

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA Member, American Baptist Churches USA
Address 3534 Lakeshore Avenue
Oakland, CA 94610
Phone 510-893-2486 Federal Tax ID# _____
Contact person Pastor Jim Hopkins email jim@labcoakland.org

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement – ***on rear of attached annual report***
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement - ***2012 annual report attached***

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.)
Attached

4. Total cost of the project \$20,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$2,500

6. Your other funding source(s): Donations; Recycling; Food and Bake Sales; and Hunger Walk and other individually sponored events.

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 _____

Printed Name/Title H. James Hopkins, 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



The Hunger Task Force (HTF) is a ministry of the Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (LABC) in Oakland that is deeply committed to serving those in our community that are most in need. We, the HTF, believe that every individual has a right to adequate food obtained with dignity and respect. Since our beginnings in 1982, we have always been a volunteer-run organization and every dollar raised has been used directly in support of our mission. Most of the financial support for the HTF comes from the members and friends of LABC. Two of our longstanding fund raising efforts are the Hunger Walk and the recycling of cans and bottles. Both involve many members of our church and the community. In 2012, the HTF was blessed with the ability to provide assistance of nearly \$15,000 to individuals and community partners. In addition, members of the LABC congregation contributed nearly \$10,000 in goods during the holiday season for identified families that were faced with economic difficulties.

The ways in which we serve our community can be categorized as either in-direct support or as direct support. Our in-direct support takes the form of financial support and donations of clothing, blankets and volunteer service to organizations that, notwithstanding the great work they accomplish, tend to be small and not very well known outside the local community.

- The Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) collects and distributes enough food for 300,000 meals weekly in its mission to alleviate hunger and its root causes. In 2012, we contributed \$2,500 to ACCFB.
- In 2012, the HTF contributed financial support totaling \$6,280, and donations of clothing, blankets and volunteer service to the following organizations: Berkeley Food & Housing Project, Harbor House Ministries, Open Door Mission, and St. Mary's Senior Housing and Dining Room. These organizations assist low-income families, children, seniors, and the homeless by providing meals, shelter, and programs to improve living conditions. We hope to increase contributions to these organizations to \$8,000 in the coming year.

We also strive to provide direct assistance to individuals and families in our community in the form of emergency funds, weekly food baskets and Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags for families. During 2012, in the fight against hunger, homelessness, hopelessness and the loss of dignity, the HTF volunteered efforts and supplied funding of \$5,747 in direct assistance through the following programs:

- The Fellowship Fund, which offers emergency funds to families in crisis to make payments for utilities and other critical services.
- The Adopt-A-Family Program, which supports families faced with economic challenges due to loss of income and/or the need to take on the care of additional family members for various reasons.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to provide complete holiday meals for 85 families-in-need.
- The LABC Food Pantry, which supplies families with emergency food staples and the homeless with transportable meals as well as hygiene items such as tooth paste, soap, shampoo etc.

Our ability to provide such direct assistance has a very strong co-relation to the amount of funding available to us. The greater the funding, the greater the direct support that we can offer. It is towards this purpose that the Hunger Task Force of the Lakeshore Ave Baptist Church requests an ABUSA Mathew 25 Grant of \$2,500.

We are grateful for this opportunity to receive funding from the American Baptist Churches USA and thank you for your valued support.

Please note:

- Completed applications should be sent to:
Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
Or emailed to: Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org

