

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 Comea House Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA, First Baptist Church, American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains
Address 1800 E. Pershing Blvd. , Cheyenne, WY 82001
Phone 307-632-9334 _ Cell 307-631-1068 _ Federal Tax ID# 83-0181379
Contact person Pastor Richmond L. Morse _ email Wyeagle@bresnan.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 \$2,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$2,000

6. Your other funding source(s) _____ currently receiving no other funding _____

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) Richmond Morse Date 31 August 2013

Printed Name/Title Pastor Richmond L. Morse

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.



From: Pastor Richmond L. Morse
5302 Windmill Rd.
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Subject: Matthew 25 Grant

To: Beth Fogg and Committee

I would like to submit this request for consideration to receive a grant from the Matthew 25 Grant fund. I am a volunteer pastor in Cheyenne, Wyoming where I serve our local homeless shelter called the Comea House. I hold church services every Sunday morning and have for about 7 years. We have unofficially dubbed it Comea House Church. Our services are held in the dining room of the facility. I am also basically on call 24/7 if there are any needs any other time, unfortunately because I am a volunteer pastor, I still have to have a full time job to meet the financial needs of my family.

In the past seven years there have been many times when I felt that someone who came to me for help deserved to receive assistance. Sometimes it was to get to another state where a job was waiting for them if they could get there, other times after trying to get a job in Cheyenne and not finding one, they were trying to get home where they could stay with family. Currently, I have a young lady who is trying to get home, she followed the work, but it ended and needs to get home, her mom is in the hospital and she has kids which her mom was watching. Her grandfather is taking care of them for the time being until she can get home. Other folks just need help with medicine.

I'd like to say we have a budget but then, that would mean that we have money. Most of what I do for church comes out of my own pocket, my church Cheyenne First Baptist (A member of American Baptist Church of the Rocky Mountains), has helped with purchasing bibles and other items for the residents, but there is no money for anything else. We have no expenses as far as rental, utilities, etc. because we meet at the facility.

I am seeking to get around \$2,000 or whatever I can, anything would help in the endeavor, the funds would be managed through First Baptist and I will put together a committee to consider all requests and verify what they have told me they need the money for. Having been the head of our Deacon Board a few years ago I dealt with our benevolence fund and was able to determine those who really needed it and how much. Even now I am very particular about anyone I send to church to request help, because they really don't seem to be sincere in what they are asking for.

You ask for a Mission Statement, I say the mission of the Comea House church is to encourage the homeless and those in need by providing them with hope for a brighter future through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I am glad that someone has stepped up to help meet the needs of so many. God Bless all of you.

In Jesus Name,
Pastor Richmond L. Morse, Comea House Church



Comea House Church Budget

Income	(No offering taken)	\$0
Rent	(covered by Comea House)	\$0
Utilities	(covered by Comea House)	\$0
Printing	(covered by Pastor)	\$0
Misc.	(covered by Pastor)	\$0
Phone	(covered by Pastor)	\$0
Pastor's Salary		\$0
Assist. Salary		\$0