

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:

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.

At Covenant Baptist Church, our number one mission is to bring the loving gospel of Jesus Christ to our community, especially to those struggling in our area. We know the only way to do that is to forge lasting relationships with the people and institutions around us. We have begun this by working with the local Title I school Roosevelt Elementary School.

Three years ago we began a winter after school tutoring program for students needing extra help. Our relationship with the school and the families there grew and God continues to do amazing work through that program. However we wanted to do more. We wanted to create even more opportunity to grow our relationships with the families at Roosevelt. The school was very supportive and when we suggested doing a cooking program they were enthusiastic. They even provided bussing from the school to Covenant.

We developed a program that we called Covenant Kid's Enrichment. The goal was simple, an after school program that would teach kids cooking skills, meal preparation, nutrition information, and offer time for homework. We also provided a short life lesson on virtues like respect, forgiveness, obedience, and more. We invited the families of the children to share the meal with us. It was in these lessons and this meal we were able to form great relationships with parents and kids.

We ran for 10 weeks this fall. We had between 15-18 kids each session and our dinners fed over 50 people each week. The families were very happy to have a meal provided for their whole family, but as the weeks went on they appreciated sitting down with us even more. The dialogue and genuine relationships that grew were even greater than the skills we passed on to the kids.

The Matthew 25 grant would allow us to make this opportunity even more fruitful with the gospel. The grant would allow us to extend how many weeks we do the program and the number of families we can help as well. It will help us create age based lessons that will further help students learn skills that are practical and life long. God is doing great things with this program and we believe the Matthew 25 grant will allow us to do it even better.

2016 KIDS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Promotion:	
Brochures	150.00
Promotional items	50.00
 Lessons:	
Age group additional appropriate resources	150.00
Interactive learning supplies	50.00
 Meals:	
Cost of food	900.00
Snacks for kids when they arrive	100.00
Disposable serving items	100.00
 Total Budget	 \$1,500.00