

## 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: Celebration Fellowship

Mailing Address: 18837 Auburn Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060

Phone: 317-600-8986

Federal Tax ID#: 81-3885526

Name of Region: American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Rebecca Horstman-May and Susannah Hallgarth (Clerk)

Email of contact person: rebeccahorstmanmay@gmail.com

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?

The community outreach of Celebration Fellowship, in conjunction with White River Elementary in Noblesville, Indiana.

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 found a pantry (non-perishables and personal necessities) within the elementary school to aid those students currently marked as free/reduced lunch status to help with emergency on-demand needs.

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?

The school counselor and administration at White River have expressed interest in the ability to address on-demand needs from high risk/high poverty students; by partnering with White River's administration and PTO, we are assured that we are directly aiding those children with the greatest needs. This circumspect and private aid will improve student morale, and increase the comfort of those struggling. White River Elementary has the highest per capita free/reduced lunch status in the district, more than 37% of the children are impacted.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2,000 to found and \$1,500 annually
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): White River PTO (ongoing funds beyond grant)
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) Celebration Fellowship, 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. Rebecca Horstman May and Susannah Hallgarth (church clerk) (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 31, 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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **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.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Annual Estimated Cost</b>
Soap/Shampoo	200
Deoderant	100
Pads/tampons	200
Single serve meals	300
Breakfast/snack bars	200
Fruit/apple sauce cups	200
(Asundry/as needed)	300
ANNUAL TOTAL:	1500

<b>Item</b>	<b>One-time Cost</b>
Shelves/storage	\$500.00

*Note: Taxes not included due to school, church, and PTO tax-exempt status.*

# **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to share God's love through service to our community and the wider world and to live the example shown in the life of Jesus Christ.