

## 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 panel 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: Northside New Era Community Outreach Corporation  
Affiliation with ABCUSA: Member.  
Address: 517 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208  
Phone: 317.923.5644 \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Tax ID#: 35-2145403  
Contact person: Robin Winston email: robin@winstonterrell.com

2. Please submit 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.

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: \$28,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

6. Your other funding source(s): If we are successful on this grant submittal, members of the congregation will donate approximately 72% of the funding for the project. The Church Federation of Indianapolis provides additional funding. Please see our attached budget.

7. 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): *Clarence Moore* Date: February 27, 2014

Printed Name/Title: Reverend Dr. Clarence Moore/Member, Northside Community Outreach Corporation

**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 [beth.fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



**How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?**

**Program/Project Name: Feed My Sheep Food Pantry Ministry**

The Feed My Sheep Ministry is an ongoing program of our church. It made a positive impact for one thousand one hundred and forty-four (1,144) families in 2013. Initial tracking indicates that most of those families consisted of two (2) to three (3) individuals in the home. Conservatively, we project that over three thousand (3,000) unduplicated individuals received service from our programs. Our criterion for participation were fairly liberal---we never discriminate against any participant; we relax the geographic boundaries so that we can expand our service delivery area; we ensure that participants receive our services in a confidential manner; and we do not limit participation to a particular number of times. This reinforces our commitment to being a Conscience in the community. It also demonstrates our commitment to make a difference in the community while ensuring that residents in a very high poverty area receive basis subsistence support.

We are proud of the Ministry and its ability to develop an outreach program that has made a discernible impact in our community to combat hunger and poverty. The goals were to provide supplemental food offerings twice a week to those who deemed it necessary to seek our assistance; offer a secure location to provide nutritious foods to augment the serving of our families; provide an interaction between our church and the public; and to demonstrate that the Northside New Era Community Outreach Corporation remained committed to two (2) of our tenets--- Minister to those in need and Be a Conscience in the community.

One of the benefits of our Ministry is that the program has developed a level of support and cooperation that will ensure its' long-term stability. We partnered with the City of Indianapolis' Bell Clinic to offer confidential testing for STDs to those who participated in the Ministry. We worked with nutrition experts to determine the appropriate foods for distribution. In addition, we saved valuable funds by making many of our purchases from the Midwest Food Bank. We received financial support from the Indianapolis Colts to provide additional meals during Thanksgiving. And we utilized our location in the United Northwest Area Community Development Corporation service area to inform residents of the availability of the program. Each of these partners assisted us in delivering services to those in need in a confidential and respectful manner.

Please note that we are projecting that we will spend \$28,000 in 2014/2015 to support the program. The combination of support from the Matthew 25 grant, the Church Federation of Indianapolis and donations from members of our congregation will enable us to expand our offerings, while ensuring that those who are truly in need are serviced by our community outreach efforts.

Our program reflects the essence of collaboration and cooperation by establishing tangible working relationships with the Marion County Health Department, the Bell Clinic and with the Community Development Corporation serving residents in our area. We also learned that a devoted congregation can serve as a partner to make a difference in outreach to assist those in need. And, we are pleased to know that the Matthew 25 grant offers us an opportunity to enhance these types of positive collaborations.

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Indianapolis, Indiana***

## **Budget**

### **Expenses**

Expense

Purchase of Food and Associated Supplies: \$28,000

**Total: \$28,000**

### **Revenue Sources**

Northside New Era Church: \$20,000

Church Federation of Indianapolis: \$3,000

Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

**Total: \$28,000**

Please note that the Church Food Pantry is supported financially members of Northside New Era through their tithes and offerings. In addition, labor is provided by a team of twenty (20) volunteers responsible for purchasing food from local merchants at a discounted price. Our volunteers handle all administrative and support components of the program.