

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: **United Church of Lincoln**

Mailing Address: **23 Quaker St; Lincon, VT 05443**

Phone: **802-453-4280**

Federal Tax ID#: **03-0259458**

Name of Region: **VTNH**

Contact person (person completing this form): **Jim Brown**

Email of contact person: **jjmbrownvt@gmail.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?

Feed My Sheep/Grow With God

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 improve the operational infrastructure supporting food storage and distribution, namely: The construction of a Root Cellar, and Vegetable stand with cooling.

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?

With these funds, we hope to be able to offer fresh fruit and or vegetables to those in need, during the harvest season, and, due to enhanced storage, during the following months until supplies are depleted.

The hope is that through this ministry we will be able to reach and involve members of the larger community, helping them to "Grow with God" as they participate in some portion of the ministry.

5. Total cost of the project: **\$6,993**
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5000**
7. List other funding source(s): **Youth ministry budget within the church, donations of materials as well as monetary, from church and community, and eventually from donations received from those who enjoyed produce harvested.**
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) The United Church of Lincoln, 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): **Jim Brown** (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: **8/22/17**

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?

Mission Statement

FMS/GWG- Feed My Sheep/Grow With God, a food production, storage and distribution, non-profit community action group.

While this group is a ministry of The United Church of Lincoln, it is meant to serve, and to involve, the community at large, encouraging self-sustainability and sharing of food items with our neighbors.

Q: What is the main goal of this organization?

A: To provide a means for more local food production and provisions. To become more locally self-sufficient.

A: To grow vegetables and provide storage of certain storable roots and fruits in a root cellar.

A: To distribute said produce to those in need either directly, through a FREE vegetable stand, and/or through an existing organization such as local food shelf.

FMS/GWG Feed My Sheep - Grow With God Ministry Outline

What are the different parts of this ministry? What do they look like when separate? How do they contribute to the ministry as a whole?

- 1. Food Production**
 - a. Growing Mediums:**
 - i. Orchard (established fruit trees/bushes)**
 - ii. ground**
 - iii. raised bed**
 - iv. potato tower**
 - v. containers**
 - vi. hydroponics**
 - vii. greenhouse, plant starting**
 - b. community growers – indirect contributors**
- 2. Food Storage**
 - a. Root Cellar**
 - b. Canning**
 - c. Freezing**
 - d. Drying**
- 3. Food Processing**
 - a. Cooking, straining, packaging (applesauce)**
 - b. Blanching, freezing, canning**
- 4. Food Distribution**
 - a. Direct delivery to user**
 - b. Local food shelf**
 - c. H.O.P.E. (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)**
 - d. FREE vegetable stand**
 - i. Take some, leave some (optional)**
 - ii. Recipes and instructions for each type of vegetable**
 - iii. Donations – monetary donations accepted, leave instructions to whom the check/cash is to be given. No money box (to lessen temptation)**
- 5. Fundraising**
 - a. Donations**
 - b. Canvassing**
 - c. Selling a portion of produce**
- 6. Education - offer instruction for each phase of the process to anyone wanting to learn - Seasonal, as instructors are available.**

Operating Budget for FMS/GWG Ministry

This Ministry is based on the generosity of the people of the community. And, because of this, will not have an operating budget, nor need one. Once the infrastructure is in place (the root cellar and vegetable stand), the operation will rely on individuals growing and contributing fruit and vegetables which will be stored and distributed on a volunteer basis. Monies that are received toward the ministry will go to pay for/toward electricity used for the root cellar, purchasing additional seeds, trays, pots, etc. for growing, and any necessary freezer bags, or other containers to store veggies or fruits (applesauce, for example). Last year, the first year, generated participation of 35 people donating time, materials, expertise to grow from seeds various vegetables that were distributed and enjoyed by many, including about 150 pounds of potatoes. Also, approximately 8 gallons of applesauce was frozen and distributed throughout the year. Also, delivered after Thanksgiving and before Christmas, were meals - venison stew, baked beans, mac & cheese, applesauce (made by SS students with adult supervision), and each received a quart of maple syrup. All this donated! And, there were four elevated, raised beds built and distributed, two small containers built and distributed, two potato towers constructed - each four rows high, and put into use. All with donation of time and material - some of which was purchased using donated funds. This ministry will operate on faith, distributing 100% of what food items come in, and applying 100% of the monetary donations toward furthering the ministry as outlined in the mission statement. Further infrastructure may include a greenhouse, watering system, soil bunkers, and... who knows? God knows!

