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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1.	General Information	
	Church or Region:	
	Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:	
	Ministry or Group receiving these funds:	
	Mailing Address:	
	Phone:	Federal Tax ID#:
	Contact person:	Email:

- 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. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?
- 4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?
- 5. Total cost of the project:
- 6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:
- 7. Your other funding source(s):

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by:	Date:
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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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

ABC-USA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL

2. MISSION, VISION, & FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

MISSION: Engaging, Developing, & Sending one another as disciples to transform the world for the glory of God's name.

VISION: We are building a thriving, multi-cultural ministry that expands God's kingdom through purposeful service that will transform our community and sphere of influence, including the planning of a new church for every vision cycle.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: see attachment.

3. SPECIFICALLY, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO USE THE REQUESTED FUNDS?
We plan to buy 200 backpacks and fill them with school supplies so we can hand them out to each of the children who attend our yearly Community Festival outreach event. (*This event reaches out to our community, which is comprised of about 90% low-income families who are on some sort of assistance. Everything we do is 100% FREE to the community (food, live music, jumpers, carnival games, family activities, raffles, etc). But the MAIN FOCUS of the event is to EMPOWER the community by exposing them to non-profit organizations we partner with [e.g., safety, health, counseling, education, social services, childcare, etc].) If, by any chance, we have leftover backpacks with school supplies, we will hand them out to the most needy children from our Joyful Noise Learning Center, which includes pre-K to sixth graders.*

And if we still have leftover backpacks with school supplies, we plan to reach out to the most

needy children from Glassbrook Elementary, which is right across the street from us.

- 4. How will the funds assist individuals battling with poverty and its effects? The funds will help our local families (about 90% of which are low-income) by enabling the students to make the most of their current education, which would otherwise not be as feasible due to the lack of basic educational supplies needed for homework and every-day school use. This will demonstrate to the families that others do care and are willing to stand side-by-side with them to ensure their success. We expect this will also open the doors for more students to take advantage of our before- and after-school ministry. Ultimately, we hope our ongoing effort will lead to higher education, which will truly take students and their families out of poverty and put them on a leadership path that will help them make a more empowering contribution back to their community.
- 5. Total cost of the project: \$6,565.00
- 6. Among being requested from the ABC-USA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00
- 7. YOUR OTHER FUNDING SOURCE(S): The PARTICIPATING CHURCHES will provide the \$1,565.00 balance, which would be incredibly higher if not for our BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT PARTNERS.

Community Festival Budget

Food: \$75.00 (Mostly supplied by partner organization Hope for the Heart.)

Entertainment: \$0.00 (Supplied by the various churches meeting at our location . . .)

(. . . with the addition of volunteer outside talent.)

Stage re-building: \$100.00

Jumpers: \$200.00

Carnival snack eqmt \$300.00

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Carnival game eqp: \$100.00

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Raffles: \$0.00 (Supplied by local restaurants and businesses.)

Advertizement: \$100.00

Port-a-potty: \$150.00

Misc eqp maintence: \$150.00

NON-PROFITS: \$0.00 (They come on a strictly volunteer basis.)

BACKPACK OUTREACH:

Backpacks: \$10.00 Pencils (10 ct): \$3.00 Pencil box: \$1.00 Pens (red & blue): \$1.00 Notebooks (3): \$1.50 Glue stick (large): \$1.00 Colored pencils (24ct): \$3.00 Markers (10 ct): \$0.50 Pencil sharpener: \$0.50 Erasers (3 ct): \$1.00 Scissors: \$0.50 Plastic ruler: \$1.00 \$0.50 Crayons (12 ct): Subtotal: \$24.50 Sales tax: \$2.45

Total: \$26.95 X 200 CHILDREN =

\$5,390.00 GRAND TOTAL for . . . BACKPACK OUTREACH

TOTAL FESTIVAL: \$6,565.00