

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: Milton Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 1123 Church Street Milton WV 25541

Phone: 304-743-3461

Federal Tax ID#: 550391263001

Name of Region: WV

Contact person (person completing this form): Leah Ball

Email of contact person: leball428@aol.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No Does not give to UM

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Missions Committee's Backpacks of Food

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

We will use the money to purchase food items to be sent home weekly to approximately 150 school children.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

The funds will go to the purchase of food items that will go home on Fridays and help feed children whose families are struggling with providing for their children. We hope that children return to school on Mondays healthier and more alert ready to

learn and looking forward to improving themselves. We also want these children to know they are loved and cared about.

5. Total cost of the project: \$13,500

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,000
7. List other funding source(s): Donations from our church members and members of the community.
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) Milton Baptist Church, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. 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 (name of person): Leah Ball (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/28/2017

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **Instructions and information for completing the 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application**

### **1. General information**

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

### **3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?**

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

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

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

**5. Total cost of the project**

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

**6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.**

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 grant cycle, applicants who received funding in Spring 2016 are eligible to apply for the Fall 2017 grant cycle. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

**7. Your other funding source(s).**

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

**8. Please submit with your application a copy of:**

**- Your mission statement**

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

**- A financial statement for this ministry**

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

**Other information and requirements**

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) LB

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.



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**Allen Stewart, Senior Pastor**

**Tracy Mills, Associate Pastor**

August 28, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

**Church Mission Statement:** To Know Christ and Make Him Known.

**Backpack Mission Statement:** To feed hungry children to aid in improving their quality of life both physically and emotionally.

The Backpack Ministry at Milton Baptist Church is entering its sixth year of operation. Last year, we sent almost 3,500 bags of food to our Pre-K, Elementary, and Middle school students. We fill the bags with cereal, juice, pop tarts, soup or ravioli, mac and cheese every week. We also send other items including fruit cups or pudding cups, cheese crackers, nutri-bars, and other items. This year we are sending approximately 150 bags of food each week. This whole program is funded strictly with donations from our church and community.

Our program has steadily increased each new year, as the needs in our community continue to grow. Our goal is to provide nutrition for students that would not otherwise receive much nourishment on the weekends hoping that they return to school on Monday ready to advance their education and hopefully improve their life status. The money from this grant would go to purchase the necessary food items we need to provide for these children weekly.

# **Milton Baptist Church Backpack Ministry**

## **Projected Budget**

### **2017 - 2018**

#### **ITEMS WE SEND EACH WEEK:**

MAC AND CHEESE	\$ .40 PER BOX
JUICE	.20 PER CARTON
POPTART	.30 PER PACKAGE
CEREAL	.30 PER BOX
CANNED PASTA OR SOUP	.70 - 1.00

**TOTAL     \$1.90 - 2.20**

#### **WE ALSO ALTERNATE OTHER ITEMS PER WEEK:**

PUDDING OR FRUIT CUPS	\$ .25
APPLE SAUCE	.25
CHEESE CRACKERS	.20
CEREAL BARS	.25
OATS	.15

We attempt to hold the cost to \$3.00 per bag. This year we will average 150 bags per week totaling \$450 dollars per week and will send the food home for 30 weeks.

**Predicted total cost for ministry for this year: \$13,500**