

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: Henderson Memorial Baptist Church

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 147, Farmington, ME 04938

Phone: 207-778-2163

Federal Tax ID#: 01-6026693

Name of Region: ABCOM

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Dr. Susan Crane

Email of contact person: hmbcpastor@outlook.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?

The Diaconate of HMBC uses Matthew 25 funds to provide security deposits for individuals or families graduating from the homeless shelter to help them move into independent housing from the shelter. The funds are managed by the Treasurer of the Fellowship Fund, which also contains Communion Offerings, used to provide for emergency needs of people in the church and community. Matthew 25 funds are only used to pay landlords the security deposit needed for shelter graduates to move into independent housing, and only up to \$500. It is frequently necessary to supplement grant funds with Communion offerings, other grants and fundraising.

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.

Shelter guests may apply for a Matthew 25 security deposit grant from the church if recommended by the shelter case manager; they must complete a Rent Smart course while living at the shelter, prepare a budget for housing expenses and have proof of income to pay the rent on a monthly basis. A letter is sent with the check to the landlord, explaining that the security deposit may be returned to the tenants when they move on, as long as they have taken good care of the rental unit. Matthew 25 security deposits help shelter graduates transition from homelessness to independent living in the community more efficiently...and serve as an incentive to be responsible tenants.

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?

Matthew 25 Security Deposit Grants from HMBC help people who need the services of the Western Maine Homeless Outreach Shelter, because of poverty. In rural areas, shelter guests are rarely itinerants, but rather local families, who just "fall off the edge" and then "couch surf" or tent camp or live in their cars until the shelter is able to accept them. Their children attend local schools and families want to keep them in school, which is nearly impossible to do, if referred to a larger shelter an hour or more from Farmington. WMHO Shelter opened in November 2013 and is normally full with a waiting list. There are only 16 beds at present, but a new location is being prepared to open in November 2018, which will be able to house 32 guests. This will mean even more security deposits will be needed. Since Farmington is a college town, rentals are very hard to come by and the average cost of rental units exceeds 30% of the median income in Franklin County. Many of the shelter graduates are disabled and can only afford subsidized units, although there is not nearly enough low-income housing in the area. WMHO Shelter receives some funding from Maine State Housing Authority, based on how quickly the shelter is able to help guests find independent housing and gain the skills to succeed at living on their own. When guests who are ready to move out are unable to relocate, because they cannot accumulate enough for a security deposit, the shelter receives less funding; and beds remain unavailable at the shelter to those on the waiting list.
5. Total cost of the project: Since receiving our last Matthew 25 Grant from ABCUSA in October, 2016, 9 persons or families have been assisted with Matthew 25 Security Deposit grants sent to landlords. These families have remained in their new housing, successfully. Each family is visited monthly for one year by a shelter navigator who reinforces the training received at the shelter. The amount of the grant in 2016 was \$1,000. Total spent on security deposits since October 2016 is \$4,020. Security deposits requested have varied from \$224 to \$500, with most being at the \$500 amount. Some families have had to supplement even the maximum amount with additional funds of their own to be able to rent an apartment; others have had to accept housing in other communities, where there is more affordable housing.
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1,000. This is the amount we were awarded in 2016, after being awarded \$2,000 in 2013 and \$2,000 in 2015. With the third grant award, we realized we would need to leverage additional funds from other churches in the community in order to be able to provide more than just two \$500 security deposits. HMBC succeeded in leveraging \$2318 from other churches! HMBC shares its building with another church, Summit Faith. The WMHO Shelter is the shared mission project both churches support through special offerings. When we join together for Easter breakfast the donations are designated for the Matthew 25 Security Deposit Fund. Summit Faith is affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church of North America. In July 2018 Summit Faith applied for a grant from CRCNA to help fund Matthew 25 Security Deposits and received \$1,000. Summit Faith also contributed \$500 to cover a security deposit that was needed before HMBC could apply to ABCUSA for another grant. Additionally, two churches in the Farmington Area Ecumenical Ministry (FAEM) contributed a total of \$300 in 2017 to help, when funds were needed. FAEM has its own Housing Assistance Ministry that pays up to \$200 for a security deposit (or rent shortfall), but that program is not enough to help families graduating from the shelter. Members of HMBC have also given special support to Matthew 25 by designating \$400 in Communion Offerings for Matthew 25 in the past year.
7. List other funding source(s): It is likely we could expect to leverage another \$2700 or so from the same sources over the next two years, by using the \$1,000 Matthew 25 Grant to attract additional support, especially with the shelter planning to double its capacity this November.
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) Henderson Memorial 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): Susan E. Crane (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/29/2018

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.
- 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) SEC

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

HENDERSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mission Statement

We, the people of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, understand ourselves to be God's people and members of the body of Christ. As the physical presence of the body of Christ, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve and to witness. Through worship, prayer and Bible study, we seek to love God and grow spiritually, to the praise of God's glory.

