

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 First Baptist Church of Chicago
 Affiliation with ABCUSA ABC MC
 Address 935 East 50th Street
Chicago, IL 60615
 Phone 773-536-3430 Federal Tax ID# E9982224506
 Contact person Rev. Dr. Jesse M. Brown email fbcc.chicago@sbcglobal.net

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.)

4. Total cost of the project \$4400⁰⁰

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4400⁰⁰

6. Your other funding source(s) American Baptist Foundation, In Kind donations FBCC members, Boys to Men Program Fundraising, FBCC scholarship programs

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) Rev. Dr. Jesse M. Brown Date 2/27/14

Printed Name/Title Rev. Dr. Jesse M. Brown

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.



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Boys to Men Mission Statement

The mission of the Boys to Men Program is to provide a structured Christian pathway to manhood through a church family support system that encourages, respect and collaboration with the adults in their lives, educational achievement and breaking the cycle of young men entering the prison/industrial complex. Our goals will be achieved by partnering with our church ministries and programs, community agencies, volunteers and parents. Active engagement with these partnerships as well as support for enrolling and obtaining their GED will begin to improve their self-esteem. Through assistance in the enrollment process for community college training programs or four year university programs, our young men, 18-29 years of age will begin to gain the faith and knowledge that will spur them to future success and deter them from incarceration or social stagnation.

I am sure that First Baptist is not alone. Many of our young people during the 1980's-late 1990's were from working class homes. The difference in those days was the presence of a strong, Christian mother, father or other relative who was able to keep their young men in line and on track to graduate from high school and eventually go to college. It was understood by the Christian family that the socially accepted way to escape poverty was to work hard and get a good education. We believe the Boys to Men program is a Christian support system for parents and guardians who want to see the young men in their families do more than survive, but thrive.

Matthew 25 Boys to Men Budget

We identified 21 young men that need help from our church family to overcome obstacles of family disorganization, disconnection and dysfunction. We know many parents and guardians want to help the young men in their lives who are 18-29 years of age, but they are financially unable to do so. Our budget represents an attempt to provide assistance for success.

Illinois GED Test Cost \$50, 8 Students	\$400.00
Bus Pass, 30 days, Cost \$100,	\$1000.00
College related expenses i.e. books, lab costs. 8 students.	\$1000.00
School Supplies i.e. lap tops/ipads, book bags etc. To the students with the greatest need.	\$1500.00
Lunch Money	\$500.00
Total	\$4400.00