

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. CHURCH: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DENVER
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DENVER, CO, 80203
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- b. REGION: EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES
- c. MINISTRY: THE WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE
(IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAPITOL HILL UNITED MINISTRIES)
- d. MINISTRY RECEIVING FUNDS:
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DENVER
(ADDRESS ABOVE)
- e. CONTACT: REV. BRIAN HENDERSON
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- f. FEDERAL TAX ID#: 84-0404928

2. MISSION/PURPOSE:

- ✓ First Baptist Church of Denver is a Christian community of faith — growing, caring, daring to love and be God's people in the world. The purpose of this church will be the advancement of the Kingdom of God. It will seek to attain this end through public worship, preaching of the gospel, discipleship by its members, personal evangelism, missionary outreach, and faith formation.
- ✓ First Baptist Church of Denver *cares deeply, loves everyone, and serves together.*
- ✓ Budget (see #4 below)

3. The Women's Homelessness Initiative

- ✓ FBCD has worked with this program for two years. FBCD's fellowship hall is converted to a shelter for up to 25 women, 2-3 Fridays per month. A team of church volunteers (8-15 people) coordinates the set-up, meals, care packages, and the resetting of the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the women's stay.
- ✓ Different faith communities in the Capitol Hill district cover the other week nights. This program began 3 years ago because of a shortage of shelter spaces for homeless women, mostly age 40 and older.

- ✓ The primary goal for this program is to create a safe sanctuary space for women each night. A local center for the homeless helps with the intake and transportation portions of this community service.
- ✓ FBCD has found a unique way of providing ministry for women who otherwise would be left without shelter. Also, in the course of coordinating this ministry, our congregation has been able to connect with local business and organizations making this an outreach opportunity to a much broader group of people.

4. HOW WILL THE FUNDS ASSIST INDIVIDUALS BATTLING POVERTY AND ITS EFFECTS

- ✓ Funds given to this program/ministry will help support the ongoing expenses incurred. Additionally, funds given for this outreach provides women the possibilities of transitioning from living without a home to living in a home. Over the course of its three years, the overall program has witnessed a half-dozen women become completely self-sufficient and sustaining.

5. TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT

- ✓ First Baptist Church of Denver relies on volunteer hours and donations to make this ministry possible. For 2016, we have budgeted \$500 to support this ministry. This amount will offset the expense of groceries, laundry services, and hygiene products needed on a monthly basis.

6. AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED FROM THE ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT

- ✓ Humbly, First Baptist Church of Denver requests \$2,500 from the Matthew 25 Grant. This amount will relieve some of the financial burden on our volunteers and it will allow our congregation to more creatively and effectively fulfill Jesus' words of feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger.

7. OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- ✓ First Baptist Church of Denver will continue to support the work of the Women's Homeless Initiative through its mission budget and with the individual support of church members and volunteers.

First Baptist Church of Denver

Women's Homeless Homelessness Initiative

2016 Budget

Laundry Services	\$1,000
Kitchen/Food Supplies	\$1,200
Bedding/Towels/Hygiene products	\$300
TOTAL	\$2,500