

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: **Columbia Street Baptist Church**

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to): **Columbia Street Baptist Church**

Mailing Address: **63 Columbia Street,
Bangor, ME 04401**

Phone: **207-945-6616**

Federal Tax ID: **01-0228109**

Contact person: **Stan Moody
Katie Bartlett**

email: stanmoody1@aol.com or
email: secretary@csbcbangor.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: **\$3,000**

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$3,000**

6. Your other funding source(s): **Church Budget, special donations.**

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) _____

Date: **8/28/15**

Printed Name/Title: **Rev. Dr. Stan Moody, CSBC Senior 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.

Our Mission Statement:

“Sharing the Resources of Christ in Downtown Bangor and Beyond”

Ministry Budget:

Food for soup kitchen (serving 100 weekly) \$2,700

(CSBC provides the food for the soup kitchen one Sunday each month—volunteers and other churches donate the food the other Sundays. Food is purchased specifically for each week at Dennis (local restaurant supplier), Sam’s Club, and WalMart. Meals cost, on average, \$2.25 per person per meal, and we provide the meals 12 times per year for an average of 100 people. $\$2.25 \times 100 \times 12 = \$2,700$)

Kitchenware Free: provided by CSBC Kitchen

(All kitchenware (pots, pans, dishwashers, utensils, serving dishes, etc) are provided by the existing supplies in the CSBC Kitchen)

Disposable serveware \$300

(CSBC provides all serveware for all meals, even when other churches donate the food. This includes disposable plates, silverware, napkins, and cups for 100 people each week, and gloves for staff serving)

Total cost of Ministry: \$3,000

Mission & Use of Funds:

Columbia Street Baptist Church, located in downtown Bangor, Maine, has recently focused its attention on meeting the needs of its immediate neighborhood. CSBC lies one block west of the county jail and one block east of a large low-income rental community. We serve a struggling community each week, not just with spiritual guidance, but also with meals and pressing physical needs. The community ministries of CSBC serve to help meet the immediate needs of those in our community with the goal that, with that aid, we can be the hands and feet of Christ in assisting them in rising above their current circumstances and out of poverty and addiction.

On Sunday afternoons each week, CSBC hosts a soup kitchen for those in our area who are affected by food insecurity. An average of 100 people attend each week, coming mainly from the downtown area around the church. Some are the “working poor” who struggle to make ends meet, some are unemployed, others are homeless. Over time, some attendees have come to CSBC’s worship services as a result of the soup kitchen, many others talk to volunteers about spiritual things. Volunteers spend time each week talking to people who come for the meal, which allows us to develop a better understanding of their needs and problems and how our church can serve that community. This soup kitchen is an extension of the Columbia Street Baptist Church’s vision to “share the resources of Christ” with our community.

Funds from this grant will help purchase food and kitchen supplies to keep this soup kitchen ministry going.