyers and religious tracks. Materials included information on CenterPoint, the local Baptist Convention, community organizations and resource sheets.

Misc.: Indirect cost associated with the project, including ZipLoc bags and storage boxes.