Jesus commissions us to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations through outreach on the local level, to hands-on-missions throughout the world. This mission begins at church with teaching ministries that share the good news of Jesus' saving love, and then reaches out to others, inviting them to find new life in Christ through baptism and discipleship. By serving others in Christ's name, we seek to be his ministers in the world today. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to do his will, to love God and love our neighbor.

As stated in the Constitution of the Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Farmington, Maine (Revised 1.28.18)

Financial Statement for this Ministry

First Matthew 25 Grant received October, 2013	\$2,000
Second Matthew 25 Grant received October, 2015	\$2,000
Remaining funds from Second Grant	\$ 216
Third Matthew 25 Grant received October, 2016	\$1,000
Leveraged from other churches 2016-2018	\$1,900
Designated Communion Offerings, HMBC	\$ 300
Easter Breakfast Donations	\$ 373
<u>Contributed by vote of Diaconate from Communion Fund</u>	<u>\$ 567</u>
TOTAL FUNDING (received and leveraged), 2016-2018	\$4,350

Security Deposits Paid for Shelter Graduates since Oct. 2016 (\$4,020)

Balance in Matthew 25 Fund (within HMBC Communion Fund) \$ 330

Nine Security Deposits were paid for persons or families graduating from WMHO Shelter, ranging from \$224 to \$500 (maximum amount). Nine formerly homeless families rehoused successfully, with follow-up from shelter staff serving as Navigators. All found housing within Franklin County.

Four other churches contributed a total of \$1,900 since 2016. Most from Summit Faith, the Christian Reformed Church which shares our building; together we share in this mission project to support the WMHO Shelter and help its graduates find stable housing afterward. Summit Faith was also awarded a \$1,000 grant for this purpose by the Christian Reformed Church of North America. Members of both churches gave donations at the Easter Breakfast in 2017 and in 2018. Both churches contributed discretionary or Communion Funds to cover the gap when a security deposit was needed but insufficient Matthew 25 funding was available. By the grace of God, each need was met. Both churches remain committed to this program, even as the WMHO Shelter expands its capacity.

MATTHEW 25 HISTORY of Security Deposit Grants Issued, 2016-2018

Date	Landlord	Tenant	Amount
12/21/2016	R.Jackson Hodsdon	Ellen Verville	\$ 500.00
2/6/2017	R.Jackson Hodsdon	Ben, Kim Moody	\$ 500.00
5/7/2017	R.Jackson Hodsdon	V.Larson, M. Nola	\$ 500.00
6/5/2017	J. Backus	Debra Cowin	\$ 500.00
8/1/2017	C & C Realty Mgmt	Vincent Harris Jr.	\$ 500.00
11/30/2017	Jay Elderly Apts.	Jennifer Chick	\$ 500.00
3/30/2018	R. Coffern	D & S Stanley	\$ 350.00
7/1/2018	Village View	T.Hastings,J.Jackson	\$ 446.00
7/30/2018	Village View	Errol Purington	\$ 224.00
SECURITY DEPOSIT GRANTS AWARDED			\$ 4,020.00

First Grant received October, 2013	\$ 2,000.00
Second Grant received October, 2015	\$ 2,000.00
Remaining from Grant #2	\$ 210.00
Third Grant received October, 2016	\$ 1,000.00
Leveraged from other churches 17-18	\$ 1,900.00
Designated Communion Offerings	\$ 300.00
Easter Breakfast Donations	\$ 373.00
Contributed by vote of Diaconate	\$ 567.00
	\$ 4,350.00
Security Deposits Paid since Oct. '16	\$ (4,020.00)
Balance on Aug. 2, 2018	\$ 330.00

DEPOSITS to MATTHEW 25 FUND

Date	Source	Amount	
10/1/2016	Grant Balance	\$ 210.00	Remaining from Grant #2
10/18/2016	ABCUSA	\$ 1,000.00	Matthew 25 Grant
4/16/2017	HMBC-Summit	\$ 130.00	Easter Bkfst. Donations
6/4/2017	Shorey Chapel	\$ 250.00	for Matthew 25
7/26/1917	Trinity UMC	\$ 50.00	for Matthew 25
6/7/2017	HMBC	\$ 300.00	Designated Communion Offering
10/1/2017	Fairbanks Union	\$ 100.00	for Matthew 25
10/12/2017	HMBC	\$ 400.00	HMBC for Matthew 25
11/5/2017	HMBC	\$ 167.00	HMBC for Matthew 25
4/3/2018	HMBC-Summit	\$ 243.00	Easter Bkfst. Donations
6/25/2018	Summit Faith	\$ 500.00	For Matthew 25
7/9/2018	Summit Faith	\$ 1,000.00	Grant, Reformed Church of NA
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 4,350.00	