

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: Twelfth Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 160 Warren Street Roxbury MA 02119

Phone: 617-442-7855

Federal Tax ID#: 04-265-5952

Name of Region: The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)

Contact person (person completing this form): Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

Email of contact person: atgerald@tbcbboston.org

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?

The Twelfth Baptist Church Christian Preschool Program

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 provide five preschool scholarships for low-income families to defray tuition expenses

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?

Through scholarships, we can offset tuition for 5 families, with limited financial resources, in accessing quality, Christian childcare. Each scholarship will undergird children from families living in Warren Gardens, a subsidized rental development where 227 low income families reside in the surrounding community.

5. Total cost of the project: \$264,600.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

7. List other funding source(s): Donations, Grants, Fundraising, Tuition Fees (\$180,179.00)

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) Twelfth 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): Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: September 1, 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.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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) ATG

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

TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Twelfth Baptist Church is to extend the Love of God to others through the Good News and providing Christ-centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves.

The historic Twelfth Baptist Church, an affiliate of the American Baptist Churches, USA, seeks to serve the community through ministries that will build people of Purpose, of Power, of Praise and of Prayer! By doing this, we will endeavor to advance the Kingdom work of God through presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing ministries so the Sinners may become justified, the Saints sanctified, the Church edified, the Word of God magnified and Christ glorified! PURPOSE is revealed by teaching and preaching the uncompromised Word of God. POWER is revealed by the empowerment of the believers to fulfill his/her creative purpose. PRAISE is revealed by and through the believer in their individual and corporate acts of worship.

Tenets

We seek to honor Jesus Christ through meaningful worship and praise!

We seek to nourish and strengthen the believer through Bible teaching and Prayer!

We seek to serve each other in and with unselfish love!

We seek to share the Gospel with the community around us with compassion for the Lost!

We seek to be a church of much PRAYER!

As Bible believers, we are obligated to spreading the gospel to all people and invite them to fellowship, regardless of race, religion, creed, age or ethnicity. We are courageously committed to social justice and to showing the love of God in our ministries and missions.

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

The TBC Christian Preschool provides an educational experience in a warm, loving and Christian atmosphere for 32 children ages 2.9 through 6 years old. Recognizing the importance of a balanced growth experience, we provide opportunities for social, intellectual, physical, and spiritual development. The Preschool program serves the families and children of the community. This ministry has grown from a love for God's children and a desire to help in their proper development and quality of life. With funding from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, the Preschool ministry can directly impact the ability of five impoverished families to engage their children in structured Christian educational programming geared to motivate academic achievement and ultimately, to end a disabling life of poverty, insufficiency and underdevelopment.

Scholarship recipients will be from Warren Gardens, which is in the center of the Circle of Promise, a five mile section of Boston in which families need enhanced economic and educational resources to improve academic achievement and financial stability. TBC has worked independently and with government, universities and the private sector to acquire resources that break the bonds of poverty, improve student achievement and improve the quality of life in housing for the poor living in this section. These families are income restricted and strapped by a high cost of living. Childcare expenses are often prohibitive and their children are unable to benefit from the educational, social and development experience that our preschool childcare ministry affords.

From: Rev. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. [mailto:atgerald@tbcbboston.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:21 PM
To: TURNER, Tina <Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org>
Cc: 'Clara Bell' <cbell@tbcbboston.org>; atgerald@tbcbboston.org
Subject: Twelfth Baptist Church's Preschool Grant

Good Day Ms. Tina Turner:

I would like to respond to the suggestion and question that you raised in your email of August 29th concerning our Matthew 25 Grant.

- 1) The \$5,000.00 requested may help up to five (5) children from the Warren Gardens Housing Development directly across the street from our church. The amount requested will partially support up to 5 preschool children. The tuition for one (1) child attending our preschool is \$196.00 per week. The school is open 50 weeks each year. One child pays \$196 per week x 50 weeks = \$9,800. Our hope is to attract children from Warren Gardens and partially support them in our preschool.
- 2.) Attached in the grant application we emailed you, there should be a copy of the preschool budget.

If I may assist you or the committee with any other matters, please feel free to contact me at your convenience!

May God Bless You and Yours!

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