

## 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 Family Promise of the Palouse  
Affiliation with ABCUSA United Church of Moscow, 123 W 1<sup>st</sup> St, Moscow, ID 83843  
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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 \$107,500

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$2,900

6. Your other funding source(s) Local Churches \$17,500; Foundations \$35,000; Fund-Raisers \$30,000; and Individuals.

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) Donna Francis Date: January 29, 2014  
Printed Name/Title: Donna Francis, Board Member and Grant Team Lead

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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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### Family Promise of the Palouse Grant Application

- 1) Mission Statement:** Family Promise of the Palouse (FPP) provides shelter, food, counseling, and comprehensive case management for newly homeless families in the sister cities of Moscow, ID and Pullman, WA and the surrounding rural areas of Latah County, ID, and Whitman County WA, known as The Palouse. FPP is affiliated with the national Family Promise organization based in Summit, NJ whose mission is “to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence”; for more information, see [www.FamilyPromise.org](http://www.FamilyPromise.org). Nationally, Family Promise operations have a 77% success rate in aiding guests achieve self-sufficiency. At the local level, families (guests) are housed in host churches which provide shelter, food, and supplies. During the day, adults go to our Day Center, where the director and case manager assess the factors that led to homelessness, develop a family plan, assist parents in finding employment and housing, and see that children continue their schooling. For information on our local organization, see [www.familypromisepalouse.org](http://www.familypromisepalouse.org). The Day Center, part of the Martin Wellness Center, Moscow, was renovated in preparation for opening October 1, 2013. Our local FPP organization arose from a local poverty study and utilizes more than 300 trained volunteers from both host and partner churches in Moscow ID and Pullman WA. FPP is an ecumenical effort with thirteen host churches assisted by nine partner churches which provide volunteers. The United Church of Moscow (ABCUSA), 123 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Moscow, is a partner church assisting one of the 13 host churches with lodging and meals. In addition, members of the United Church of Moscow serve as volunteers in the Day Center, on the Family Promise of the Palouse Board, special event fund raising, and grant writing team.

### Key Accomplishments:

We successfully raised funds for start-up costs including preparation of the Day Center and acquisition of a van to transport our guests from the host churches to the Day Center.

Community support has allowed us to rent a Day Center at below market rates.

We hired an Executive Director, half-time case manager and van driver.

We became operational as of October 2013 and accepted our first families.

We are graduating our first families to employment and housing in the community.

We continue to raise funds through community, individual, and church donations as well as grants from foundations.

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- 2) Annual Report or Audited Financial Statement:** Family Promise of the Palouse has been fully operational since October 2013. The budgets listed below represent our planned income and expenses per our best information at this date.

### Family Promise of the Palouse Budget

Annual Projected Income		Annual Budget	
Individuals	\$10,000	Director	\$40,000
Foundations	\$40,000	Case Manager	\$18,400
Corporations	\$10,000	Van Driver	\$14,600
Religious Congregations	\$10,000	Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,000
Civic Organizations	\$ 5,000	Health Insurance	\$ 3,600
Fundraising Events	\$25,000	Corporate Insurance	\$ 6,000
Religious Judicatories	\$7,500	Telephone	\$ 1,500
Total	\$107,500	Photocopy/printing	\$ 1,000
		Office Supplies	\$ 1,500
		*Job Readiness exp	\$ 2,900
		Rent for Day Center	\$ 6,000
		Van Maintenance	\$ 3,500
		Family Promise affiliation fee	\$ 1,500
		Total	\$107,500

\*This Grant Request is for Job Readiness Expenses.

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- 3) Family Promise of the Palouse Plan for Requested Funds: Family Promise of the Palouse is requesting \$2900 for job readiness expenses. These types of needs listed below are found to be critical to resolve these issues which can delay their ability to gain employment.**

The primary responsibility of the half time case manager in our organization is the assessment of family strengths, resources and needs in order to acquire the stability of employment and housing. Since opening, we have found that many families cannot take advantage of employment opportunities because they are lacking some of the following:

- Birth Certificates
- Transportation to the Social Security Office (30 miles distant) to obtain a Social Security Card
- Licenses
- Child care to attend interviews or until subsidized child care can be approved upon employment
- Equipment such as hard hats
- Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Gas money
- Bus fare
- Over-the-counter medications for minor illness keeping them off the job

A first example of a *job-readiness need* occurred when one of our guests, who was trained as a licensed practical nurse, but did not have \$170 required to transfer her license from a previous state of residence. Obtaining her license allowed her to seek a much better paying job.

In a second example, a guest worked hard to get an in-person job interview, but was concerned about paying for transportation if offered a job.

While many of these appear to be small or inexpensive items, all of our guests have needed one or more of the above items and did not have money to pay for them, thus keeping them from making progress toward obtaining employment and stability.

