

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 Twelfth Baptist Church/Second African Meeting House, Inc.

Mailing Address: 150 Warren Street, Boston, MA 02119

Phone: 617-442-7855

Federal Tax ID#: 222-48-6350

Region: The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)

Contact person (person completing this form): Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

Email: atgerald@tbcbboston.org

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA: The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts/Boston Southwest Association

Does your church contribute to United Mission? Yes

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? 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?

Twelfth Baptist Church Second/African Meeting House

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 provide food subsidies to indigent families in bereavement. This service, along with our food patty, will be an augmentation of our outreach to feed the poor.

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?

In times of bereavement, needs are strained beyond measure for Boston’s impoverished families in the greater Roxbury neighborhood, where twenty-two percent of households live in poverty and one-third of all subsidized housing is concentrated. Disproportionately, the poor here are often victimized

by violence and sudden death. Forced into funeral preparation, their struggle for sustenance is often unmet with financial resources from the church and government.

In a minority community where high crime, homicide and poverty abound we can provide relief to grieving families by improving their access to healthy food and supportive funeral preparation. Each food supplement will aid extended families struggling with nourishing the bodies and souls of survivors while burying the deceased.

5. Total cost of the project: \$429,300.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): Rental Income - \$332,450.00 Student Fees - \$79,000.00 and Grants - \$12,850.00
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 The Second African Meeting House Corporation of Twelfth 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 Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

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. **ATG**

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

Rev. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr., Senior Pastor , Twelfth Baptist Church & President, Second African Meeting House Corporation Board of Directorx

SECOND AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE CORPORATION OF TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Twelfth Baptist Church through the Second African Meeting House Corporation is to extend the Love of God to others through the Good News and providing Christ-centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves.

The historic Twelfth Baptist Church, an affiliate of the American Baptist Churches, USA, seeks to serve the community through ministries that will build people of Purpose, of Power, of Praise and of Prayer! By doing this, we will endeavor to advance the Kingdom work of God through presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing ministries so the Sinners may become justified, the Saints sanctified, the Church edified, the Word of God magnified and Christ glorified! PURPOSE is revealed by teaching and preaching the uncompromised Word of God. POWER is revealed by the empowerment of the believers to fulfill his/her creative purpose. PRAISE is revealed by and through the believer in their individual and corporate acts of worship.

Tenets

We seek to honor Jesus Christ through meaningful worship and praise!

We seek to nourish and strengthen the believer through Bible teaching and Prayer!

We seek to serve each other in and with unselfish love!

We seek to share the Gospel with the community around us with compassion for the Lost!

We seek to be a church of much PRAYER!

As Bible believers, we are obligated to spreading the gospel to all people and invite them to fellowship, regardless of race, religion, creed, age or ethnicity. We are courageously committed to social justice and to showing the love of God in our ministries and missions.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Income Projections	
1	Rental Income - Affordable Housing	332,450.00
2	Student Fees	79,000.00
3	Grants Received	12,850.00
4	Matthew 25 Grant Funding for Grieving Families	5,000.00
	Total Projected Income	\$429,300.00
	Expense Projections	
	Administration	
1	Property Management	31,300.00
2	Legal/Accounting	21,750.00
3	Office Expenses and Supplies	3,500.00
4	Payroll Processing	2,500.00
5	Postage and Delivery	500.00
6	Telephone	2210.00
7	Filing Fees	2,000.00
8	Bank Service Charge	2,000.00
9	Insurance - Workers Comp	1,000.00
10	Miscellaneous	2,000.00
	Total Administration Expense	68,760.00
	Building Operations Expenses	
1	Custodial	18,000.00
2	Utilities	41,000.00
3	Building Supplies	1,000.00
4	Maintenance and Repairs	18,000.00
5	Unit Turnover	5,000.00
6	Interest Expense	25,000.00
7	Property Taxes	25,000.00
8	Property Insurance	6,900.00
	Total Building Operations Expense	139,900.00
	Building Exigencies	
1	Vacancies and Rent Concessions	52,000.00

