

## 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: First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABD - Dakotas

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: FBC Aberdeen

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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?

To purchase lumber and supplies to build wheelchair/walking residential ramps for disabled people who cannot afford them.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

It will provide needed residential ramps for disabled people who cannot afford them. We will identify those people through medical supply companies and other medical providers in the community.

5. Total cost of the project: Each ramp is \$1,000-\$1,500. ✓

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,000

7. Your other funding source(s): Benevolence fund, recipient contribution, individual donors ✓

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: Bob Myers

Date: 2/29/2016

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

**Addendum to Matthew 25 Grant Application**  
**First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD**

**Mission Statement:** "Helping people find and follow Jesus."

**Vision Statement:** "Ordinary people, being transformed as Jesus-followers through the power of the Holy Spirit, changing our families, our community, and the world for the glory of God."

**Name of Ministry:** Ramp Up His Glory

**Purpose of the Ministry:** To provide residential wheelchair/walking ramps for those in need.

**Projected Budget:**

Signage and T-Shirts	Donated by vendor
Permits	Waived
Design and Labor	Donated by congregation
Wood and supplies (at cost from supplier)	\$1,000 - \$1,500 per ramp
At least three ramps a year	\$3,000 - \$4,500

**Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?**

In the last two years, our congregation has been challenged to be more outward focused. One of our members, a local contractor, proposed a ministry called, "Ramp Up His Glory," to provide residential wheelchair/walking ramps for disabled people who could not otherwise afford them. He will donate his expertise in design and pursuing appropriate permits. A local building supply company will provide lumber and supplies at cost. A local printer has donated simple signage and T-shirts. Members of the congregation will donate labor. Grant funds are needed to purchase the lumber and other supplies for the ramps.

**How Will the Fund Assist Individuals Battling Poverty and Its Effects?**

Through medical supply companies (those who provide wheelchairs) and other community medical providers, we will identify people who need the ramps but cannot afford them. We will ask the recipients to pay whatever they can, understanding that it won't be much. Materials for the ramps cost from \$1,000 - \$1,500, depending on specifications. Grant funds are needed specifically to purchase materials for the ramps. We already have one project in process. Weather permitting, it will be built March 12th.

**Total Cost of the Project:**

Each ramp is \$1,000 – \$1,500. We are planning on at least three ramps this year. The more funding we receive, the more ramps we can build.

**Other Sources of Funding:**

- Recipient contribution (minimal, if any)
- Church benevolence fund
- Individual donors
- Grants from community sources are also being pursued.