

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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: First Baptist Church of Cooperstown
Mailing Address: 21 Elm Street Cooperstown, NY 13326
Phone: (607) 547-9371 Federal Tax ID#: 108497
Name of Region: American Baptist Churches of New York State
Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Joseph Perdue
Email of contact person: jperdue@fbccooperstown.org

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?

Cooperstown Food Rescue

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 equipment that will enable us to rescue, repackage, freeze, and distribute food that would otherwise be thrown away by local restaurants.

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 funds will help eliminate food waste in our community and provide free food for our low-income neighbors. The local food pantry (affiliated with a neighboring church) does not distribute cooked food. In addition to helping the environment by reducing waste in landfills, this will provide high quality meals to people in our community. While assistance will be available to all we believe that the elderly, people without proper cooking facilities (homeless in motels without stoves, people who cannot afford to replace a stove, renters of single rooms, etc), and families with multiple jobs and not enough time to cook will benefit the most.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5,000

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): NA
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) Joseph Perdue, 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. Joseph Perdue (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/31/18

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 2018 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. 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) JP

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

Description:

First Baptist Church of Cooperstown is requesting \$5,000 in order to fund a food rescue and distribution ministry. The Village of Cooperstown in upstate New York is currently served by a food pantry that distributes canned and boxed food and vegetables. However, there is currently no organization that provides prepared food to our low-income neighbors. There is no mechanism for local restaurants, caterers, and grocery stores to donate left-over prepared food at the end of the business day, so a great deal is thrown away while our neighbors go hungry.

We hope to reduce food waste in our community and feed our hungry neighbors by collecting food from local restaurants, repackaging it into individual servings, freezing it, and handing it out free of charge to anyone in need. While our ministry will be open to everyone, we believe that several groups will be significantly impacted. Many senior citizens have a hard time cooking because standing for long periods is difficult. Homeless families living in motels or shelters have no way to cook food provided by the food pantry, and many families and individuals have more than one job and little time to cook. Cooperstown is a tourist-based economy and many people work long hours during the summer and are unemployed or underemployed during the off-season. This group (along with busy single parents and people with multiple low-wage jobs) will benefit from prepared food.

We have space to facilitate this ministry but do not have the funds we need to get started. Our kitchen space is ideal but needs a commercial dishwasher in order to be certified as a commercial kitchen in New York State. We plan to use the freezers and refrigerator to store food once it is purchased. We are requesting \$2,045 to meet miscellaneous and incidental needs of this ministry. This will primarily be used for environmentally friendly packaging for individual servings of food. We are committed to a sustainable model and will only use containers made from green products that are compostable and/or made from recycled materials. The use of green packaging combined with less food ending up in landfills will make a significant environmental impact over time. Other uses of this line-item will include advertising the ministry and helping fund deliveries of food to seniors and people without cars when possible.

Budget:

One Commercial Dishwasher-\$1,300

Two 15 cubic feet chest Freezers \$418 each- \$836

One Refrigerator-\$819

Incidental Expenses-\$2,045.

Mission Statement:

First Baptist Church of Cooperstown is committed to helping people find God, grow in faith, seek justice, and serve others through the worship of God, the teaching and preaching of the Gospel, and the

promotion of the interests of God's Kingdom according to the teachings of Jesus in our local community and beyond.