

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: Latham Community Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 109 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110

Phone: (518) 785-5678

Federal Tax ID#: 14-1499901

Region: NY

Contact person (person completing this form): George Stefani

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Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☒ Church ☐ Region ☐ Other, please explain

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?

Personal Care Ministry

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. To purchase personal care items (e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper) for homeless and impoverished people.

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?

We assist people to regain dental and personal hygiene which is often lost due to homelessness or poverty.

5. Total cost of the project: \$4,250, which includes the estimated value of donated products

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2,000

7. List other funding source(s): Latham Community Baptist Church and its ministry partners
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)Latham Community 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): George Stefani (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 7/25/2016

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) GGS

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

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Latham Community Baptist Church

Background: In late 2014 and early 2015, I participated in the American Baptist Home Mission Society's Mission from the Gospel training workshops. Following the model from that initiative, I held local workshops from with my church and with American Baptist Churches in my association. From those local workshops, we developed a new mission to provide personal care items (e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toilet paper) to impoverished people. We elected to distribute personal care items because few food pantries provide them, some government financial assistance programs prohibit use of their funds to purchase these items, and access to such items by homeless people is sparse.

Current Scope of Ministry: In March 2015, our congregation incorporated into our worship service a monthly collection of personal care items and funds to purchase such items. The following month we began partnering with a non-ABC church in Troy, NY to distribute the items to those in need. In July 2015, the Clifton Park Center Baptist Church, Clifton Park, an ABC church, joined this ministry. Each month, the Clifton Park church takes up a collection of items as part of its worship service and provides those items to our church. In September 2015, we moved the location of our monthly distribution to the Troy Area United Ministries (TAUM) facilities, a non-ABC ministry. Each month, we provide a free community meal at TAUM and distribute the personal care items at that time. In February 2016, our church successfully partnered with group of New York State office workers to provide monthly donation of personal care items. At present, none of these workers attend either our church or the Clifton Park church. Most recently, we involved members of a Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack that we charter in the preparation of the items for distribution and the actual distribution of those items. We feel we are trying to live out the Mission from the Gospel approach of creating ministry opportunities in which one-third originates with the local church, one-third comes from other faith partners, and one-third comes from outside the faith community.

Expansion of Ministry: We know there are unmet needs in other neighboring small locales. We desire to use the grant funds to accomplish three things. First, we want to reach out to additional people and meet their needs. We cannot do so without the requested funds. Second, we want to develop additional partnerships with other ABC churches near the new distribution points. Strengthening ties within our association is an important objective of this church and our association. Third, we want to develop additional partnerships with groups outside the faith communities. Interaction with the NY State workers, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts have given us an opportunity to share the missional message of Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew.

Mission Statement: The mission statement of our church is: Centered in Christ; Serving the Community. The mission of this ministry is: To provide for the health and hygiene of our neighbors.

Annual Budget: The budget for this ministry is completely dependent of specific monthly offerings. Financial giving is solely from our church and totals about \$250 for 2015. Donation of personal care items come from our church, the Clifton Park church, and the New York State workers. We estimate the value of all those donated items approximates \$2,000 per year.

George G. Stefani, Pastor
Latham Community Baptist Church