

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 relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name **Burien Community Church**

Affiliation with ABCUSA **Evergreen Association**

Address **16241 19th Ave. SW, Burien, WA 98166**

Phone **206-243-1623** Federal Tax ID# **91-1848255**

Contact person **Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell** email **mindi@buriencommunitychurch.org**

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. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project **\$7450**

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant **\$5000**

6. Your other funding source(s) **in-kind donations, church budget, AB Men's church group**

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 within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed)  Date **August 27th, 2014**

Printed Name/Title **Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Pastor**

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; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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August 2014

Our Vision Statement:

***The Vision of Burien Community Church is
to be a welcoming community on a faith journey,
reaching out
in fellowship,
in caring,
and in service to others,
with the acceptance and love of Jesus Christ.***

*Adopted by Burien Community Church on Sunday, April 27th, 2013, and affirmed by the Administrative Board of Burien Community Church on Wednesday, June 12th, 2013.

Burien Community Church has a relationship with Gregory Heights Elementary School, which is right across the street from our church. Historically, our church was known as Gregory Heights Baptist Church until it merged with Colombia Baptist Church and became Burien Community Church in December of 1996.

Burien is a multiethnic community, with a large immigrant population. In the Highline School District, in which Burien is part of, over 40 languages are spoken. Of the four cities that make up the Highline School District, Burien is the most impoverished, with a growing homeless population. The Gregory Heights neighborhood is very diverse within Burien. Gregory Heights is a hillside that has both high-end condos and homes close to Puget Sound on one side, and low-income apartment buildings that face Sea-Tac airport on the other. Gregory Heights Elementary school has both students from well-off families and students with great needs. Burien Community Church has a good relationship with the school, and the guidance counselor, along with the principal and office staff, have called us regularly when there are specific food and clothing needs, especially around the holidays. In addition, members have volunteered at the school, along with the pastor, to tutor students or to help teachers.

Burien Community Church is planning an afterschool program that would provide a space and volunteers for tutoring in its Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to be open every Tuesday that school is in session from 2-6 p.m. We will provide free coffee for parents and school staff. We hope to provide wifi as well along with computers for students to use, and we will have healthy snacks available. From 5-6 p.m. we will provide a free meal to the Gregory Heights community. In addition, during school breaks we hope to be open at least once during the week (we are not sure about the summer as there are other opportunities during the summer months). Burien Community Church already has a health-board certified kitchen.

The funds used will be to pay for the food and supplies for the meals, coffee and snacks, and to purchase two or three refurbished computers if possible. If the number of people exceeds fifty for each meal, we will look to partner with other churches and/or local organizations to continue to meet the need (our building capacity for our Fellowship Hall is around sixty)

Item	Matthew 25 Grant	Other funding/source	Total
Meals (food, paper goods, other supplies) for approx. 40 meals a year w/50 people	3000	750 (in-kind donations, volunteer donations)	3750
Coffee, snacks and supplies	1000	500 (in-kind donations, church budget)	1500
WiFi upgrades		500 (church budget)	500
Refurbished computers	1000	500 (in-kind donations or AB Men's group)	1500
Background checks for volunteers/food handler permits		200 (church budget)	200
Totals	5000	2450	7450

This afterschool program will insure that children, especially those with limited resources, have access to tutors and the Internet as many of the district's math and reading programs are now online. It will provide a place for parents to work with their students and learn these programs together. This program will also ensure a healthy dinner meal at least once a week. If the program grows and we can increase funding from other sources, we can be open other days of the week as well.

The Matthew 25 grant funds will ensure that we can provide the meals necessary to feed families in need, and our relationship with Gregory Heights Elementary staff will help us to reach those families. We have been planning this program for a while, but due to limited resources have put off starting it until resources could be obtained to insure continuity throughout the year. We hope after this first year to obtain other grants or funding sources to continue the program.