

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 McGee Avenue Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA Member Congregation
Address 1640 Stuart Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone (510) 843-1773 Federal Tax ID# 94-2184326
Contact person(s) Rev. Liz Coleman email ecoleman@yainit.org
Dr. Harold Davis email Granddy@aol.com

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 \$12,150

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) City of Berkeley Grant, Church General Fund

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) Elizabeth V. Coleman Date 9/1/14

Printed Name/Title Elizabeth V. Coleman, Trustee/Program Director

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.



McGee Avenue Baptist Church



MISSION STATEMENT

McGee Avenue Baptist Church is a Family of Faith, guided and empowered by the spirit of Christ in our worship, witness and service to God, each other and our community.

Inspired by the Great Commandment in Mark 12:28-34, we strive to establish the inclusive kingdom of God as we model the love of Jesus Christ.

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THE HOPE PROJECT
2014-2015 Budget

FY 2014/2015 PROJECT BUDGET OPERATING EXPENSES		
Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Computer Stations (2 laptops for access to resources and training)	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,400.00
1 Portable Printer Station	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Employment Recruitment Resources/Education and Training curriculum/supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Healthy Protein Food for Community Meals	\$ 750/month	\$ 9,000.00
Total Project Budget		\$12,150.00

THE HOPE PROJECT

McGee Avenue Baptist Church is one of the oldest congregations in the City of Berkeley and has a long history of social activism and community service to homeless and impoverished individuals. For the past 30 years the Church has provided hot meals three days a week to the homeless, the poor and the indigent in its weekly food program. The church has received grant funds from the City of Berkeley for the past 15 years to support this food program.

The church is developing the HOPE Project to assist homeless individuals and their families in accessing community resources to promote their successful transition to a stable lifestyle. Through the HOPE Project, the church will expand its efforts to eliminate poverty by providing access to resources in addition to weekly meals. Inspired by the famous Chinese proverb, "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime," the HOPE Project will provide on-site computers for individuals to utilize to access resources for housing, employment and education. Many of the individuals and families served through the church's food program do not have access to computers making it impossible for them to connect with or navigate necessary support systems. The HOPE Project's computers will provide individuals with access to a wide range of online resources to help rebuild their lives.

Through the HOPE Project we will provide homeless and indigent individuals with access to computers for checking emails, preparing resumes, conducting job searches and searching for available housing. Three computers will be set up adjacent to the dining hall for use by community members. A printer station will also be provided for preparation of resumes or other forms. HOPE Project Leaders will be available to assist and/or train individuals in preparing resumes and/or conducting job searches. This will be an invaluable service to the participants in the program as many are living on the streets or in shelters and do not have access to computers or any means of printing documents. Providing access to computers for employment and housing searches will provide the tools needed to bridge the gap between remaining unemployed and/or living in a shelter to obtaining employment and/or receiving stable housing. The HOPE Project will maintain a log of individuals utilizing the computers and successfully accessing resources.

The HOPE Project also seeks to assist the church's food program in providing healthy meals to eliminate the chronic health diseases that continue to plague the community, particularly the homeless community. Specifically, the HOPE Project will provide protein products to include in weekly hot meals for indigent and homeless individuals. The lack of access to healthy foods can increase the risk of chronic disease which the HOPE Project seeks to counteract by providing healthy meat and other protein foods for meals. While the church receives a small grant and donations for its food program, this is not enough to provide nutritious and healthy food products. The church relies primarily on a patchwork of volunteers and donations to provide healthy meals therefore, the donations of food provided through the HOPE Project will be invaluable in supporting the church's continued effort to provide nutritious meals.

The church, through the HOPE Project, will utilize the funds provided through the Matthew 25 Grant to provide impoverished individuals with increased access to computer resources and healthy meals to assist them in developing stable and productive lives.