

## 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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Hands and Feet Outreach  
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West  
Mailing Address 434 S. Conquistador Ave.  
Pueblo West, CO 81007  
Phone 719-547-3008 Federal Tax ID# 84-0671875  
Contact person Stacey Burns email office@ecopw.org

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 \$16,900.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) congregational donations, additional grants.

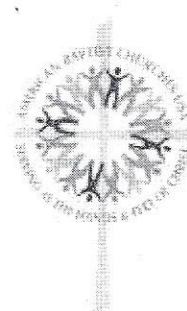
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Stacey L. Burns Date 08-31-15

Printed Name/Title Stacey L. Burns

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 [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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Nearly 1 in 7 people in Colorado live in poverty. 39% of Colorado children live in households with incomes less than 200% of poverty. (coloradokids.org – 2014)

There is a growing population of low-income working class families moving into the Pueblo West community. This growing population has created an increase need for assistance particularly in the area of hunger relief. Currently, Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West is the only food pantry in Pueblo West community. In the past three months, we have seen a 200% increase in the amount of families served.

Currently, Pueblo West has a population of around 37,000. The Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West has been properly positioned to expand our food pantry ministry, which will eventually evolve into wrap around care for the families that we serve. With our pantry at its current capacity, we cannot adequately provide food relief to all of the families that are in need of our services. Ecumenical Church was recently selected by Care and Share of Colorado to expand its services to reach a larger demographic.

In order to accomplish this mission we need to increase our equipment capacity and food storage/purchasing capacity. Hunger relief has been a ministry at the core of our DNA. We believe that God is calling us at this time to expand this ministry and our footprint in the movement to fight hunger and feed hope.

## **Desired goal of the project:**

The goal of the Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West “Hands and Feet” Food Pantry is to provide hunger relief for families that are in Pueblo West and the surrounding community. Our hope is that we can help fight the epidemic of hunger and assist in eradicating poverty one life, one family at a time.

At this time we are seeking funding for the following projects of Hands and Feet Outreach. We are asking for \$2,200.00 to purchase infant formula for 12 children enrolled through the Department of Social Services and the Early Head Start Program here at Kinderkirk Preschool and Child Care Center for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. By providing a nutritious formula for those young children while they are at our center, may provide the families with the opportunity to put more nutritious foods on their own table. Formulas are very costly and we do not want to see families forgoing fresh fruits and vegetables in order to purchase the formula.

The additional \$2,800.00 that we are seeking is to match designated donations that we have received to purchase needed equipment for our Ministry. We have recently began purchasing food for our Emergency Food Pantry through Care and Share of Southern Colorado. We are also able to pick up fresh produce at no charge for our Pantry. In addition to the Mobile food pantry that Care and Share brings to us each month and donated food items from our congregation, we are now purchasing about 2,000 pounds of food that we need to transport. That puts us roughly at 11,000 lbs. distributed each month. In 2014 we feed an average of 300 families from our pantry. In August 2015 alone, we distributed nutritious food to 297 families! Since June of 2015, we have put food in the mouths of 3,431 individuals!

Our ministry is growing by leaps and bounds and the number of people that we are reaching is a blessing to us. As our numbers grow, so must we, and with your help we feel that we will have the tools in place to reach out to even more families in need.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our Ministry as a recipient for the Matthew 25 Grant.



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## **Mission Statement**

**ECOPW is inviting the surrounding communities to:**

**Know,  
Grow in,  
Serve  
And  
Share  
Jesus Christ**

## **Hands and Feet Outreach Ecumenical Church of Pueblo West**

**2014 Income:           \$1,313.00**

**2014 Expenses:       \$     0.00**

**As of 08/31/15**

**2015 Income:           \$6,030.10**

**2015 Expenses:       \$1,284.61**

**Designated       \$ 500.00 for food purchases ( \$100/month Aug - Dec)  
\$ 2,500.00 for refrigeration equipment (to be purchased)  
\$ 2,800.00 donations for needed equipment/trailer**