

# 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:

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:

Ministry or Group receiving these funds:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Federal Tax ID#:

Contact person:

Email:

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

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

5. Total cost of the project:

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:

7. Your other funding source(s):

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:

Date:

**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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

## MATERIAL FOR MATTHEW 25 GRANT

The church mission statement which appears on the front cover of every Sunday worship folder is:

“To know Christ and to make him known.”

A more specific statement for the church is in the first article of the church constitution.

Section 1 -- Purpose: The purpose of the church shall be the advancement of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this end through the public worship of God, the preaching of the gospel, the teaching of the scriptures, consistent living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor, and Christian education.

**BUDGET.** The budgets for the food pantry and Family Promise are taken from our Benevolence fund, which serves as our mission fund. The annual budget for the food pantry is \$1000 per year. This money is used to purchase food from the Monmouth County food bank and other sources throughout the year. We open the food pantry once per month and hand out food to the needy in the area. We regularly serve 40 – 50 families per month. In November and December we hand out Christmas baskets through the food pantry as well.

Family Promise is a ministry to homeless families. We host up to 15 people for one week, four times per year. During our week, we feed them breakfast and dinner. They sleep overnight at the church in various Sunday School class rooms. The costs for Family Promise come out of the regular operating budget in various areas. Our fellowship fund pays for the plastic plates, cups, forks, knives and spoons that are used each day for breakfast and dinner. Our property budget pays for electric, gas and water which are used by the clients. The area needing flooring is the “Living room” area where the families stay during the evening.

Food pantry	budget 2016 - \$1000.	2015 expenditure - \$860
Electric	budget 2016 - \$3500.	2015 expenditure - \$3824
Gas	budget 2016 - \$7500.	2015 expenditure - \$6608
Water	budget 2016 - \$800.	2015 expenditure - \$897
Fellowship	budget 2016 - \$500.	2015 expenditure - \$998



