

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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Avon Baptist Church – Food Pantry.
Affiliation with ABCUSA: Avon Baptist Church (Old Colony Association of TABCOM)
Address 119 North Main St. Avon, Ma. 02322

Phone 508-583-8076 Federal Tax ID# 22-2509195
Contact person Rev. John Goss email pastor_avonbaptist@verizon.net

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 Approximately \$6,000.00 annually

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) Individual 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) Rev. John M Goss Date 8/30/2014

Printed Name/Title Rev. John M Goss - 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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.





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August 28th, 2014

Dear Matthew 25 Panel,

Greetings I am writing to request a grant on behalf of the Avon Baptist Church. I am requesting this based for the purpose of purchasing food items to be distributed to families in our community through our church's food pantry.

The Mission of the Avon Food Pantry...

The Avon Food Pantry is to be a ministry of the Avon Baptist Church and exists to share the love of Jesus with the Avon Community by providing basic food supplies to any residents of the town who come to us and express a need.

This ministry assists the people of our community by providing them with food supplies on a monthly basis. Avon is a small community consisting of about 4,500 residents. The Food Pantry has historically served approximately 12 families each month. However in the last 12 months we have enjoyed increased publicity of this ministry through our town's anniversary celebrations. This increase in publicity as translated into a rise in demand as people who were in need but previously unaware of our ministry have come to seek assistance. In the month of August we provided food to 19 families. This increase is a blessing because it means that we are helping to alleviate more hunger but it also comes with an increased burden.

This ministry has existed by the generosity of individual donors and the Avon Baptist Church. The church provides for all administrative costs. This means we can use all donations to purchase food items. 100% of donations are used to purchase food to be distributed. However due to the increase in need donations have not met the need and we have come to the end of our cash reserves.

We are requesting the Matthew 25 grant so that we may continue serving those in need in our community in the name of Jesus. We are requesting \$5,000.00. Last year we spend \$5,914.72 and expect the need to be greater in the year to come. The entirety of this grant would be used to purchase food which will be distributed to those in need.

I have enclosed financial statements from 2012 and 2013. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,
Rev. John M Goss - Pastor



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August 30th, 2014

Financial Projection

In 2013 our donations averaged approximately \$313.00 per month.

In 2014 our current level of need is approximately \$518.00 per month.

These projections leave us with a monthly shortfall of \$205.00 or \$2460.00 annually.

We are requesting the full amount of \$5,000.00 because we are anticipating this ministry to grow. If we were to add another 7 families as we did in 2014 we could expect our need to grow even beyond our current projections. Thank you for your consideration.

2013

	Donations	Expenses	Balance
			4688.05 Beginning Balance
Jan	25	691.37	4021.68
Feb	0	0	4021.68
Mar	200	500.76	3720.92
Apr	100.69	0	3821.61
May	0	520.39	3301.22
June	300	0	3601.22
July	0	799.54	2801.68
Aug	0	734.17	2067.51
Sept	30	855.91	1241.6
Oct	200	474.54	967.06
Nov	1968	440.79	2494.27
Dec	942	888.25	2548.02 Ending Balance
	\$3,765.69	\$5,914.72	

2014

	Donations	Expenses	Balance
			2548.02 Beginning Balance
Jan	95	532.1	2110.92
Feb	125	1004.99	1230.93
Mar	1118.95	542.09	1807.79
Apr	0	0	1807.79
May	450	761.02	1181.77
Jun	100	193.76	1088.01
Jul	25	579.45	533.56
Aug	145	533.56	120 Current Balance
	\$1,718.95	\$4,146.97	