

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: Greece Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 1230 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14626

Phone: 585-225-6160

Federal Tax ID#: 16-0743015

Name of Region: Rochester Genesee Region

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Cheryl M. Frank

Email of contact person: cherylmfrank@yahoo.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?

Community Dinner Outreach, November 2018-November 2019

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.

To purchase local produce, toiletries, and cleaning supplies for our low-income neighbors.

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?

Our neighbors who attend our monthly free community dinners include residents of a senior apartment complex, including many reserved for low-income tenants; residents of a low-income apartment complex; and many other low- and middle- income people in our neighborhood. For those receiving food stamps, there are many non-food items that are essential to quality of life, such as toiletries and cleaning supplies. At a time when many of our neighbors' food stamp allowances are being cut, we hope to supply some of their non-food essentials, to help stretch their budgets. Also, by purchasing fresh vegetables from a local farm, Homesteads for Hope, we are supporting the farm, which provides work experience for adults with disabilities, and we are providing fresh produce for our neighbors who might not otherwise be able to afford healthy, local food.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2079
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1000
7. List other funding source(s): Community Dinner Funding Sources: Weber Family Trust \$500, Greece Baptist Church Board of Missions \$250, Individual food and monetary donations \$250, Wegman's Foods \$100
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) Greece 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): Cheryl M. Frank (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/27/18

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.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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) CF

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

Greece Baptist Church Community Dinner Outreach

Mission: To feed the hungry in Jesus' name

Budget:

	<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>Income:</u>
Community Dinner:		
Ingredients for cooking dinner for 50 to 60 people:	\$120.00	
9 dinners from Nov 2018 through Nov 2019:	\$1,080.00	
Wegman's Foods		\$100.00
Weber Family Trust		500.00
Greece Baptist Church Mission Board		250.00
Individual food and monetary donations		<u>250.00</u>
Total:		\$1,100.00

Take-home bags:

Tomatoes, onions, squash, eggplants, greens, carrots, peppers from Homesteads for Hope:	\$300.00	
40 reusable grocery tote bags @ \$0.99 each	40.00	
Unbleached, 100% recycled toilet paper		
96 rolls @\$49.98	50.00	
Dish Soap: 40 @ \$1	40.00	
Bar Soap: 40 packs of 3 @\$1 per pack	40.00	
5 sets of 18 wash cloths @4.70 per set	24.00	
Bulk Toothbrushes: 200 @ \$37.48	38.00	
4 Cases of 24 count toothpaste @ \$24.00 per case	96.00	
4 packs of 11 count dental floss @ 16.82 per pack	68.00	
4 packs of 12 dishtowels @12.99 per pack	52.00	
50 pack micro-fiber cleaning cloths	15.00	
40 bottles window and glass cleaner @ 3.12 per bottle	125.00	
8 sets of 6 non-toxic powder cleanser @ 13.79 per set	<u>111.00</u>	
Total:	\$999.00	
ABC USA Matthew 25 Grant:		\$1000.00

Total Expenses: \$2,079.00

Total Income: \$2,100.00

Community Dinner Outreach: Gift Bag Ministry

Greece Baptist Church serves a community dinner on the first Sunday of each month, October through May. The dinners are free and open to the public. Our guests include many seniors and others in our community on fixed and low incomes. People come for company, and to help stretch their monthly food budgets.

The dinners are prepared and served by volunteers from our church and community. They are funded by a \$100 annual donation from Wegman's Foods, a \$500 annual grant from the Weber Family Trust, \$250 from the Greece Baptist Mission board, and individual food and monetary donations from church and community members.

Church members also attend the dinners to converse with our guests and learn about their situations. We often hear that many of our neighbors are seeing their food stamp allowances being cut. In asking what they need, they request toiletries and cleaning supplies: things they can't buy with food stamps. They need items such as toilet paper, dish soap, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, dish towels and cloths, wash cloths, window cleaner, and other cleaners. By supplementing these non-food items, we hope to help their food budgets stretch further.

Greece Baptist Church has also formed a relationship with Homesteads for Hope, a new local farm whose mission is to provide a distinctive place to learn, work, live and grow for people of all abilities in the Greater Rochester Region. Specifically, they provide work experience and opportunities for adults with disabilities.

We would like to give our guests a gift bag as they leave from the community dinner as follows:

2018 November: vegetables from Homesteads for Hope.

2018 December: toiletries/cleaning supplies

2019 January through May: toiletries/cleaning supplies

2019 October and November: vegetables from Homesteads for Hope.

Other items may include hats, scarves, and gloves knitted by church and community members; and both non-perishable and prepared food from the kitchen.

Since we have 50-60 people at each dinner, with 10-20 being church members and volunteers, we will need about 40 gift bags at each dinner.