

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: _ FB CHURCH

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Active Member of ABCUSA

Address: 494 E Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911

Phone: 619-422-0121

Federal Tax ID# #95-1792270.

Contact person: Pastor Randy Hasper email: office@fbccv.com

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.)

See attached document.

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

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

6. Your other funding source(s): Financial donations of FB Church members.

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): _____ Date: _____

Printed Name/Title: Randy Hasper/Senior Pastor

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



FB Church
494 E Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Mission Statement:

FB Church's mission is to take everyday people -- broken, flawed and imperfect -- and empower them to be absolutely every possible thing that God intends for them to be! We aim for nothing less than the complete maturity of everyone of our members in Christ.

We consider our church to be a launching pad, a place that inspires and launches people into the next steps of action God has in mind for them.

We are particularly looking for people who are hungry for God, who are ready for God, who want God and who want to grow deeper in their relationship with him and with other people.

We exist to propel people into the God future that God has for them.

FB Church in Action:

FB Church has a strong, recent track record of engagement with adults and children in our community who are in need.

We are FB Church active, and we live out our maturity in Christ by reaching strongly toward the needs in our church and community.

Food Outreach: We host Maranatha Church ministry at our site, who working with Feeding America, provide 150 bags of food to people in our community every Wednesday. There are no requirements to qualify for this free food program. People receiving the assistance come from all over San Diego County. They are predominantly single parent-led families, unemployed, seniors, and homeless. They come through word-of-mouth, are referred by church members at our church or are referred by our sister Church Maranatha, and through our website.

Additionally, we at FB Church distribute 20-30 large boxes of food each week to our church members who are in need. Our church, in cooperation with Sons of Thunder Christian food bank, provide this service without any screening or identification requirements of recipients.

Backpack Give-Away: Every July, for the last three years, FB Church has created and given out back-to-school backpacks for grade-school children with the basic necessities to start the new school year. The backpacks include: notepads, pencils, erasers, paper, and markers. This past July, we handed out backpacks to over 300 students from all over San Diego County.

Easter Baskets: This past Easter, we filled over 300 baskets that were given to after-school programs in the South Bay School District and to Saint Vincent De Paul Catholic Shelter. These after-school programs are for low-income children who otherwise would not receive baskets. We have done this project every year for the last four years.

Children's Boutique: This boutique is a free resource available to the children of the community. We specialize in clothing and accessories for infants and young children and have recently expanded to include single mothers who are fleeing abusive relationships. Our goal is to assist these single mothers and their families with basic accessories, other than food, that will help them transition to meeting their immediate needs.

Thanksgiving Meal: In response to the overwhelming number of unemployed, low income and homeless individuals FB Church has a Thanksgiving meal ministry. For the last five years we have served about 300 individuals each Thanksgiving with a full traditional Thanksgiving meal that included a time to give thanks, music, and an invitation to attend our Sunday service as well.

Christmas Child Adoption: Each Christmas for the past five years FB Church has adopted from 20-30 children in our church and community and given them presents. We give both clothing and toys in a program that allows parents and children to actually request what they need and want. Families in our church with resources adopt another family and buy these gifts from their own funds.

Please visit our website at www.fbccv.com for more information our church.

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Our specific plan is to use grant funds to buy food, solicit food, and transport food from local food banks or businesses to give to families in need in our church and community.

We have a five-year track record of successfully doing this. We have raised previous funds, set aside and stocked food storage rooms at the church, set up a full kitchen with an industrial-sized refrigerator and created a volunteer team to distribute food through our church. This food is given to single moms and their children, and to older people on fixed incomes.

Our current food distribution, on Saturday mornings between 10 am and noon, provides vegetables, meats, dairy and carbohydrates to about 30 families in our church.

Grant Request:

We are requesting this grant to continue and expand our current food outreach to families in need at FB Church. Currently, FB Church pays Sons of Thunder, a Christian food bank, \$250 per month to receive weekly amounts of vegetable, dairy products and meats. These near-date items are rescued by Sons' of Thunder from San Diego area Trader Joes.

We give these items to food-challenged families who attend our church, single moms and their children and older people living on fixed incomes. They come on Saturday mornings each week get to pick out the foods that are just right for their family.

We will use grant funds to continue to buy food either from Sons Of Thunder or from other affordable sources to distribute to our church families in need.

This grant will assist individuals battling poverty by providing weekly food donations that will provide fresh produce, and quality items that can be used to create nutritional health for them and their families.

Financial Statement for this ministry will be broken down for a year in the following fashion:

1. Buy food to distribute to families in need. We will spend \$400 per month on food, or about \$4,500 per year.
2. Provide our volunteers with a transportation allowance so that they don't have to use their own money to buy gas to pick up our food allotments, \$40 per month or about \$500 per year.
3. We are requesting a \$5,000 grant for our food distribution ministry. We currently fund this ministry through the solicitation of donations from people who attend our church. However, those funds are also tapped to provide food for outreach events for our church and community and are quickly diminished by our many food outreach events. Over the last 5 years we have raised and spent several thousand dollars each year for food.