

## **,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 New Haven

Mailing Address: 205 Edwards St., New Haven, CT

Phone: 203-562-0069

Federal Tax ID#: 06-6037323

Name of Region: ABCCONN

Contact person (person completing this form): LaRee Delahunt

Email of contact person: lcdelahunt@gmail.com

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

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

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

**2. What ministry or group will use these funds? Resettlement Team**

**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.

We are planning new and follow up programs for the 9-10 Congolese refugee families (approximately 55 persons) that attend our church regularly. Some have become members.

We will need funds for the following:

- to provide a follow up seminar on “Parenting in America” for families and include childcare
- to pay for a group Drivers Education session (rules of the road) for 5-10 adults and include childcare for those who would otherwise not be able to attend a 3-4 hour class
- to provide summer camperships for up to 16 children
- to provide registration fees and 2 weeks’ tuition for child care/education programs for 3 preschool children
- to provide shoes, boots, and socks for 30+ children as school and cold weather begins
- to supplement housing costs (rent) in emergency situations

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?

Most of the resettled families are under employed as they are in various stages of learning English and have little higher education or experience in the kind of work that pays well. The jobs they are able to secure are minimum wage and most have large families (4, 5, 6, even 8 children) to provide for. The grant funds would enable us to help prevent these families from falling into poverty once the original support from the Resettlement sponsoring agency, IRIS, is reduced or ends (after approximately 3 months). Our support helps refugee families as they grow more self-sufficient. Specifically:

-The Drivers Education class will assist adults to become more employable and independent as they acquire their drivers licenses

-The Parenting classes that we sponsored last year have already helped parents understand differences in expectations between diverse cultures. The need is still there for follow up and more interaction between presenters and the parents who attend.

-Resettled families barely have the necessities, even with government assistance. Sometimes we notice children wearing shoes that they have outgrown. We want to continue to assist in outfitting shoes, socks, and boots that fit growing children.

-Again, due to the lack of financial resources, there would be no possibility of a camp experience for these children (at least 22 between the ages of 6 and 16).

-There are after school child care and day care programs that families with two working parents need. The registration fees and some weekly fees may impact their ability to also pay for food and housing costs. We help out in such cases when the need arises.

-a change in job, health crisis, and new baby have been occasions for a temporary dip in household income. We want to be able to help bridge the gap when rent is due. One of our families will be welcoming a baby soon, for instance, and the mother will have to stop working for a time.

5. Total cost of the project:     \$14,100.00     (projected Resettlement Team expenses for 2019)
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:     \$5000.00
7. List other funding source(s):     New Haven Baptist Union, appeals to the congregation, fundraisers which include the wider community, and the Communion Fund overseen by the Deacons
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 New Haven , 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): LaRee C. Delahunt     (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date:     August 28, 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. (LCD)

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

**(Question 3) Resettlement Team Ministry Project Description:**

Since our successful 2016 Matthew 25 Grant application, the Congolese refugee population at our church has grown from 13 to approximately 55 individuals! Our goals have always been to be welcoming and helpful. For these African families coming from refugee camps, adapting to and succeeding in American culture requires courage, determination, and friendly support. We have offered guidance, mentoring (budget building, educational, medical, employment), integration into our church life, and physical assistance along the way since April 2013.

In the past two years, we have offered four "Parenting in America" classes (Peace at Home Parenting Solutions, LLC) and want to follow up with another session. In addition, our church has provided a day long Drivers Ed class, which we want to offer again. To become more employable and independent, most of the newly settled adults are highly motivated to acquire drivers' licenses. Resettlement Team members have volunteered their time as driving mentors, helping some individuals with on road lessons and driving new learners to the DMV for tests and applications for licenses. At Christmas (and whenever the need arises, in fact) shoes, socks, and boots have been provided through the generosity of various individuals in the congregation. This year, along with the Camp Wightman scholarships, our church was able to raise funding for 16 campers. It was a huge effort, but not sustainable, however, since we are a relatively small congregation (approximately 30 giving units). We hope to support any child in our congregation who wants to attend Camp in the coming years. Families occasionally need a hand with making ends meet for rent. Fortunately food pantries and other community resources help with food shortages a family may experience. We have assisted with partial rent payments in the past and expect that infrequent need to arise in the next year. Another support our team has provided is an opportunity for one refugee to earn a stipend for three hours a week helping with cleaning specific areas of the church building.

**(Question 8a) Mission Statement of the Resettlement Team at First Baptist Church in New Haven:**

Our mission is to provide an intentional ministry of loving Christian leadership for the support of newly arrived refugees for their successful resettlement in the New Haven community in partnership with other organizations, including IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services), the primary sponsoring agency. Support includes advocacy, mentoring, transportation, and supplying basic needs leading to self-sufficiency.

*"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."*  
Lev. 19:33-34

(8b) Proposed Resettlement Team Budget for 2019

INCOME	dollars
Member gifts	2500
FBCNH Deacon's Fund/Communi on	1500
New Haven Baptist Union	2500
Matthew 25 Grant	5000
Fundraising events	1700
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,200</b>
EXPENSE	
Parenting class	800
Drivers Ed class	500
Camp scholarships	5000
Child care/education programs	1000
shoes, boots, socks	900
rent assistance	3000
Work stipend (church cleaning)	1900
misc. needs (medical, dental, utilities, transportation)	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,100</b>