

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 discernment team 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: **Family Promise of Great Falls**
Affiliation with ABCUSA: **First Baptist Church is a host congregation**
Address: **525 2nd Avenue North; Great Falls, MT 59401--**
Phone: **406.453.6614** Federal Tax ID# **81-0379831**
Contact person: **Cody Pollington** Email: CLPollington@msn.com
2. Please submit with your application a copy of:
 - Your mission statement 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: **\$108,331**
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5,000**
6. Your other funding source(s): **United Way, Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, Hampton Collins Foundation, Individual Gifts, Congregational Gifts, Walmart, Sam's Club, Gannett Foundation, BNSF Foundation**

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 8/26/15

Printed Name/Title: **Sharon Odden, M.Ed.; L.P.A., Executive Director**

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



The Mission of Family Promise of Great Falls

Family Promise of Great Falls provides support and resources to children and their families in a homeless situation until the family can regain sustainable independence. We partner with social service agencies and a diverse network of local congregations to end homelessness, one family at a time.

No safe, warm place to sleep, eat or care for children; no security of familiar people and belongings-this is homelessness, a profound crisis for anyone, especially for parents enduring the heartache of being unable to adequately provide for their children. Children, who make up 25 % of our nation's homeless population, are deprived of a fundamental need for healthy development - a safe, permanent home. Family Promise is a network of Host Congregations, one of which is First Baptist Church (American Baptist), who provide overnight lodging and meals for up to 4 families for one week every 3 months. Homeless families stay at the host church during the evening and overnight. Each morning, they are transported to the Hub, where they prepare for their daily activities. About four times a year, for one week at a time, Host Congregations provide overnight lodging, meals and hospitality for up to 4 families (a maximum of 14 individuals) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Volunteers are the heart of the Program; without them, it could not succeed. Volunteers cook and serve meals, play with children or help them with homework and stay overnight. Beyond providing lodging and meals, volunteers interact with the guests, treating them with respect and responding with compassion.

Guests use the Hub 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to shower, care for younger children, do laundry and seek employment and housing. Many guests are employed during the day. The Hub provides guests with a mailing address and a home base from which to conduct their housing and employment search. The Executive Director's and Program Manager's offices are at the Hub. A Program van transports guests to and from the Hub and other places.

The goal of Family Promise is to prepare for and assist in finding employment and housing. The case manager works with guests on a daily basis toward that end.

Following is a list of what we anticipate a Matthew 25 grant will fund:

Bus Passes: \$500 Most of our guests do not own cars so it is difficult for them to go to job interviews, check out available housing, get to jobs or attend appointments in with local agencies. Passes are used up quickly, especially if there are several children in the family. Bus passes are \$10 for 11 rides.

Swim, Skating, Theater Passes: \$500

Our office is 3 blocks away from an indoor pool and a short bus ride away from both a city pool and the water park. Skating and theaters are not far away. Kids need to be able to do the things that kids do and being homeless should not keep them from that.

Pillows: \$200

When guests enter the program, they are given a brand new pillow which goes with them from church to church throughout their stay. When they leave the program, they take their pillow with them.

Incidental Expenses: \$3,800

Many needs arise for families while in our program. Often people need money for housing application fees which can be as much as \$25. Families who do have vehicles usually have unreliable ones; when a car breaks down, our guests do not have the money to get them repaired. Often, if they have vehicles, they haven't been able to afford to get their drivers' license. One mom needed eye glasses; since she was not on Medicaid, there was no payment source. Without them she was unable to get her drivers' license. Every once in a while families, for one reason or another, cannot stay at the host church due to contagious illness or other circumstances that warrant a temporary stay in a motel. Family Promise, if funded by a Matthew 25 Grant, could accommodate such circumstances.

2015 Profit & Loss Budget Performance

Yearly Budget

Income

Donor-Individuals	1100
Donor-Churches	24102
Donor-Corporations	15100
Donor-Foundations	2800
Donor-Clubs	11500
Grants-Corp & Trusts	38900
Grants-Government	4641
Special Events	10700
In Kind Donations	

100 pounds of beef

Total

108843

Expenses

Personnel -Paid Staff expenses

		Program Services	General & Management
Director	40000	30000	10000
Case Manager	13520	13520	
Van Drivers	10950	10950	
Payroll Social Security Tax	3997	3377	620
Payroll Medicare Tax	935	790	145
Workers Compensation	2589	2427	162
Unemployment	52	48	4
Local Travel	500	500	

Non Staff Expenses

Ads	369	294	75
Affiliate dues-subscriptions	315	315	
Background Checks	864	864	
Bank Service Charge	0	0	
Beds-maintenance	500	500	
Computer software			
Day Center Rent	7800	5850	1950
Day Center Repair & Maintenance	2000	2000	
Facility & Equipment			
Fundraiser event expense	200	150	50
Guest Expense	1000	1000	
Insurance-Board & Corp.	7000	3500	3500
Meals	500	500	
Misc.	1000	1000	
Office Supplies	500	250	250
Operating Reserve	5000	5000	
Operation Supplies			
Passes-Great Falls Transit	500	500	
Postage	200	150	50
P.O. Box	92		
Printing & Photocopying	300	225	75
Professional Fees	2000	2000	
Publications-Manuals	150	150	
Remodeling Parts			
Telephone			
Utilities & Cable	1738	869	869
Vehicle Expense	3000	3000	

Volunteers	500	500	
Web Page	260		260
Total	108331	90229	18010