

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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: New Freedom Ministries Baptist Church
Mailing Address: 3476 East 152nd Street Cleveland OH 44120
Phone: 216-295-1530 Federal Tax ID#: 34-1936159
Name of Region: Northeast Ohio Cleveland Baptist Association
Contact person (person completing this form): Chantal Harris
Email of contact person: NFMChosenGeneration@yahoo.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?

The Chosen Generation Youth Ministry

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.

We specifically plan to use the funds requested for the Youth Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative under our Chosen Generation Youth Ministry. The Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative is for the youth of the Mount Pleasant Community of Cleveland, Ohio, where our church is located. The Mount Pleasant Community is one of the many low-income communities of Cleveland, that have been plagued with gangs, violence, poor academic achievement and the school drop out rate is at an all time high. The Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative is to ensure a safe space for the youth to receive a meal, have a space for studying, and to ensure a safe space for activities after-school. The Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative includes the Kidz Café After-School Feeding and Technology Program, Youth Community Harvest Festival, Angel Tree Christmas, and 2019 Spring College Tour. The funds will go towards the purchasing of 4 laptops and desk and 2 printers for the Kidz Café Technology and Study Center; the food and games for the Youth Community Harvest Festival in lue of trick-or-treating; the food and gifts for the Angel Tree Christmas; the van rental, feeding, and museum admission for the 2019 Spring College Tour.

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?
Youth who are impoverished are at a greater risk for traveling down a negative life path; often times these risk include, poor academic achievement, or ultimately dropping out of school, abuse and neglect, behavioral and socioemotional problems, physical health problems, and developmental delays. The Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative has been created to help improve the lives of the youth of the Mount Pleasant Community through positive influential programming. The requested funds will assist us in battling the educational disparities that plague the community. It is our goal to create a safe place atmosphere for the youth, so that their minds can be recultivated for success.
5. Total cost of the project: \$7,720
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): The Cleveland Food Bank, Prison Fellowship, and New Freedom Ministries Baptist Church
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) New Freedom Ministries 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): Chantal Harris (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 31, 2018

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.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 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?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

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

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) CH

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

Mission Statement

God has called New Freedom to:
Embrace people with the love of God
Equip people with the word of God
Enlist people to share in the ministries of God,
locally, nationally, and internationally
Empower people to produce disciples of God
Encourage unsaved and unchurched people to surrender to God.

Vision Statement:

We have been called to build a community of faith
Whose people are so excited about the
Person,
Presence,
Promises and
Power of God
That they will eagerly commit
their time, talents, and tithes
in free and creative ways to provide
holistic ministries that will transform lives.

| <u>Program:</u> | <u>Itemized Description:</u> |
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| Kidz Café Technology and Study Center | |
| | 4 Desk |
| | 4 Laptops |
| | 2 Printers |
| | Printer Paper Budget |
| | Ink Budget |
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| Youth Community Harvest Festival | Food (Including Candy Give-A-Way)-125 Guest |
| | Games |
| | Prizes |
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| Angel Tree Christmas | Food -100 Guest |
| | Gift Cards -50 Youth |
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| 2019 Spring College Tour | Van Rental and Gas |
| | Breakfast and Lunch Feeding |
| | Museum Admission |
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| <u>Cost:</u> |
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| \$100 each = \$400.00 |
| \$ 200 each = \$800.00 |
| \$150 each = \$300.00 |
| \$300.00 |
| \$700.00 |
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| \$725.00 |
| \$250.00 |
| \$250.00 |
| |
| \$800.00 |
| 2 (\$25 giftcards each) = \$50.00 x 50= \$2,500 |
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| \$350.00 |
| \$300.00 |
| \$45.00 |
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| Total: \$7,720.00 |

Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative

Requested funds will be used to finance programs of the Chosen Generation Youth Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative. It is the goal of the Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative to provide youth of the Mount Pleasant Community with a safe space where they can study and have unlimited access to the technology needed for homework. A space where they can be free to receive a hot meal after school, a space where they can gather for a social event and not have to worry about violence that may occur around them. The Youth Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative housed at New Freedom Ministries Baptist Church will offer several programs:

The Kidz Café:

The Kidz Café is open Monday-Thursday from 2:00pm to 7:00pm through the academic school year, except Holidays. The safe space has been created to give youth a safe space after school where they can receive a nutritious meal, a quiet space to study, and access to computers and printing for homework.

Youth Community Harvest Festival in Lue of Trick-or-Treating:

October 31, 2018, will be the Second Annual Youth Community Harvest Festival that New Freedom Ministries has hosted. Last year, we opened our doors to the community youth for a safe, controlled atmosphere, full of activities, food, dancing, and of course candy. The Youth Community Harvest Festival allows for an enjoyable night full of fun in a safe space. Last year we served over 50 youth and their families and we would like to double our numbers this year.

Angel Tree Christmas:

New Freedom Ministries has been a hosting site for Angel Tree Christmas for over 5 years. In collaboration with Prison Fellowship, it has been the goal to reach as many youth, with at least one incarcerated parent during the Christmas Holiday. Each year we try to make the dream of a wonderful Christmas for 50 youth come true. This year we would like to continue in tradition with our Annual Angel Tree Christmas.

Spring 2019 College Tour:

Many of the youth of the Mount Pleasant Community have not been to the Westside of Cleveland, let alone a college tour. It is the goal of the initiative to take fifteen students from 8th -12th grade on an Ohio Black College Tour on March 27, 2019. The tour is to provide the youth with an experience in understanding why education is so important to their future. The tour will cover the only two Historically Black Universities located in Ohio, Central State University and Wilberforce University. The tour will also include a trip to the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center also located in Wilberforce, Ohio. Transportation and meals will be provided.

Programs such as the Safe Streets and Safe Schools Initiative help fight the battle of poverty in the Mount Pleasant Community. Many of the youth's parents can barely keep the lights on in their homes. It is not a priority for a costume or candy, it is not a priority to experience gifts at Christmas time. Often, the only meal many of the youth receive, are the meals that they receive from school. Currently, the library allows computer usage in fifteen-minute increments, only enough time for a student to begin a research paper. The funds requested would be a valuable impact to the lives of the Mount Pleasant Youth, as we continue to create a safe space from violence and trauma. It is our hope as we continue to provide programs such as these, that the youth will take advantage and become leaders of change, in their community.