

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 relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name _____ Sunset Hills Church _____
Affiliation with ABCUSA _____ ABC of Nebraska _____
Address _____ 9416 Pacific Street, Omaha NE 68114 _____
Phone _____ 402-391-0820 _____ Federal Tax ID# _____ 05-784761 _____
Contact person _____ Ron French _____ email _____ revfrench@cox.net _____

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. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project _____ \$100,000 _____

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

6. Your other funding source(s) _____ Church funding, grants, foundation support

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 within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) _____ Ron French _____ Date _____ 2/28/14 _____

Printed Name/Title _____ Rev. Ron French _____, pastor at Sunset Hills Church _____

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; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



The mission statement of Sunset Hills is: “To encourage one another to experience Growing closer to God, Pursuing genuine relationships with others, Sharing Christ and to exercise this life transforming faith in the community.”

How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Sunset Hills has been searching for a local organization that is founded in Christ and is already engaged in the needs of the local community. We believe we have found that in the New Hope Life Center for Women (www.newhopelifecenters.com). New Hope is committed to helping women with very serious issues such as abuse, addiction and incarceration, to learn how to live Christ-centered productive lives in society and not return to the poverty of heart, mind, soul and body that they have existed in for many years. These ladies are often homeless or living on the margins of society and have come to believe that they can do no better. New Hope teaches them about the love of Jesus Christ (on staff chaplain, Bible Studies, memory verses, one-on-one love, etc.), helps them find and keep employment (teaches them interviewing skills, helps to develop their resume, provides interviewing clothing, etc.), provides professional on-site counseling, teaches them life skills (how to cook, how to use a computer, keep a budget, manage a checking account, etc.) and provides housing for one year.

The approach of New Hope is to not just give them the fish but to show them how to fish so that they are able to live constructive, confident, and productive lives that they have never experienced before; lives based on and founded on the love of Jesus Christ. All the ladies live in the same house, owned and managed by New Hope, so that they receive constant and consistent care while receiving a holistic approach to helping these women learn how to successfully get out of and stay out of poverty and helplessness.

I would recommend that you go to their website should you desire a more in-depth review of what they do. My wife and I have sat at their dinner table and eaten with the staff and the women at New Hope. We have heard some of their stories and our hearts break for what they have experienced. We would be overjoyed to use the grant monies to improve and enlarge the environment at New Hope so that these ladies can see that God has not forsaken them, that they are worth every bit of the effort to improve themselves and get themselves out of the gutter life has placed them in, and to show them what Christ can do when people allow Him to bury the old self and raise up a new self.

It is the desire of Sunset Hills to partner with New Hope on a long term, indefinite period of time. We wish to use the funds to help New Hope purchase the property next door and it is our desire that we will then be involved in the volunteer work necessary to see the property built out as planned. This project is to be the first of what we hope to be many years of projects, service and loving support as we partner together to change the lives of hurting and impoverished, one person at a time.

Thank you for considering this grant request. Regardless of your decision, I am praising God that such funding is available to further the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you and your work in His name,
Ron French





new hope life center for women

"Putting the pieces back together"

New Hope Life Center for Women

3507 Harney Street

Serving women in this residential home

Since 2007



3501 Harney Street—

Condemned Property to be acquired

Currently homeless are attempting to occupy the untended premises, creating an unsafe environment for our residents who often leave home early (in the dark) to catch the bus for work.

Previously the house had been rented to persons selling and using drugs; police were routinely called.

New Hope currently holds 8 protection orders protecting our staff and residents from a former tenant of this property who attempted to break in while staff and residents were asleep and came swinging at our front door with a hammer in order to do us harm. She was charged with assault on a police officer as part of the initial incident.

<u>Expense/Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Property Acquisition	\$ 40,000
Demolition and Haulaway - <i>funded by partnership with Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$ -
3507 Harney Driveway Removal and Disposal	
3501 Sidewalk Removal and Disposal	\$ 5,000
Sidewalks 230 lineal feet 920 sqft	\$ 3,000
Grading & New Soil & Landscaping	\$ 18,000
Fencing Green Space 168 lineal feet - Vinyl	\$ 4,000
Paving - Concrete	\$ 30,000
Permits & Inspections included in contractor bids	\$ -
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$100,000

Please feel free to call if you have questions or desire more information.

Thank you!

Kathleen McCallister, Founder, Director

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Our Mission Statement

Assist individuals who are committed to overcoming past failures by helping them address core life issues and partner with them as they find new hope to secure an integrated, thriving life in the broader community.

2014 Capital Improvement – Phase II

New Hope Life Center for Women is pleased to announce the expansion of our facility to address the growing needs of women in our community. This is the first major expansion of our property since we purchased our home in 2006. This opportunity for expansion was just this week made available to us.

Improvements Needed

- Expand the office and administrative space
- Improve the safety and security of our facility
- Purchase and remove the condemned property east of our "house"
- Expand our parking to accommodate all staff, volunteers and residents
- Relocate the entrance from Harney to 36th Street to improve safety
- Provide land for future building needs as our program and supportive community needs grow

Project Costs

New Hope Life Center for Women has secured an option to purchase the condemned property next door (15 feet to our East). Furthermore, to address all the issues stated above we are estimating the Phase II capital improvements to cost \$100,000. Fortunately, a local foundation has gifted us \$10,000 and has pledged an additional \$40,000, thus providing a dollar for dollar match up to \$50,000 for every dollar we raise! With this generous pledge and other funds already in place, we are at 60% of our goal.

Campaign

Early contributions already in place	\$ 20,000
2014 Pledges Needed	\$ 40,000
Matching gift by local foundation	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Phase II Funds Required	\$100,000

The Request

We must close on the property by **April 15th** and require immediate pledges of \$40,000 to receive any of the matching funds from the local foundation, and to be able to assemble all of the funds in time for closing on the property. ***Please consider being part of this one-time campaign.*** If for some unforeseen reason we are unable to raise the needed funds and close on the property, you will not be held to your pledge and all funds would be immediately returned.

Please take time to review the photos and drawings indicating our current property and the condemned property next door, along with the drawings for improved parking, and green space available for future growth. You will also find a tentative budget for this project. ***If we do not acquire this property and it is once again occupied, we fear we will continue to deal with problem tenants who deal and use drugs, which has been our on-going problem with this property.*** Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation at this time.