

## • 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: Asylum Avenue Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 868 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Phone: 860-303-7346

Federal Tax ID#: 06-0658072

Name of Region: American Baptist Churches of Connecticut

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Kevin Butler

Email of contact person: kbutler64@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?

Asylum Avenue Baptist Church Food Pantry

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 purchase food and non-food grocery items that will supplement food that church members donate and food obtained through FoodShare, for distribution to neighborhood families.

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?

Once bills are paid there is often not enough money to purchase food and other non-food consumables – families are faced with the choice of paying bills or having sufficient money for food. This project is intended to help families pay their bills, and perhaps even have a little money left over to get ahead, and still have sufficient food.

5. Total cost of the project: \$8600

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000

7. List other funding source(s): church operating fund
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) Asylum Avenue 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): Kevin Butler (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/31/2017

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **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?**

## MISSION:

To provide food to families while helping them to achieve personal goals in a caring community through the breaking of bread and sharing the love of Christ to all. Establishing more stable households and a flourishing quality of life through education in health, nutrition and empowerment of our brothers, sisters, children and seniors.

### Budget for Asylum Avenue Baptist Church Food Pantry

#### Start-Up Costs

Paint           \$ 0 – current stock

Doors           \$ 600

Locks           \$ 100

Exterminator \$ 300

Windows       \$ 500

Shelving       \$ 300

Cleaning Items \$ 50

Utilities        \$ 150

Signage         \$ 200

Transportation \$300

Miscellaneous \$100

Sub Total       \$ 2,600

#### B. Food Costs

- cans and dry goods, donated by church members \$0

- cans and dry goods, FoodShare \$500

- meat and frozen, Foodshare \$500

- Supplemental Food Purchases \$5000

Sub Total:      \$6000

Total Budget: \$8600

#### Income:

Donations to Pantry Fund \$3600

Matthew 25 Grant \$5000