

## 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, Murphysboro Illinois

Mailing Address: 401 North 15<sup>th</sup> St, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966

Phone: 618-687-1769

Federal Tax ID#: 37-0761080

Name of Region: Great Rivers Region

Contact person (person completing this form): Kristy Dunning

Email of contact person: katmad1@live.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?

Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry

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.

The funds will be spend to expand the Wednesday Night Dinner program to provide take-home meals to those persons at-risk for hunger.

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?

The funds will allow FBC to double the number of meals provided through the Wednesday Night Dinner Mininstry and be used to meet the physical needs of those at-risk for hunger in the community of Murphysboro. The grant funds will be used exclusively to purchase food for the ministry. Our hope is that we will have the opportunity to invite people into the family of God and meet their spiritual needs as well.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2,800

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2,800

7. List other funding source(s): Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry budget

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) Frist Baptist Church of Murphysboro, Illinois, 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): Kristy Dunning (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/27/18

**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)

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

## **Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry**

The First Baptist Church of Murphysboro, Illinois, offers a Wednesday night Bible study and dinner ministry. We provide transportation from our local elementary schools to our church for after school programming including snacks, tutoring/homework assistance, Bible study and dinner to approximately 40 children. We have youth ministry serving approximately 40 middle school and high school students providing a safe place to gather and develop friendships and deepen their relationship with God through Bible study, games and dinner. The Wednesday night adult ministry serves approximately 40 adults through dinner and Bible study.

The evening meal is served family-style, exposing all in attendance to a sit-down meal in an intergenerational environment. The majority of children and youth and many of the adults attending are not members of FBC Murphysboro, and many of the children and youth do not regularly attend church with their families. This ministry provides the opportunity to develop relationships within our community and invite them to become part of the family of God.

Many individuals and families being reached by this ministry are at-risk for food insufficiency in their homes. The poverty in our community is such that the public schools provide free lunch to all students. We would like to expand this ministry to offer a take-home meal to all attending Wednesday night dinner programs. Our goal is to increase our ability to meet the spiritual needs of families and individuals in our community by first meeting their physical needs.

**First Baptist Church of Murphysboro Mission Statement:** The mission of First Baptist Church is to help people find purpose, promise and hope in a daily relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry Financial Statement:** The annual church budget for this ministry is \$2,800. These funds are used to purchase food and drinks for the Wednesday night dinners, averaging \$70 per week for a 40-week ministry that feeds approximately 120 people per week. Any funds received from the Matthew 25 Grant would be used exclusively to purchase food to expand the ministry and provide take-home meals for those at-risk for hunger.