2	Depreciation	27,000.00
	Total Building Exigencies	79,000.00

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(CONTINUED)

	Student Program Operating Expenses	
1	Personnel	94,000.00
2	Fringe - Payroll	6,300.00
3	Program Supplies	12,000.00
4	Field Trips	6,000.00
5	Staff Training	540.00
6	License and Permits	800.00
7	Scholarships	17,000.00
	Total Student Program Operating Expenses	141,640.00
1	Projected Matthew 25 Grant for Grieving Families	5,000.00
	Total Projected Expenses	\$429,300.00

MINISTRY / PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Second African Meeting House of Twelfth Baptist Church (SAMH/TBC) is a non-profit charitable corporation that provides a broad array of religious and community services primarily to the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. The buildings are made available for community meetings, gatherings, and events geared to education and social justice at no cost. Services include affordable and low income housing, a summer enrichment program to upgrade entrance ways to our housing ministry, a licensed (2004) after school childcare program for children of low income families, a licensed (1988) Christian preschool childcare program, a clothes rack/thrift shop, transportation services, senior programs, veterans activities and a food pantry. Less affluent residents flocking to our food pantry for relief from hunger. As public aide is being squeezed, indigence is exacerbated. For many Roxbury residents, poverty, educational insufficiency and economic underdevelopment have led to poor health, high crime rates and premature deaths, often from gun violence.

With funding from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, we hope to provide food and sustenance to defray the financial burden of burying loved ones. Our aim is to buttress the ability of impoverished families to engage their children in structured activity that deters crime and youth violence, motivates academic achievement and ends a low life expectancy. In a recent study of the Health of Boston 2014-2015, the Boston Health Commission reports, "low income communities, people of color, women and youth are disproportionately affected by violence. Acts of violence most often occur in areas of chronic poverty, community disorganization and low school connection, where high crime rates of violence seem "normal." Another study by Action for Boston Community Development indicates that 78% of Boston families in poverty are headed by a single female with limited education.

The Roxbury corridor is in the center of Boston's Circle of Promise, a five mile section in which families of public school students need enhanced economic and educational resources. These families are income restricted and strapped by a high cost of living in an unsafe environment. SAMH/TBC has been a safe haven and has worked independently and collaboratively to acquire resources that break the bonds of poverty and that improve student achievement and the quality of life for the poor. For many families, childcare expenses are prohibitive and children are unable to benefit from the educational, social and developmental surround-care that licensed Christian childcare can afford. For those Roxbury families most adversely impacted, in our After School Childcare Program, we have provided students from Warren Gardens with grant funded scholarships which allow for access to services. Miraculous efforts are needed to adequately fund the gaps in service facing the indigent.

In the 1990s, the Boston Miracle, a collaboration between black ministers, police, street-workers and others, reduced African American homicides in Roxbury. This national model, which included SAMH/TBC clergy, deterred shootings by over 60%. Today, SAMH/TBC clergy, stakeholders, police officials, public officials participate in peace walks. Their gains have largely been erased by a recent uptick in homicides in Roxbury, the heart of the Circle of Promise. Unfortunately, we have not filled the gap that exists after violence has erupted and family members have died prematurely. Families are faced with little to sustain themselves in such times of grief. The stress of burial costs, funeral preparation and increased food costs supplant the normality of daily life. With ABCUSA Matthew 25 funding for food, during the neediest times in which grief grips families, coupled with the efforts of our food pantry, we can break the chains of hunger for the poorest.

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of
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September 6, 2016

Dear Ms. Turner,

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify your questions on our application for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:

Yes, the Twelfth Baptist Church is applying on behalf of its Second African Meeting House, Corporation Ministry. S.A.M.H. is a wholly-owned corporation of Twelfth Baptist that administers our Housing ministry, Community Outreach ministry, After-School Program ministry and Summer Enrichment Program ministry.

The budget submitted is for line items in the **Second African Meeting House Corporation** only.

It is not the Twelfth Baptist Church's operating budget.

If there are further questions I may clarify, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Abundant Blessings,

Pastor Arthur T Gerald, Jr.