

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: Cameron Community Ministries

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Cameron was founded by the Baptists, is a NAP Center and a part of the Rochester Genesee Region.

Address: 48 Cameron St. Rochester, NY 14606

Phone: (585) 254-2697 **Federal Tax ID#:** 16-1257507

Contact person: Jennifer Muniga **Email:** ccm.execdirector@gmail.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please see below)

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5. Total cost of the project: \$10,000 per year

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

7. Your other funding source(s): Foodlink \$4,000 in-kind food grants

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: *Jennifer Muniga* **Date:** 2/17/16

Printed Name/Title: Jennifer Muniga, Executive Director



Cameron Community Ministries' Mission Statement: *To provide hope to our community through emergency services, engagement, education and empowerment. Our vision is to help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty by moving people from dependence to independence.*

3. Specifically how do you plan to use the requested funds?

"Thank you for feeding me when I needed help. When people come for food sometimes it is embarrassing. The experience here at Cameron is different, the staff is very kind, and you are treated like a person..." -Cameron Food Pantry Guest

Cameron staff received a thank you card with this written inside it by a woman and her family after they were helped by the Cameron Emergency Food Pantry. It stays posted on the staff refrigerator as a motivational reminder to not only feed the hungry, but to make them feel welcomed and encouraged after their visit with us.

The Cameron Food Pantry is a vital support to our community where 98% of households are living in poverty. Last year (2015) we served 1,130 families totaling 3,254 people in our Emergency Food Pantry. These families were able to come in and receive food to last them for a few days until they could make ends meet. We use a model called Client Choice, which allows neighbors to choose which foods they want to take home. We believe that people should be served with dignity, and just because they are hungry doesn't mean they shouldn't choose between foods that they like or dislike.

Cameron is committed not only to providing food, but helping individuals learn more about what they are eating so that they can take control over their own health and wellness. As a result, we wish to continue the Emergency Food Pantry as well as add a cooking class component. We often print recipes for neighbors to cook some of the items they receive from our pantry, but we believe cooking classes would be more beneficial and would give neighbors greater confidence to prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families. Cameron Kitchen staff and volunteers will conduct the classes onsite in our commercial kitchen.

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

Individuals in our community who have difficulty accessing an adequate amount and variety of healthy foods are at the highest risk for negative health outcomes such as obesity and diabetes. Children and adults who do not have enough healthy food can also suffer from inability to focus and may perform poorly in academic settings. Poverty is causing an inability to afford healthy products as well as a lack of knowledge in how to prepare them. Cameron cooking classes will help to bridge this gap for our neighbors. Part of our mission is to educate people and give a hand up, not a hand out so that poverty can be ameliorated one healthy family at a time.

2016 Budget Detail – Kitchen Ministry

KITCHEN EXPENSES	Total Expenses	Expenses Covered By This Grant Request
Salaries of Kitchen Staff	1 FTE Staff = \$30,000 1 PTE Staff -\$11,000 Total \$41,000	\$0
Maintenance & Preventative Building & Ground Plumbing HVAC Pest Control	\$12,411	\$0
Supplies (consumable) Food Paper products (& bags) Garbage bags/cleaning supplies	\$25,221	\$2,500 (pantry food)
Equipment Cooler Stove Food Processors Flatware Place settings	Varies yearly	\$0
Miscellaneous expenses Fee for Foodbank membership	\$300	\$0
Cooking Classes Recruitment Food Paper products Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Expenses	\$80,932	\$5,000