

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: Cuba First Baptist Church

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: NYS

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: Missional Projects

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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?

The funds would be used for to assist with a new missional project:

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: Basic hygiene/health supplies will be purchased to be given out to those who find themselves homeless by referral from the clergy, school district and/or neighboring agency. (See below) In addition, basic supplies will be purchased for parents of babies/young children in need. See budget narrative

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

In a county with over 16% of the population below the poverty level, through our missional ministries at the church we are increasingly finding displaced women and children in need of hygiene/health and children's care items. Having these basic items available for free will allow impoverished community members to take care of their basic health and hygiene needs for themselves and family members. The ability to be clean and to take care of dental and hygiene needs helps individuals to feel valued. Also the ability to meet the basic needs of their children will give these individuals encouragement that someone cares for them as Jesus shows us in Matthew 25.

Total cost of the project: \$3945.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): Congregational/ Community item and monetary donations; local DAR contributions

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: Sandra Lathrop

Date: February 4, 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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

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Your Mission Statement: Seeks the Spirit's Leading; Share Christ's Hope; Serve God's People
<http://cubafirstbaptist.org/>

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Budget Narrative:

As stated over many years our church has continued to engage in missional community projects. Among them are: a Food Pantry, a Community Service Sunday, a New Year's Day Free Community meal, and a Rummage Room where anyone can receive gently used clothing at a minimal cost - \$1 a bag – this service is open to all. During the last 5 years we have added "Love the Little Children's Baby Showers" during the months of November – January where WIC [Women, Infants and Children] clients receive 2 packages of diapers and a package of wipes. In addition we "Bundle Up Babies" with many colorful hand-made booties, scarves, blankets, sweaters and hats generously donated by our community and congregation. This time period is key since money is often tight in many households during the holiday season. Four years ago, we started giving out school supplies and back packs to needy children Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5.

Inasmuch as we are always looking for projects which would serve our community, we have found an ever increasing need for women's and children's basic hygiene and health care supplies for those in situations such as fires, natural disasters, abusive relationships, evictions, etc. Along with pastor referrals, during 2015 there were 8+ referrals from the Council of Churches, Cultural Center, school district nurses, Cuba Fire Department, the Cuba Police and ACCORD – a county services organization in the Cuba-Rushford School District.

As a result of donations for Love the Little Children, we have received some items which would serve this needy population well. It is our desire to have those basic items on hand so needy individuals/families may receive them free of charge. Hence *Mother Hubbard's Cupboard* is born. As the project moves forward, more items will be added to the list. We would organize the supplies in such a way for individuals to pick up what they need free of charge... in keeping with continuing to be "the Hands and Feet of Jesus" in our community.

Projected Budget

Items	Cost	Cost by Group	*Total
Personal hygiene items: bar soap w/plastic box, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloth, comb, brush, deodorant, ladies tampons/ napkins, shampoo, mouth wash, hand towel	\$2.00 each	\$ 24.00	\$1200.00*
Infant/Children hygiene items: baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby wipes	\$2.00 each	\$ 6.00	\$ 300.00*
Diapers – Preemie – Size 6 and Pull-ups 2T, 3T, 4T – 2 packages of each	\$9.50 each	\$209.00	\$1045.00 – 5 participants
Medical supplies: antibiotic cream, band-aids, foot powder, aspirin/Tylenol,	\$2.00 each	\$10.00	\$ 500.00
Every Day Items: Chapstick, sunscreen, hand cream, disposable razor, safety pins, nail clippers, small sewing kit, tissues – small packages, toilet paper	\$2.00 each	\$18.00	\$ 900.00

*Based on 50 participants