

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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or, Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region: First Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO

Region: Great Rivers Region

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: First Baptist Church (food pantry)

Mailing Address: 100 W. Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, MO 64114

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Contact person: Dr. Stephen Jones, pastor

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

Your mission statement.

"The Mission of First Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri is to be a vibrant, Christ-centered church serving as a nurturing, inviting and healing community." Mission of the Food Pantry: to address in concrete ways the nutritional and hunger needs of families and individuals in south Kansas City through an ecumenical food pantry housed in First Baptist Church.

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. (attached)

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Since its founding, the ecumenical food pantry for the Red Bridge district of south Kansas City has been operated out of St. Peters United Church of Christ. That church is unfortunately closing and we have been asked, and agreed, to take over the food pantry as of Feb. 1, 2016. Many churches in the neighborhood contribute food products monthly to the pantry. There has also been a steady stream of financial donations from the members of St. Peter's that will be stopped once the church closes. Most of their remaining few members no longer live in this area and we don't anticipate their continuing support of the food pantry. We also have start-up costs associated with creating a food pantry on the stage of our fellowship hall and making this room separate

and secure. This will include the purchase of an institutional refrigerator to add fresh food to the canned and boxed items now provided by the pantry.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

The Red Bridge food pantry already has a track record of assisting families and individuals who struggle with lack of food. Approximately 20-30 families are now assisted each month. We have hopes of doubling the capacity once we take over the food pantry in February. We also hope to expand fresh food, which currently is not included. The food pantry hasn't had aggressive outreach either to sponsoring churches or families in need in many years. We hope to re-energize the network on both sides – the churches and the families in need.

We have a large network of volunteers in our congregation who have stepped forward to give leadership to the food pantry. Three members of our church will be the coordinators: Dixie Kelly, Sue Hansen and Jim Kelly.

5. Total cost of the project: \$9,900

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

7. Your other funding source(s):

- a. our church's contribution;
- b. equipment from St. Peter's UCC.
- c. in-kind services from the Community Assistance Council (SKC)

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by: Dr. Stephen Jones, pastor, First Baptist Church, KCMO
December 16, 2015

Red Bridge Ecumenical Food Pantry

Associated with the Community Assistance Council of South Kansas City
Relocating Feb. 1, 2016 to First Baptist Church

Budget Expenses:

Dedicated phone line:	\$400
Computer program, software, equipment:	\$500
Additional Shelving, equipment:	\$1,000
Re-stocking the pantry (until we can get donations):	\$1,000
Relocation Costs:	\$400
Electrical Improvements:	\$800
Institutional Refrigerator:	\$2,500
Carts	\$800
Building Modification/Renovation:	\$2,500
Total:	\$9,900
Amount of Grant Request:	\$5,000
Amount of Church Subsidy:	\$4,900

The food pantry will continue to receive donations from the congregations in the Red Bridge area, both in food items and funds to purchase food items. Most of the costs above are start-up expenses.