

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

1. General Information:

Organization Name: The First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Member church of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts

Address: 633 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Phone 617-524-3992 Federal Tax ID#: 042 263 045

Contact person: Rev. Ashlee Wiest-Laird email: pastor@firstbaptistjp.org

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Our mission statement:

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*We are a Christian community of many cultures, one faith!  
Unified in our diversity and strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
We gather together in worship, witness and service,  
To glorify God and follow the example of Jesus, the Christ's, inclusive love.*

Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement: See attached.

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? See following page.

4. Total cost of the project: \$5000

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

6. Your other funding source(s): Church communion offering. Approximately \$1200/year

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):



Date: 2-28-13

Printed Name/Title: Rev. Ashlee R. Wiest-Laird, Pastor

**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 to:

Mission Resource Development  
American Baptist Churches USA  
P.O. Box 851  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Or emailed to: [Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org)



**ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application**  
**The First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, MA**  
**Grant Round: March 1, 2013**

First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain is a small but growing urban, multi-cultural, intergenerational, welcoming and affirming congregation. We are located in the heart of a vibrant, diverse Boston neighborhood. Because of our central locale, many people enter our doors seeking assistance, both spiritual and physical. Despite the fact that our building burned in 2005 our economically varied congregation has continued to provide countless folks in immediate need with grocery cards, bus passes, prescription help and rent assistance from our Communion Fund. It is never enough. And as the economy worsened in the last few years the increase of requests for help has been apparent. While there is the occasional major crisis, most homeless men and women, low income families and elders on fixed incomes come asking for a little bit that will help them make it through the month.

For the last year and a half we have run a weekly lunch for Seniors and our Wednesday night dinner is often shared with indigent friends. In these programs (and with the food pantry run by our neighboring UU church) we feel we are able to assist with food needs for our community. It has been our experience, however, that it is much more difficult for our neighbors in poverty to have adequate access to transportation. Most do not have cars, and although Boston is known for our great public transportation, it has increased in cost over the years. A trip on the subway or bus ranges from \$.75 to \$2.50 depending on the kind of ID one holds. When a person is trying to get from shelter to job, or from social agency to social agency or from home to the hospital, these fares add up.

We would very much like to offer transportation assistance to those in our community who are often forced to make choices between which bills get paid or between eating and going to the doctor. A monthly bus pass costs \$48. (Disability/Senior pass is \$28). With the help of the Matthew 25 grant, our church would be able to provide transportation for 15-30 people a month over a six month period. Some of the folks who would benefit from this program include Guitta, a 55 year old Lebanese woman with a knee problem, who is here with no funds, to be with her brother as their father is critically ill in the hospital. John would be able to get back and forth to the doctor without worry. Betty could at least ride a warm bus around town and not have to sit all day on a cold bench outside the post office.

Receiving this grant would allow us to use our limited communion funds for the other items that are necessary in life (food, medicine, shelter) while we provide a vital service—access to transport—to our neighbors who struggle day in and day out with the very painful reality of what it means when there is ‘not enough.’

Thank you for your consideration.

# First Baptist Church in JP

## Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2012

Ordinary Income/Expense  
Income

Jan - Dec 12	Budget FY 12	Budget FY 13	CROSSROADS FY 13	TENANT FY 13
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### SPECIAL PROJECTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Crossroads Cafe (donation)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00	
First Fridays	\$ -				
Summer Jam (grant)	\$ -				
Crossroads Cafe (Ethos)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 8,000.00	
FBCbay	\$ -		inactive		
Unprotected Text sales	\$ -		inactive		
Dance Lessons Tuition	\$ -		inactive		
SPECIAL PROJECTS CONTRIBUTION	\$ -				
<b>Total SPECIAL PROJECTS CONTRIBUTION</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -

GRANTS \$ 7,800.00 \$ 5,000.00  
INTEREST INCOME \$ 53.91

### RENTAL INCOME

Bridge Boston (residency)	\$ 43,477.19	\$ 50,000.00	inactive		
Church Groups	\$ -		inactive		
For Profit Groups	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Non Profit Groups	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
T-Mobile (cell phone tower)	\$ 27,721.36	\$ 30,255.00	\$ 31,162.00		
RENTAL INCOME - Other	\$ 33,000.00				
Pine Village Preschool (residency)			\$ 79,200.00		
<b>Total RENTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 112,518.55	\$ 92,255.00	\$ 120,362.00		

