

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* described above. The applying ministry must be directly affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to submit an application. Only one application per church or region will be considered within a 24-month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day fund, church benevolent fund, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region 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 or Region: Fresh Expressions, Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach, LLC

American Baptist Churches of NJ, Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, Executive Minister and Sr Regional Pastor

Mailing Address: 3752 Nottingham Way, Suite 101, Trenton NJ 08690

Phone: 609 587 8700 (ch ofc); 973-280-8197 973 6746737 Federal Tax ID#: *47-4761224

Region:

Contact person (person completing this form): *Minister Sandra Pendleton Rock

Email: slrock25@msn.com

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☒ Church ☒ Region ☐ Other, please explain Fresh Expressions/Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, ABCNJ Rev Dr. Leora Liggins 30 N Clinton St. E Orange NJ07017

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?

Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach, LLC, "Seeds of Hope" Project Children of Incarcerated Parents

If this application is being submitted on behalf of another organization or ministry, you agree to be the fiscal agent for any grant funds awarded. (please initial)

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 to single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

The funds will be spent primarily for transportation trips (\$400.00 per trip two (2) vans 24 Children + volunteers x 8 Trips. Safety regulation per child via Platinum Tours & Charter LLC. ... \$3200.00

Computer Tablets (10 x \$50 = \$500.00

Therapeutic African Drums (10 x 50 = \$500.00

Refreshments for 6 montly sessions, 30 youth (\$2.00 per youth)

Materials for food donations: Family Reunification (10 families - gift cards 2 \$25.00 for

Thanksgiving/Holidays)

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?
Continue to decrease intergenerational jailing and to lessen the pain and separation between parent and child. This population is challenged by the desperate levels of poverty and other degradations in everyday life (Matthew 25:36). "Seeds of Hope" Project has been successful and consistent since 2013, providing a unique learning experience to actively engage our children in learning experiences with games, songs innovative African-centered culture, therapeutic drumming, arts & crafts, ..life skills, tutoring and caregiver support. Our purpose is providing advocacy resource outreach community services through cultural/spiritual/educational enrichment, empowerment and restore family unity, build relationships for children, families and community by continued partnerships as an interfaith, Civic and Cooperative Communities.
5. Total cost of the project: \$4810.00 (Hands-on Educational Materials have been donated as well Teachers, Students, Parents, Organizations, Interfaith organizations donating their time and talents as volunteers. Most of the funding has been pro bono.
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4810.00
7. List other funding source(s): None
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/region/organization name) Harvest of Blessings... "Seeds of Hope" Project, 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): Sandra Pendleton-Rock (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: September 1, 2016

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 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Applicants must be a recognized ABC church, Region office or organization directly affiliated with an ABC organization such as ABCUSA, ABHMS and IM.

An ABC church or region may submit an application for a ministry they are supporting. If a grant is awarded, the church or region assumes fiscal responsibility for the use of these funds.

Checks will be made payable to the ABC church, region or affiliated organization. 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 and not include a 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.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, 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 or region 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 specific 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)

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

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT BUDGET PROJECTION

Continued Project: "Seeds of Hope", Children of Incarcerated Prisoners

Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach, LLC
377 S Harrison Street, 13G, East Orange NJ 07018

Effective Date: October 2016 – April 2017

Fund Source: ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 Amount of Grant Fund: \$4500.00

Circle one: (Initial Projection)

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Prepared by: Sandra Pendleton-Rock

Signature: *Sandra Pendleton-Rock*

Cumulative Amount Requested (if any)		\$ 4500.00
YEAR 2016	Budget Narrative for Anticipated Date	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
A.	Hands-on Educational and creative supplies (donated) culinary arts, videos, Computer Tablets (10 x \$50.00) for in-class projects	\$ 500.00
B.	Therapeutic African Drums (10 x \$50.00)	\$ 500.00
C.	Platinum Tours & Charter LLC transportation for trips, pickup/dropoff children at individual homes (Newark, Irvington, E Orange, Orange, Montclair, Bloomfield) \$400.00 per trip two (2) vans average 24 children + supervising adult volunteer to ride the van (s) x 8 trips (monthly Field trips) – Safety regulations per children ages 6-14	\$3200.00
C.	Refreshments for 6 monthly sessions, 30 youth (\$2.00 per youth)	\$ \$360.00
D.	Materials for food donations: Family Reunification (10 families – gift cards @ \$25.00 each)	\$ \$250.00
TOTAL REQUEST		\$ 4810.00

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS COMMUNITY OUTREACH, LLC

"SEEDS OF HOPE" Youth Cultural Enrichment Initiative

@ The Jersey Explorer Children's Museum
A Project of New Jersey Youth Corps
192 Dodd Street, E Orange, NJ 07017

Pastor Sandra P. Rock, Minister, Founder and Director
Viergina Dudley, L.S.W., Liaison ECCF Program Director
~ Essex County Re-entry~Family Reunification ~
Lisa Rogers, M.S.Ed, Master Teacher, Education Advisor
Valarie Gorham, B.S.S.W, Master Teacher, Cultural Arts Planner

Dear Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)/Guardian(s),

Harvest of Blessings, "Seeds of Hope" Educational Enrichment initiative provides a weekly or monthly event to be held in a designated community-based site facility, The Jersey Explorer Children's Museum, 192 Dodd Street, E Orange, NJ 07017.

The services will include enrichment literacy and life skills empowerment for our children. The ages are from 4 to 15 years old. Family and foster caregivers are welcomed to participate as volunteers or guests. The program offers skilled adult mentors and tutors. During Saturday classes, the children will have an opportunity to receive the attention they need to complete homework and practice basic math, reading, and writing skills, life skills and character education. The classes will be 11:00a to 3:30p. For ages 7-12, education drumming/dance program is given. The children will earn a certificate of completion for their participation, credit toward scholastic achievement in the arts and community service.

We offer free/affordable family field trip outings & Summer Camp (s), and other youth activities. The purpose for these outings helps provide individual caregiver families with healthy opportunities for learning, relaxation and positive family memories.

Mrs. Viergina Dudley (Designee) Liaison Program Director, Essex County Re-entry/Family Reunification will select the children who will be eligible to participate in our program. Prior arrangements are approved by the Essex County Program Director. On the scheduled day of the activity, the children will be picked up at their home (or other pre-approved location) by a contracted transportation company. Volunteers will supervise the children while they are being transported to and from the activities. A designated adult should be at home to receive the children when they are dropped off. Please sign the registration/permission form for your child/ren if you wish them to be apart of this Program.

Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Mr.s V. Dudley @973-274-7507 | 973-524-3363 ~ Pastor S. Rock @ Srock25@msn.com | 973 674 6738 (f) | 973-280-8197