

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church 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: WEST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Mailing Address: 4600 W 150th St. Cleveland OH 44135

Phone: 216-676-5300

Federal Tax ID#: 341424797

Name of Region: Cleveland Baptist Association

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. J. Edwin Sanders

Email of contact person: westparkbaptistchurch@yahoo.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No Does not give to UM

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?

West Park Safe Space - Community Outreach

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

To purchase 5 desk top computers, 5 Mac Books, two Flat Screen Televisions and Play Station game controls/equipment to create a Safe Space for At Risk Teens in a Low to Moderate Income neighborhood featuring high technology Computer Lab and Play Station Module. The West Park BC has already begun to transform the former church nursery into a state of the art Teen Safe Space with technology comforts. The 30ft by 15ft room has been totally cleaned out, repainted with low chemical paint and recarpeted with stainless carpet by volunteer tradesmen and women from the congregation. The congregation has already raised \$1,000 towards the project. We have an electrician who has volunteered to run the wiring for Play Station Module. The Creation of this Safe Place for At Risk Teens is a direct response to the designation of the Cleveland Community as the number one city for Teen Suicides. The fact that we are becoming increasingly personally aware of Teens in our extended families who have been successful at Suicide has been shocking and profoundly saddening. The common connection for reaching Teens continues to be Social Media, Video games, Cell Phones and Internet Technology. The creation of this Safe Space is an intentional and purposeful

evangelism and outreach designed to reclaim young souls for Jesus Christ who happen to live in a Low to Moderate Income Neighborhood. Our goal is to win as many souls as we possibly can by embracing and implementing the rich baptist tradition and doctrine of Atonement. We are purposed to bring Teens At One with Christ by any means necessary.

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?
Our target group is at teens for which we will provide a Safe Space/ Safe Haven for times after school and weekends. We know that by addressing the Digital Divide created by economic realities in our local community. Our creation of a Computer Lab/Academic Center/Fun Space will positively effect the Teen Pregnancy Rate, the Occurrence of Violence among teens, decrease the increase of Home Invasions and theft, address the increase of Heroin and other Substance targeted for abuse and help the church address the profound increase of suicide among Teens in our city which was recently identified as the number one city in the nation for teen suicides. We have an immediate impact opportunity to save lives, save families, save souls and eliminate poverty mind sets for an at risk targeted population
5. Total cost of the project: 10000
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: 5000
7. List other funding source(s): West Park Baptist Church \$1,000 Cash/\$2000 Inkind Neighborhood Connections Grant \$3000
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 name) WEST PARK 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): Rev. J. Edwin Sanders (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 7/25/2017

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 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations

affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. 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, do not include a lengthy 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 and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, 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 will be considered per 24 month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 grant cycle, applicants who received funding in Spring 2016 are eligible to apply for the Fall 2017 grant cycle. 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 itemized 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) JES

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

Mission Statement: Create a Christian Community Where No One Is Allowed To Fail.

Grant Objective: To purchase 5 desk top computers, 5 Mac Books, two Flat Screen Televisions and Play Station game controls/equipment for West Park Teen Safe Space

West Park Safe Place Budget

Item	QTY	Cost Per Unit	Matthew 25	Other Funding Src
Apple Mac Book Pro	5	\$499.99	\$2,499.95	
Core 2Dou 2.53GHz				
4GB 250GB DVD				
13.3 Notebook				
MB911LL/A				
(Mid 2009)				
LG 65UH6030	2	\$899.99	\$1,799.98	
65" LED				
SMART TV				
4K UltraHD				
120HZ				
PlayStation 4	1	\$299.99	\$299.99	
PlayStation 4 Pro	1	\$399.99	\$399.99	
New Carpet	1	\$4/ft		\$1,800.00
450 Sq Ft				
30ft x 15ft				
STAINMASTER				
TruSoft carpet				
\$4/ft				

Item	QTY	Cost Per Unit	Matthew 25	Other Founding Src
Paint				
1 Gallon	10	\$25		\$250.00
BEHR Premium Plus				
Greenguard Certified				
Home Depot				
Computer Install	1	\$1,000		\$1,000.00
Carpet Install	1	\$1,000		\$1,000.00
Painting	1	\$400		\$400.00
Furniture	1	\$550.09		\$550.09
TOTAL			\$4,999.91	\$5,000.09
Project Total		\$4,999.91 + \$5,000.09 = \$10,000		