

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church of Jeffersonville

Mailing Address: 2402 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Phone: 812-283-6136

Federal Tax ID#: 35-1389503

Name of Region: Indiana/Kentucky

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Anthony R. Gualtieri

Email of contact person: pastortonyfbc@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Local Church Outreach

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

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

Proceeds from the grant will be used to provide weekend grocery bags for 70-80 families currently living at or below poverty level for an entire school year. Proceeds from the grant will also serve as seed money to fund our introductory year of this program. Our goal is to set measurable goals and track progress as we intend to reach out to local businesses for future partnership(s) with this ministry. Please see the attached proposal for detailed information.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

Northaven Elementary School is part of the Greater Clark School District. The building is located directly across the street from our church building in Jeffersonville, Indiana. We have recently begun conversations with the local school administration who is excited about the opportunity to partner with a faith based organization in an attempt to better serve the Northaven community. With over 28 nationalities represented in the building, Northaven is a melting pot of diversity. Over 400 of the 560 students enrolled are living at or below the federal poverty level. Our goal is to build relationships with these families - using the grocery

bags as a catalyst to open doors to offer life skills classes such as resume writing, training on filling out applications, how to interview, and any other areas of assistance we may be able to practically offer. We choose to start with the grocery bags because over 62% of the schools enrollment qualifies for free lunch - not reduced fee - but free lunch. The students we will serve will most likely not receive proper nutrition over the weekend due to a lack of familial resources.

5. Total cost of the project: \$7,500.00 is needed to serve 70-80 families each weekend for the entire 38 week school year.
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00
7. List other funding source(s): There is no other funding stream for year #1. Our goal is to show marked progress as we reach out to other local area businesses and build this into a community effort. I am a new pastor in a new community - this is a first for this church. I am confident that if we approach this endeavor with great intentionality, relationships will be built, the gospel will be preached in both word and deed, families will be served, and lives will be impacted. Our congregation will add this to our budget in subsequent years. That being said, the Mission Go ministry of our church has pledged a one time gift of \$2500.00 from their funding stream towards the project.
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) First Baptist Church of Jeffersonville, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Rev. Anthony R. Gualtieri (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 2 August, 2018

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application**

### **1. General information**

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

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

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

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

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

### **5. Total cost of the project**

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

### **6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.**

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

### **7. Your other funding source(s).**

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

### **8. Please submit with your application a copy of:**

#### **- Your mission statement**

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

#### **- A financial statement for this ministry**

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

### **Other information and requirements**

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) ARG

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

**Expenses (administrative)**

1. Re-usable cinch sacks w/ logo (one time expense) = \$200.00
2. Printed promotional material & release forms (one time expense) = \$200.00

**Expenses (food cost)**

- Standard Meal Kits will include the following or similar:
  - a. Meat Sticks x 4
  - b. Cheese Sticks x 4
  - c. Canned fruit x 3
  - d. Nuts or Trail Mix x 3
  - e. Goldfish Crackers x 3
  - f. Multigrain Cereal options x 3
  - g. Peanut Butter Crackers x 3
  - h. Canned Pasta options x 3
  - i. Canned Vegetable Option x 3

The above menu (or some variation) is estimated to cost \$95 per student for 38 weeks – or – \$2.50 per student – per weekend. This is based on bulk option purchasing from Sam's Club <sup>™</sup> & Gordon Food Service <sup>™</sup>.

**74 students x \$95.00 = \$7,030.00**

**Operating Funds = \$400.00**

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**Total Expenses for Initial year = (\$7,430.00)**

**Income: FBC JEFF Missions = \$2,500.00**

**Matthew 25 Grant = \$ 5,000.00**

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**Total: +\$70.00**

**The Mission & Purpose of FBC Jeffersonville**

The mission and purpose of FBC Jeffersonville is:

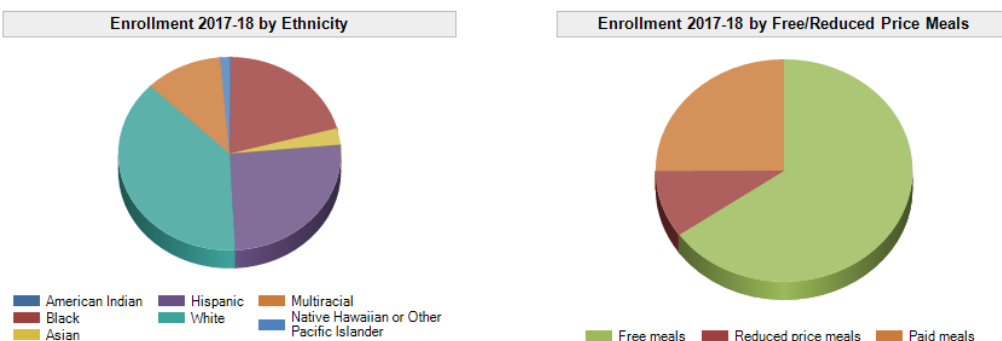
*“to introduce people to Jesus in a way that makes Him REAL – RELEVANT – and RELATIONAL in their life”*

First Baptist Church of Jeffersonville Indiana, herein known as FBC JEFF, desires to partner with Northaven Elementary School, which is part of the Greater Clark County School District in Southern Indiana. The school which is located directly across the street from the church offers an excellent opportunity for Christian outreach to students and their families – as well as – the staff, faculty, and administration.

Northaven Elementary is a diverse community with over 28 nationalities represented between grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup>. As a Title 1 building, the school has over 400 of their 560 students (2017/2018 enrollment) living at our below State and Federal poverty levels. Moreover, according to the Indiana Department of Education and the Greater Clark County School System Nutrition Services Office, over 65% of the student population at Northaven is currently receiving free lunch; with another 20% receiving reduced lunch prices.

National Education Surveys reflect the findings that students perform better academically when they receive proper nutrition not only while at school – but during the weekend while at home. While we understand that there are national programs such as *Blessings in a Backpack*, we adhere to the command of the Great Commission and thus believe that it is the responsibility of the local church to assist these families in receiving proper nutrition services. In addition, we feel as though our weekend grocery bag efforts, doors will be opened for further opportunities to assist with the following:

1. Life skill classes for parents (i.e. G.E.D. preparation, resume writing, employment applications)
2. Study tables for those students needing assistance with reading, mathematics, and science
3. Mentor programs for students who may come from single parent homes
4. Assisting the staff, faculty, and administration with current year long endeavors



Lastly, we desire to institute a ministry program that will be relational in nature so that further spiritual needs may be served by the spreading of the gospel in both word and deed. Our goal in subsequent years, is to involve the entire business community of Jeffersonville as we watch lives transformed by the power and provision of Jesus Christ.