

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



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. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

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 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: New Horizon Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 17 Essex Lane, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Phone: 860-726-9282

Federal Tax ID#: 52-2142-451

Name of Region: ABCCONN (Connecticut)

Contact person (person completing this form): Jessica Simpson, Church Clerk

Email of contact person: jessica.w.simpson@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?

New Horizon Baptist Church (The Community Day is planned and executed by the Benevolence Ministry and Planning Committee of New Horizon Baptist Church).

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.

Please see "Addendum A" attached.

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?

The funds will be directly applied to purchasing the items distributed, including but not limited to: school supplies, clothing, personal hygiene products, household products and a cooked hot meal. Those who suffer with poverty often struggle to determine how they will satisfy their basic needs. Our offering will minister by providing a temporary relief. (Our hope is that this grant will be awarded for the 2017 event, or can be applied to the 2018 event upon preference of the committee).

5. Total cost of the project: \$4,700.00 (projected)

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,500.00
7. List other funding source(s): New Horizon Baptist Church and personal donations from individual members.
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) New Horizon 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): Jessica Simpson, Church Clerk (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 6/30/2017

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **Instructions and information for completing the 2017 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. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 grant cycle, applicants who received funding in Spring 2016 are eligible to apply for the Fall 2017 grant cycle. 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) JS

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

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Addendum A: Question 3

This year marks the ninth year that Horizon Baptist Church will host its annual “Back to School Community Day.” The objective of this event is to show God’s love through the practical work of providing to those in need within the immediate vicinity of the event. On its inception, the event’s primary focus was on the provision of backpacks filled with supplies to students going back to school. The need was great, and in subsequent years we increased the amount of backpacks distributed. Each year, participants have expressed other areas in which they are in need, and each year we have sought ways to address these needs. The annual event has now expanded to include a supplemental school supply table, clothing and household drive and personal product drive. Each participant is welcome to partake in a hot nutritious meal. Throughout the half day event, professionals within our congregation also facilitate workshops.

Last year we had an increased number of college aged students to whom standard book bags, filled with crayons and notebooks were insufficient for their higher academic needs. This year we would like to expand our distribution by offering \$50.00 book scholarships to students who attend the community event. Our intent is to provide the student with a brief application to be completed at the event. Upon the further provision of a college acceptance letter or proof of enrollment we would tender the scholarship.

The requested grant will be directly used to purchase the distributable items: 200 book-bags and school supplies to fill each book-bag, clothing, food, personal hygiene products and household supplies. The grant will increase the amount of items purchased for distribution, including the book scholarship.

New Horizon Baptist Church  
40 Pitkin Street  
Manchester, CT 06002

**Proposed Budget: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day**

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2017

Location: American Legion, 2121 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Event Time: 10AM-2PM

Projected Visitors Served: 200

Total Proposed Working Budget: \$4,700.00

- Venue: \$600.00 (Rent & Rider Insurance)
- General Setup: \$200.00 (including, but not limited to: table covers, tables, storage containers tape, scissors, markers, pens, etc.)
- Food: \$500.00 (includes continental breakfast for volunteers, provisions for cooked hot meal, four \$25.00 stop and shop gift cards, pre-packaged snack bags for children, etc.)
- Items for Clothing/Household Drive: \$1,000.00
- Children's Corner: \$200.00 (activities and crafts supplies and children's library)
- Book Bags: \$1,500.00
- School Supplies to Fill Book Bags: \$500.00
- Book Scholarship: \$200.00 (4 at \$50.00)

The New Horizon Baptist Church Mission Statement is found within “Article 2” of its by-laws:

**Article 2:** Mission Statement

New Horizon Baptist Church is a Christian community of believers in Jesus Christ; we are an evangelical church that emphasizes the proclamation and practical application of God's Word, irrespective of race, ethnicity and gender.

The purpose of this Christian organization is to fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ in Matt 28:19-20 "go ye therefore....." and to continue the work of Jesus by visiting the sick and imprisoned, clothing the naked and feeding the hungry, and minister in other practical ways, as we cater to the spiritual needs of the people.

In order to fulfill our purpose we engage in specific ministries that are in accordance with our purpose and our desired objectives.

These ministries include:

1. Christian Education Classes for all ages.
2. Regular prayer meetings and Bible studies.
3. House to house visitation.
4. Community outreach and Benevolence ministries.