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Other	\$ 3,510.22				
Loose Offerings	\$ 10,184.50	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
Pledges/Regular Giving	\$ 61,398.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 65,000.00		
Easter Offering	\$ 888.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Thanksgiving	\$ 392.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00		
Christmas Offering	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00		
CONTRIBUTIONS - Other	\$ -				
<b>Total CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 76,472.72	\$ 67,750.00	\$ 77,000.00		

### RESTORATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Green Raffle	\$ -				
Bricks Fund Raising	\$ -				
Organ Fund	\$ -				
Building Restoration Fund	\$ -				
RESTORATION CONTRIBUTIONS -	\$ -				
<b>Total RESTORATION CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ -				

### OTHER DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Pastor Sabbatical/Training	\$ -	\$ -			
Communion/Holiday Sharing	\$ 1,802.89	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		
OTHER DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTION	\$ -				
<b>Total OTHER DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTION</b>	\$ 1,802.89	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		

### MISSION OFFERINGS

Mission - Other	\$ -				
America for Christ	\$ 55.00				
Church World Service	\$ -				
Mission Offerings - Other	\$ -				
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 158.00				
World Mission	\$ 135.00				
RMMO	\$ -				
MISSION OFFERINGS - Other	\$ 110.00				
<b>Total MISSION OFFERINGS</b>	\$ 458.00				

<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 199,106.07	\$ 166,205.00	\$ 198,562.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -
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# First Baptist Church in JP

## Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2012

Jan - Dec 12	Budget FY 12	Budget FY 13	CROSSROADS FY 13	TENANT FY 13
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### Expense

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS EXPENSE

First Fridays	\$ -						
Summer Camp	\$ -		inactive				
Crossroads Cafe	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 7,800.00			
Unprotected Texts Book Order	\$ -		inactive				
Dance Class Expense	\$ -		inactive				
SPECIAL PROJECTS EXPENSE - Other	\$ 3,617.09		\$ -				
<b>Total SPECIAL PROJECTS EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 3,617.09</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>			

Reconciliation Discrepancies	\$ (0.32)
Uncategorized Expenses	\$ -
Interest Expense	\$ -

#### ADMINISTRATION

A/V Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Bank Charges	\$ 353.92	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00				
Computer Expenses	\$ 112.10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00				
Copier Rental	\$ 3,885.59	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00				
Fees & Fines	\$ 543.63	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00				
Dues & Memberships	\$ 312.79	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00				
Inspections	\$ 2,020.69	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00				
Office Supplies	\$ 2,257.35	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 50.00			
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 286.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
PayChex	\$ 1,010.21	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00				
Postage	\$ 969.10	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,200.00				
Printing	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00				
ADMINISTRATION - Other	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 14,751.64</b>	<b>\$ 13,475.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>			

#### FUNDRAISING EXPENSE

Equipment - Fundraising	\$ -						
Fundraising Administration	\$ 336.50						
Printing & Promotion	\$ -						
Supplies	\$ -						
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - Other	\$ -						
<b>Total FUNDRAISING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 336.50</b>						

#### ACCOUNTING

Bookkeeping	\$ 315.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00				
Compilation Report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
ACCOUNTING - Other	\$ -		\$ -				
<b>Total ACCOUNTING</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>				

LEGAL	\$ 947.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00				
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#### INSURANCE

Insurance - Building Commercial p	\$ 7,661.50	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 12,000.00				
Insurance - C.N.A. Fiduciary Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00				
Insurance - Directors and Officers	\$ 1,657.75	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,653.00				
INSURANCE - Workers Comp	\$ 3,688.75	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00				
<b>Total INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 13,008.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,553.00</b>				

# First Baptist Church in JP Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2012

Jan - Dec 12	Budget FY 12	Budget FY 13	CROSSROADS FY 13	TENANT FY 13
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## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Cleaning Supplies & Papers	\$ 2,021.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,800.00
Custodial Services	\$ -	\$ -	inactive		
Lawn & Plantings Care	\$ 7,234.92	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Maintenance - Sanctuary	\$ 18,819.98	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
Maintenance - Parsonage	\$ 891.07	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		
Pest Control - Sanctuary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Pest Control - Parsonage	\$ 907.50	\$ 775.00	\$ 900.00		
Security	\$ 972.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Snow Removal	\$ 1,975.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Trash Removal	\$ 2,574.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,750.00		\$ 1,750.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS - Other	\$ -				
<b>Total BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 35,395.92</b>	<b>\$ 16,975.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,550.00</b>

