

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: **Darrington First Baptist Church,**

Mailing Address: **P.O. Box 316, Darrington, Washington 98241**

Phone: ☎ FORMTEXT ☎ **360 436-1671**

Federal Tax ID#: **90-0663666**

Region: **PNW**

Contact person (person completing this form): **Rev. Michael G. De Luca**

Email: **revmikedel@hotmail.com**

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☐ Church (yes)

☐ Region (PNW)

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☐ Yes (X)

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes (X)

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes (X)

2. What ministry or group will use (distribute) these funds? **Pastor and Treasurer of the church to benefit families in need**

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) **(NA)**

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.

Ans: The funds will be used for utilities and food for three families. Currently there are being housed a homeless couple who were destitute, cold and hungry. Our food bank fed and clothed them. We got them part time jobs and a place to live, but they are on the edge of being homeless. Sometimes I have to take the utility grant funds for the month and give them a gift certificate for food because they ran out.

The second is a single father with a teenage girl. He lost his job and was about to have his water turned off and the grant money paid so that it was kept on. This happened again but I was not asked to help (I guess he was embarrassed). Anyway, the water is currently off, and I am trying to work with him to get it back on. (He is working, so I hope he can get caught up). I have a few dollars left that I will help him pay for his water bill.

The third is a newly married family we are housing who have a 1 year old. They struggle to make their bills each month. This month they were struggling to make the rent, so giving them their utility grant lowered their water bill enough so that they could pay all of their rent.

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?

I think we are being a testimony for Christ and his love. We are trying to teach good money management, and only give out grants to the utility company or store. We are finding that families and individuals have not been taught basic skills in management. Individuals to not think of the future enough, only of today. Getting them to think long term is one of my goals.

5. Total cost of the project: **\$1500 - \$5000**
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5000**
7. List other funding source(s): **None**
8. Please submit along with your application a copy of:
- Your mission statement: **To provide housing and utilities for families on the edge of homelessness in the name of Jesus our Lord.**
 - 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.

Budget: \$0-\$5000 (If there are no funds, \$0. If we have \$5000 we will use it all for utilities and food grants)

\$500 yearly water and trash bill per family = \$1500

\$2000 yearly electric bill per family = \$6000

By submitting this application on behalf of **Darrington First Baptist Church**, I **Michael G. De Luca**, 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: **Michael G. De Luca, Pastor** (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: **July 2, 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. (MGD)

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