

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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: Federated Church

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 525 Carlinville, IL 62626

Phone: 217-854-3031

Federal Tax ID#: 37-1074276

Name of Region: Great Rivers Region

Contact person (person completing this form): Diane Van Winkle

Email of contact person: dvanwinkle4@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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?

Pastor Discretionary Assistance

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.

These funds will help cover the expenses involved with the increasing number of walk-ins that the church is experiencing with homeless lodging costs, paying utility bills, etc.

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 Federated Church is known as a very caring and mission-minded church with an emphasis on helping our local children. Our town - our county - has no homeless shelter. The closest shelter is 40 miles away (Alton, IL). The Pastor has been using a portion of her discretionary funds to help cover housing costs for one or two days at a local motel for a homeless individual or two. One person was trying to stay in the area because of an upcoming job interview! We have also been approached by a few local single mothers with 2 to 3 children who had full time jobs but could just not stretch their income to quite pay unexpected bills, or school registration costs. We are trying to offer help to those who are trying to help themselves, but need a little extra boost, to reach their goal. The impact we are striving for is acknowledgement of their need, of our concern for them, and that we do want to help if at all

possible. The Pastor attempts to assess the individual's whole situation, not just the one "need". By doing that, she is often able to direct the person to other local agencies which may be able to offer guidance and support.

5. Total cost of the project: ? It would be a relief to not have to turn people with a legitimate need away because our available funds were low.
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000
7. List other funding source(s): mission budget, donations, other applied for grants
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) the Federated 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): Diane Van Winkle (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 22, 2018

**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 2018 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. 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) DV

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

**#3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds? (Additional information limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.)**

The Federated Church is located in Carlinville, IL which is the county seat and largest “city” in Macoupin County. Whereas the county’s main industry in the past was coal mining, the mines are mostly closed now. The current primary industry in the county is agriculture.

The *IL Report Card (2016-2017) for Carlinville Unit School District #1* reports that 48.4% of the district are “low-income” students, that being “families receiving public aid, living in substitute care, or eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches.” This level has increased over the past 5 years from 42% to the 2017 level of 48.4%. The same 2017 report also shows an increase from 3% to 4% of the district’s students as being “homeless”, those being defined as “those students who do not have permanent or adequate homes”.

The local Food Pantry has seen an increase in clients the past year and is in almost constant need of supplies. The Carlinville School District this year, for the first time ever, collected funds to buy *new shoes* for needy students in the district. That was along with furnishing backpacks and school supplies to those students. The Federated Church, for the last six years has offered an eight-week, free summer lunch program. This summer (2018) we served 3939 meals in 39 days – an increase of 300 more meals than last summer (2017).

The Federated Church has also seen an increase in need from those who come to our church door to ask for help. Our Pastor and church secretary have developed a page of questions to help them gather the needed information to verify, and confirm, the person’s needs and requests for help. For instance, an appeal for help in paying a power bill requires one to furnish the bill with their name on it. This also leads to the calling of the power company to see if a payment plan can be set up. This type of reviewing of their whole life situation gives our Pastor the opportunity to suggest other possible services or agencies in our Carlinville area that may be able to offer support or help.

Many requests are denied because the need cannot be verified or, because the requested funds are more than we can offer. Our Pastor is in contact with other local churches and social service agencies in town trying to get them to all work together to help fund the needs and offer services to those that come to our door. Many times a request for help is funded through several churches combining funds. In the past year the Federated Church has helped pay mainly on housing, utilities (power, water), and medications.

Just recently, however, the Federated Church has received calls from two local social services agencies asking us to help two of their clients -- ***because the agencies themselves are out of funding***. The Federated Church Pastor’s discretionary monies have been added to throughout the first seven months of this year from our mission budget. If requests continue at the same rate as the first seven months of 2018, we will be using \$2500 to \$3000 this year helping to fill those requests for help. It is a scary, frustrating position to be in of deciding who needs your funding, help and support the most.

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

**- your mission statement:**

“Reaching up to God; Reaching out to others”

**- your vision statement:**

“The Federated Church is pursuing a vision of experiencing the Holy Spirit by deepening our relationship with God and each other.”

**- financial statement for this ministry. This can be a budget or projected budget.**

Projected Budget for 2019 (Jan. – Dec.)

**Income –**

Mission budget	\$1500
Grants	\$ 500
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$600</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2600</b>

**Expenses** – (in 2018 averaging \$215 per month in first 7 months)

Lodging	\$ 600
Food	\$ 400
Utilities – Power (MJM, Ameren IL), water	\$1300
Medication	\$ 200
<u>Other requested help</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2580</b>