## UTILITIES

Taxes & Fees	\$ 189.95	\$ 120.00	\$ 200.00		
Television	\$ 59.40	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		
Electric - Sanctuary	\$ 8,590.13	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,500.00
Gas - Sanctuary	\$ 5,560.47	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,625.00
Water & Sewer - Sanctuary	\$ 3,174.77	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 875.00
Water and Sewer - Parsonage	\$ 893.27	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00		
Internet	\$ 958.85	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Telephone	\$ 1,919.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
UTILITIES - Other	\$ 480.00				
<b>Total UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 21,826.64</b>	<b>\$ 24,355.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,510.00</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

## PASTOR EXPENSES

Pastor Payroll	\$ 33,075.00	\$ 33,075.00	\$ 33,075.00		
Pastor Offset	\$ 4,819.56	\$ 4,820.00	\$ 4,820.00		
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 3,999.96	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		
Pastor Medical & Dental	\$ 19,411.92	\$ 21,350.00	\$ 21,350.00		
Pastor Pension	\$ 9,699.91	\$ 10,582.00	\$ 10,582.00		
Pastor Sabbatical/Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Pastor Reimbursements		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		
Transportation	\$ -	\$ -			
Conferences	\$ 100.00	\$ -			
Miscellaneous	\$ 288.78	\$ -			
Pastor Reimbursements - Other	\$ -	\$ -			
<b>Total Pastor Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$ 388.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>		
PASTOR EXPENSES - Other	\$ -				
<b>Total PASTOR EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 71,395.13</b>	<b>\$ 75,327.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,327.00</b>		

## CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES

Crossroads Coordinator	\$ -			\$ 5,200.00	
Church Staff State Income Tax	\$ -		inactive		
Church Staff Federal Income Tax	\$ -	\$ -	inactive		
Church Staff FICA	\$ 2,924.95	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00		
Office Manager Payroll	\$ 25,895.48	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Music Minister Payroll	\$ 9,064.79	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,600.00		
Temporary Staff Payroll	\$ -		inactive		
Associate Pastor	\$ 17,333.37	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
Minister to Children	\$ 1,500.00		inactive		
Student Pastor Stipend	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00		
Sexton	\$ 6,057.57	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	
Pianist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00		
CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES - Other	\$ 6,611.02	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Total CHURCH STAFF EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 70,887.18</b>	<b>\$ 73,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,800.00</b>	

## CROSSROADS

TENANT

Jan - Dec 12

**Budget FY 12**

**Budget FY 13**

FY 13

FY 13

<b>Mission - Other</b>	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>America for Christ</b>	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>RMMO</b>	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>World Mission</b>	\$ -	\$ -				
<b>Designated Mission</b>	\$ 250.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00			
<b>United Missions</b>	\$ 6,558.80	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 6,500.00			
<b>Social Justice Programs</b>	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
<b>Communion Offering Fund</b>	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00			
<b>Church World Service</b>	\$ -					
<b>MISSION &amp; SOCIAL JUSTICE - Other</b>	\$ -					

Outreach supplies (WEB SITE)	\$ 62.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Outreach Programs	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
Publicity & Marketing	\$ 1,866.36	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00			
OUTREACH & DEVELOPMENT - Ot	\$ -					

Mid-Week Gathering	\$ 1,900.41	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00			
Fellowship	\$ 1,683.11	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00			
New Member Welcoming	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00			
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CARE	\$ -					

<b>Worship supplies</b>	\$ 443.07	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			
<b>Guest Ministers</b>	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00			
<b>Guest Musicians</b>	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00			
<b>Music Supplies</b>	\$ 170.38	\$ -	\$ 200.00			
<b>Organ/Piano Maintenance</b>	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00			
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC - Other</b>	\$ -					

Child Care (ages 0 - 4)	\$ 38.74	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		
Children's Ed. (ages 5 - 13)	\$ 275.51	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
Youth Education (14 - 25)	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00		
Adult Education (26+)	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		
<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION - Other</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	\$ -				
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 248,709.66	\$ 241,557.00	\$ 244,415.00	\$ 18,125.00	\$ 8,550.00

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