

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 Burien Community Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) Evergreen Baptist Association

Mailing Address 16241 19th Ave. SW, Burien WA 98166

Phone 206-243-1623

Federal Tax ID# 91-1848255

Contact person Mindi Welton-Mitchell email mind@buriencommunitychurch.org

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 \$4350

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$3100

6. Your other funding source(s) \$1250

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) Mindi Welton-Mitchell Date 08/26/2015

Printed Name/Title Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Pastor

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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August 2015
Mission Statement and Budget

Our Vision Statement:

***The Vision of Burien Community Church is
to be a welcoming community on a faith journey,
reaching out
in fellowship,
in caring,
and in service to others,
with the acceptance and love of Jesus Christ.***

Budget:

Item	Matthew 25 Grant	Other funding/source	Total
Meals (food, paper goods, other supplies) for approx. 20 meals a year w/40 people	1500	500 (in-kind donations, volunteer donations)	1500
Coffee, snacks and supplies	500	250 (in-kind donations, church budget)	750
Refurbished computers	1000	500 (in-kind donations or AB Men's group)	1500
Support/training for our volunteers	100		100
Totals	3100	1250	4350

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Use of Funds Statement

Last year, Burien Community Church, with the help of the Matthew 25 Grant, began an after-school tutoring program with Gregory Heights Elementary School, which is right across the street from our church. After taking some time to establish a relationship with the school and adjusting what we had envisioned for the program to meet the actual needs of students and teachers at Gregory Heights, we had nine students in our tutoring program in the spring of 2015. Those students were also fed dinner along with their families (most families participated in receiving a free meal, either at the church or taking it home with them). All of the students involved made significant progress in their reading and math skills. All of the students involved came from families with significant economic needs.

The Highline School District has a large immigrant population with over 40 languages spoken in the district. The free and reduced lunch rate at Gregory Heights Elementary School is over 60%. Within walking distance of the school are low-income apartment buildings, where many of our students that participated in our program last spring resided in. Burien Community Church sponsors a family every year from Gregory Heights (need is identified with the help of the guidance counselor) for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Burien Community Church is a small congregation with about 30 in regular attendance of worship. We have a very low budget and the pastor is half-time. The Matthew 25 Grant was essential in getting us started last year. We were unable to upgrade our Wi-Fi through the church budget last year, but we are requesting assistance again with receiving some refurbished computers to help with the math homework (much of the math curriculum involves a computer program used by the school district). We are requesting less funds than last year since much of the curriculum and school supplies were already purchased. Our primary use of funds will be for food for the meals and snacks; in addition, we hope to partner with our local Food Bank in possibly sending food home over school breaks and weekends.

Our program runs for 10 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the spring, from 2pm to 6pm. From 2-3:15, the church building is open for parents and volunteers to get coffee, chat, and prepare before students arrive (a few parents did help out with our program last year). We hope to take on 10 students for the fall and 10 for the spring and provide meals for their families every Tuesday night. If we are able to recruit more volunteers, we can increase the program. Last year we were successful in recruiting outside of the church and made this truly a community effort; we hope to repeat that success this year.

The Matthew 25 grant funds will ensure that we can continue our tutoring program. Without the Matthew 25 grant, our ability to continue to provide meals and supply students with the resources they need will be difficult to do. We appreciate the help we received last year to start our program and we hope that with a renewal of the grant we can continue to provide support to Gregory Heights Elementary School and their most vulnerable students and families.