

## 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 Table Grace

Affiliation with ABCUSA Olympia First Baptist Church

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Contact person Rev. Mark Rambo email [obadiahdog@aol.com](mailto:obadiahdog@aol.com)

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 \$26,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Individuals from within the wider community, four local faith communities and one community service club.

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) Mark Rambo

Date August 29, 2014

Printed Name/Title\_\_\_\_\_Rev. Mark Rambo , Associate Pastor, Olympia First Baptist Church

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



### 3. How do you plan to use the requested funds?

Given the ongoing state of our national economy, those of us who rely upon the generosity of others to provide humanitarian services to those most vulnerable in our society often feel like we are operating on a month-to-month basis. Though this feeling is often more about our fear of scarcity of resources, it only takes some set of unforeseen circumstances within one of our donor's lives, for funding sources to change, sometime dramatically, much like the stories we hear from those we serve regarding how they find themselves in their present condition.

Whatever funds we are fortunate to be the beneficiaries of would be used directly for food, paper products and kitchen supplies used for our Sunday night dinners.

Table Grace provides a meal, every Sunday, from 4:00-5:30 p.m., come rain, shine, snow, etc. For 2014, through August 24<sup>th</sup>, we have served on average, 336 plates per Sunday. That is a total of 11,472 plates of food served to our guest so far this year. Attached you will also see our Excel spreadsheet to see how much we spend, on average each Sunday on food and paper products.

Our guests reflect the most vulnerable in our community: the chronically homeless, working-poor families, street kids, single-parents, those struggling with addiction and/or mental health issues. We provide a safe environment for people to come and receive a home-cooked meal, small household items, toiletries, etc, as well as resourcing those who ask with community resources outside of our venue.

We have been involved in this ministry for over twenty years now. From its humble beginnings of serving sandwiches made by a handful of church ladies to this now community-driven partnership, Table Grace is committed to continuing serving the "least-of-these" within our community for years to come. Your grant can ensure that Table Grace stays committed to those in our community who are in need.

Table Grace Mission Statement:

“Serving the “least-of-these” of our community, Table Grace is a community enhanced ministry supported by a wide range of churches, service clubs, and individuals, providing Sunday night dinner and household items, year round.”

|                                     | <b>1/14</b> | <b>2/14</b> | <b>3/14</b> | <b>4/14</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Sundays                   | 4           | 4           | 5           | 4           |
| Cost per week                       | 485.41      | 469.45      | 646.77      | 554.06      |
| Total Expense                       | (1,941.63)  | (1,877.78)  | (3,233.85)  | (2,216.22)  |
| Running Cash Balance (end of month) | 4,398.37    | 6,170.31    | 6,641.46    | 6,424.24    |

| 5/14       | 6/14       | 7/14       | 8/14       | 9/14       | 10/14      | 11/14      | 12/14      |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 4          | 5          | 4          | 5          | 4          | 4          | 5          | 4          |
| 331.17     | 662.46     | 574.03     | 500.00     | 500.00     | 500.00     | 500.00     | 500.00     |
| (1,324.68) | (3,312.28) | (2,296.13) | (2,500.00) | (2,000.00) | (2,000.00) | (2,500.00) | (2,000.00) |
| 9,023.56   | 9,977.29   | 10,791.16  | 11,141.16  | 11,061.16  | 11,231.16  | 10,651.16  | 10,571.16  |