

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: Community Baptist Church of Whitefield

Mailing Address: 27 Jefferson Road, Whitefield, NH 03598

Phone: 603 837 2469

Federal Tax ID#: 75-3229973

Name of Region: ABC/Vermont-New Hampshire

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Greg Vigne

Email of contact person: cbc1816@myfairpoint.net

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?

After School Kids

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 food and supplies for daily snacks, weekly cooking projects, and monthly dinner for low-income children grades 4-8 participating in our after school ministry

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?

Due to the town sponsored after school option being limited to K-4th grade, many low income children have no safe or consistent after school care. ASK seeks to help: alleviate stress for economically disadvantaged families; address food insecurity; provide academic assistance; and introduce children to the love of God through spiritually sensitive conversations and activities with caring Christian mentors.

5. Total cost of the project: Food portion: \$5,100; Entire program: \$21,775

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

7. List other funding source(s): Friends and Neighbors Thrift Store; Community Baptist Church; in-kind donations from local businesses; Day Foundation Grant (pending); Tillotson Fund Grant (possible)
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) Community Baptist Church or Whitefield, 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. Greg G. Vigne (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/16/17

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.

After School Kids (ASK) Mission Statement:

Our mission is to love God and love our neighbors through an after school program for our community's children nurturing their whole lives—mind, body and spirit.

Proposed Program Budget:

Director Salary (13 hours per week min.)	\$7000
Volunteer Recruitment, & Retention	\$500
Administration, Training,	
Background Checks, Program Fees	\$1500
Food (snacks, cooking projects, monthly meal)	\$5100
Program Supplies & Equipment (balls,	
lawn games, Lego, art supplies, etc.)	\$2300
Publicity, banners and brochures:	\$1000
Utilities: (electricity, heat, water-sewer,	
garbage, janitorial)	\$1750
Office supplies and copying	\$875
Copyright License (movies/music)	\$600
LCD Projector	\$400
Computer w/software	<u>\$750</u>
Total	\$21,775.
Weekly cost (35 weeks)	\$623 per week

After School Kids (ASK) Ministry Description

After School Kids is a new ministry of Community Baptist Church of Whitefield, New Hampshire, which will provide a safe, nurturing environment for children in grades 4-8, Monday through Friday during the school year from 3:15pm until 5:30pm. We seek to create a place where children and adults interact with mutual respect and honesty, free from harmful words and actions. We strive to love our young neighbors and their families by promoting physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth. Our goal will always be to love others as we have been loved by the Lord.

The program will be based at Community Baptist Church on Jefferson Road in Whitefield, NH. Children can arrive on the school bus from Whitefield Elementary School. We will utilize the large lawn for active outdoor play and group games, and the handicapped-accessible fellowship hall and stage area for inside activities.

Addressing physical needs: Each day, children will be provided a nutritious snack as part of ASK. In addition, one day per week will include a cooking activity, teaching fun ways to use healthy ingredients and provide good food for themselves. Once a month, the kids of ASK will work together to prepare and serve a free community meal to which they may invite their families and others. Also, we have a large and safe outdoor area for active, physical play, something not easily accessible in our village. We will encourage active play to promote wellness.

Addressing intellectual needs: Knowledgeable and capable adults will be available each day for homework help, a need which many of the parents have expressed. We will offer enriching activities such as music, arts and crafts, science experiments, first aid training, and special guests such as meteorologists or game wardens.

Addressing emotional needs: The lack of a consistent, safe place for the after-school hours is a major source of stress in school-aged children. Our ministry will seek to alleviate this stress. Staff and volunteers will receive training in child safety practices, and listening and mentoring skills, and provide a compassionate listening ear to children who need one. Both men and women will be involved every day, providing positive Christian role models.

Addressing spiritual needs: Each day will begin with a brief, interactive devotion centered on a "word of the day," such as compassion, patience, kindness, generosity. Each will have a Scriptural basis and a practical application. At least once a week, the pastor will be present for "ASK me Anything," when kids can bring up big or small questions about God, the church, or life issues. ASK will also offer spiritually-focused activities, such as movie or book discussion, producing Christmas or other holiday plays, and more.

Our hope is that children and families involved with ASK will be impacted for the Kingdom of God through meeting the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual needs of our community.