

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

### 1. General Information:

Organization Name: **ICAN Assistance Center**

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made Payable to): **Emerson Avenue Baptist Church**

Mailing Address: **308 N. Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219**

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Contact Person: **Rev. Justin Thornburgh**; e-mail: [pastorjustineab@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjustineab@gmail.com)

### 2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

Your mission statement: **Mission/Purpose: ICAN Assistance Center serves neighbors in need, focusing on the Irvington area with potential financial assistance for rent, utilities, and for the overall community with clothing, job search assistance and/or referrals to other programs (food, rent, utilities, etc.). Matt. 25:40b**

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. **SEE ATTACHMENT "A"**

### 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 ATTACHMENT "B"**

### 4. Total cost of the Project:

A) Financial: utility/rent and transportation assistance: additional 10 families with additional \$75 financial gift = \$750 + 10 week bus passes @ \$20 = \$200, total = \$950

B) Clothing assistance: children's uniforms/underclothes/socks/shoes/coats = \$1,000\*

C) Christmas 2015 assistance: 30 children @ \$50 = \$1,500 \*\*

### 5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$3,450**

### 6. Your other funding source(s): A) Financial assistance funds come from donations from all the ICAN churches and community at large, however, there are no set funds to double the financial gift except through grant funds; B) \*Irvington Presbyterian Church has a program called "Underneath it All We're All the Same" where the funds are spent on underwear and socks for distribution where needed; also, have previously had some grant funds to assist; C)\*\*Irvington United Methodist Church helps around Christmas, but no budget or set amount known in advance.

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: September 1, 2015

**Rev. Justin Thornburgh, Pastor, Emerson Avenue Baptist Church**

Completed applications should be sent via e-mail to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

## ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant

### Attachment A

A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY:

**ICAN HISTORY:** The original goal of the Irvington Association of Ministers (IAM), an ecumenical group of pastors in the Irvington community of Indianapolis, of which ***Emerson Avenue Baptist Church (EAB) is a member***, was to have a central location to refer neighbors in need, instead of them having to go around and knock on each individual churches door to seek assistance. Thus, the Irvington Churches Advocacy Network (ICAN) was created in 1997, with EAB housing the original central 'office.'

From 1997 to mid-2012, ICAN was open 10 hours a week, operating out of EAB in the Irvington community, which included financial assistance, transportation and a clothing program. In June 2012 ICAN was able to expand and be on site in three churches weekly, instead of just one, and office hours increased from 10 to 14 hours a week. This was a cooperative effort between many Irvington churches, not just the three site locations. Besides providing financial assistance, transportation (bus tickets) and the Clothing Closet, a large part of the work of the ICAN Assistance Center is to provide case management services, assisting neighbors in need, which include, but are not limited to, referrals for food, clothing, medical resources and shelter. As well, services providing job search programs and job postings, helping w/resumes as needed and more, depending on the need of the visitor.

### ICAN Budget 2015

#### A. Projected INCOME

#### **2015 Fiscal Year:**

Program service fees	\$0
Sales	\$0
Membership/dues	\$0
Generated from special events/fund raisers	<b>\$3,610</b>
<b>Grants</b> – estimated	<b>\$6,000</b>
Government Grants	\$0
United Way	\$0
Endowment income	\$0
Other:	
Donations from IAM churches	
Or community/individuals	<b>\$7,840</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>\$17,450.00</b>

#### B. EXPENSES ADMINISTRATIVE

Wages/salaries	\$8,748.00 - fixed
Payroll taxes	n/a – contractual position
Employee insurance	n/a
Staff expense accounts	n/a

Agency insurance	n/a
Space	Gift in Kind of churches **
Utilities	Gift in Kind of churches**
Phone	\$815
Technical	Gift in Kind**
Office supplies	\$318 + Gift in Kind of churches
Fund raising – mailings only	\$120

Other (please specify): \*\* ICAN operates out of three churches within the Irvington area, all the churches 'rent' the space as a gift in kind to ICAN.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL: \$10,001.00**

**C. EXPENSES**

**PROGRAM:**

Services : **\$7,000 – NOT fixed/varies**

**Transportation - \$1,700**

**Financial Assistance - \$3,700**

**Clothing - \$1,500**

**Misc. - \$100**

Volunteer recognition \$0

Vehicle expenses for clients/patients \$0

Program supplies \$0

Professional fees \$0

Staff development \$0

Agency-specific expenses see above

**PROGRAM TOTAL: \$7,000**

**TOTAL ALL EXPENSES: \$17,001**

## Grant – ABCUSA Matt. 25 – Attachment B

How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

The plan for use of the funds will be three-fold: 1) financial assistance; 2) Clothing assistance; 3) Christmas assistance for children. Beyond this assistance, ICAN would potentially be able to work with these families in their job search with job leads, transportation, clothing, development of a resume, and more. Also, would help them to become involved in programs that would offer more full-time 'wrap-around' services which our community offers to help stabilize them and assist them in becoming more self-sufficient, if possible. If not, then the gifts will be like a cup of cool water in the desert of poverty.

1. To assist families, working or not, with children to procure increased financial assistance on a one-time basis, as long as they are not receiving any public funds, i.e. TANF or disability, Section 8, and are seeking employment or re-employment. ICAN procured grant funds in 2014 to allow our program to ***increase the financial gift amount for working individuals and for the retired poor***. This extension of ICAN financial assistance has been in place for the past nine months.

With the cost of living having increased since the inception of ICAN, IAM has found this is a viable need in the community and would like to ***extend this program to families with children, working or not***, but seeking employment, with increased financial assistance on a one time basis when needed upon receipt of grant. Additionally, for working families, a week long bus pass to assist in getting to job interviews or to work in a crisis.

2. To assist children with new school uniforms, underclothes, socks, and gently used shoes, coats.

In 2014 ICAN distributed clothing for 980 people, a large portion, about 1/3, were children's clothing needs. ICAN also collects gently used uniforms throughout the year to assist because of the limited budget. ICAN would like to continue to make available to families in need new uniforms, as well as underclothes, socks, and gently used shoes and coats to children.

3. To assist families with Christmas in 2015 for children primarily ages 13 and older.

For the past three Christmas seasons, ICAN has been working with the local township trustee to enroll children ages 12 and under in the RTV6 Toy Drive/Give-away. However, there are limited programs for children ages 13 and up. ICAN tries to procure funds t/b able to assist these families with gifts for their teen children. ICAN has been able to help teens annually with new gloves/hats/socks/candy and one other item age appropriate depending on gender (i.e. purse, watch, games, etc.), along with a stocking stuffed w/goodies, if funds are procured to do so. ICAN would like to be able to continue this project for Christmas 2015 if the grant this approved.