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* based on current level of garden space and use

Numbers, items will grow directly proportional to the donations or other monies obtained. Funding sources for growth will be sought and obtained prior to any expansion.

Item / Part Number	Price/Cost each	Quantity Needed	Total	Description	Project	NOTES
Root Cellar with Wireless Temp and Humidity Control						
TH220-W	\$194.00	2	\$388	Wireless (WIFI) Temperature & Humidity Controller	Root Cellar	
circulation fan	\$100.00	2	\$200	cooling and humidifying	Root Cellar	
vent pipe and fittings	\$80.00	2	\$160	circulation/ventilation	Root Cellar	
solenoid damper	\$86.00	2	\$172	natural cooling	Root Cellar	
concrete for frost walls/sq yd	\$180.00	4	\$720	storage units frost walls/footings	Root Cellar	material and labor
concrete block walls/sq ft	\$3.57	224	\$800	concrete block walls	Root Cellar	material only, list price before any possible discount
labor	\$34.00	50	\$1,700	estimated 50hrs labor to construct wall	Root Cellar	Most likely donated
insulation walls/sq ft	\$9.00	256	\$2,304	spray foam for exterior walls	Root Cellar	cost of material, labor donated
foam insulation ceiling	\$9.00	128	\$1,152	spray foam kit for ceiling insulation	Root Cellar	cost of material, labor donated
JELD-WEN 32 in. x 80 in. 6-Panel Primed Fiberglass Prehung Left-Hand Inswing Front Door w/Brickmould Model# 703171	\$210.00	1	\$210		Root Cellar	
		Total RC w/hired labor	\$7,596		Root Cellar	
contingency		1	\$730		Root Cellar	
		anticipated donation of labor	-\$1,700		Root Cellar	
		Total RC w/Vol labor	\$6,626		Root Cellar	
		Alternate construction	\$5,428		Root Cellar	
		Total using alt const/vol labor	\$6,348	Represents \$323 savings using fram const.	Root Cellar	
concrete for frost walls/sq yd	180	4	\$720	storage units frost walls/footings	Root Cellar	material and labor
2x6x8' PT lumber	\$7.00	52	\$364	Studs, top & bottom plate, door RO frame	Root Cellar	
exterior PT plywood	\$34.00	6	\$204			
HardieBacker 1/4 in. x 4 ft. x 8 ft. Cement Backerboard	\$24.00	16	\$384			
screws	\$30.00	3	\$90	for studs and sheathing inside and out		
insulation walls/ceiling/sq ft	\$9.00	384	\$3,456			
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Fruit & Vegetable Stand						
Portable Air Conditioner & Cooler Blizzard	\$409.99	1	\$410	Cooling system	Free Fruit&Vegetable stand	
Lumber	\$0.00		\$0	stand construction	Free Fruit&Vegetable stand	
TMI PVC Strip Curtain Door Bulk Roll Standard Grade Clear	\$150.00	1	\$150	Clear curtain to retain cooling	Free Fruit&Vegetable stand	
JPB-16648006-6PK	\$85.00	1	\$85	plastic bins for vegetables	Free Fruit&Vegetable stand	
Solarland SLP090-12M Multicrystalline 90 Watt 12 Volt Solar Panel	\$250.00	1	\$250	Solar panel, 90 watt incl shipping	Free Fruit&Vegetable stand	
12v Solar Charge Regulator	\$75.00	1	\$75	charge regulator, includes shipping	Free Fruit&Vegetable stand	
		Total Stand no donations	\$970			
		Anticipated Solar Donation	-\$325	Solar panel and regulator		
		Total Stand w/donations	\$645			
		Grand Total (block constr on RC) w/donations	\$7,271			Note: Grand totals represent both root cellar and vegetable stand.
		Grand Total (block constr on RC) w/0 donations	\$8,566			
		Grand Total (alt frame const RC) w/vol labor	\$6,993	This is the direction we will go as it is more efficient!		