

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

Mailing Address: 110 East First Street, Corning, NY 14830

Phone: 607-936-9514

Federal Tax ID#: 16-1036139

Name of Region: New York State

Contact person (person completing this form): Deborah Seeley

Email of contact person: dseeley002@stny.rr.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?

Outreach Department/Community Free Lunch Committee

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.

Attached

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?

Attached

5. Total cost of the project: \$1800.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1800.00

7. List other funding source(s): Donations from our congregation

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) First 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): Deborah Seeley (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/29/2018

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) DES

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

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First Baptist Church, Corning, NY
August 29, 2018

#3. How do you plan to use the requested funds?

The funds received from the Matthew 25 Grant will be used to underwrite the cost of the free monthly (all-you-can-eat) lunch that we offer. These funds will be used to purchase the food – main course, side dishes, dessert(s) and drink – for each month's lunch. A small portion may be used to purchase any paper products (small Styrofoam bowls/plates/cups, etc.). The Free Lunch is an opportunity for our ministry to outreach to the community and has the potential to feed people physically and spiritually.

#4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

The free lunch occurs on the last Saturday of every month (with the exception of holiday weekends, then it is moved back a week). We scheduled it at the end of the month because that is the time when people are in need but lack the resources to meet the need. By the end of the month, most people's food stamp allotment is depleted and pension/social security checks may not yet have been issued. Our desire is to "stand in the gap" during this time for those in need.

The Free Lunch is also a means through which we can convey (in actions not words) that we care about the people of our community. And while the Free Lunch may not eradicate poverty, our prayer is that it will fill a need at a critical time of the month.

MONTHLY FREE LUNCH -PROJECTED MONTHLY BUDGET

<u>Income:</u>	\$150
<u>Expense:</u>	
Meat/main course	\$ 80
Side dishes	\$ 40
Desserts	\$ 25
Drinks	\$ 5
<u>Total Expense:</u>	\$150

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The First Baptist Church of Corning is striving to be an effective witness to the power of Jesus Christ. We attempt this ministry focus through public worship, preaching the gospel, Christian education, personal evangelism, missionary endeavors, community services, cooperation with both denominational and other Christian bodies and the personal dedication to Jesus Christ.