

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



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. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

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 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: Military Street Baptist Church

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 517, Houlton, ME 04730

Phone: 207-532-2783

Federal Tax ID#: 27-3532809

Name of Region: ABCOM

Contact person (person completing this form): Tammy Goetsch

Email of contact person: tammyg@houltonmsbc.org

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?

Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook

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.

With the funds from ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, we plan to continue to target two specific projects of Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook (AABA): the "Choices" after-school program and "Just 4 Boys" summer camp.

"Choices": AABA responded to a need in the community when we learned that the local schools would be releasing their students an hour earlier every Tuesday to allow for Professional Learning Groups for teachers. This early release presented a hardship for many families in our community. Our community's families struggle with transportation and childcare, anyway, and this additional complication presented a problem. We saw and met that need by partnering with the local schools to bus students grades 1-8 to our church for an afterschool program. In 2017-18 we will be hosting our regular program every Tuesday along with an additional seven times of extended programming. On those seven days students will arrive at noon and stay until 5:00 pm. Because of the positive results from Choices and the great

relationship with the school district we are thrilled to be given an option for extended programming.

From the start of the first year, the word is out that "Choices" provides reliable after-school programming for children. The children have been pouring off the school buses and the MSBC van since September. [We now regularly serve between 55 and 70 children each week..] Because of the rapport built over time and with regular contact with low-income families on our blocks, trust has been built to provide safe, structured, and nurturing educational activities for those children. It is wonderful to see children who continue to return each year and children not on our blocks coming too. Children are inviting their classmates, and continue to respond well to the varied character development activities, the individualized attention, and the safe haven. Terrific Tuesday Kids Choir, is a choice for students, provides children an opportunity to learn a musical drama presenting the gospel for parents and the community two times each school year at Christmas and Mother's Day.

Since we are serving the numbers of students for 34 weeks out of the year, the funds requested will be used for curriculum, educational materials and supplies, healthy snacks, and staffing. We will use these funds to provide activities that build character, promote trust, and build and model healthy relationships with volunteers and staff. In order to break generational cycles of poverty the church must actively provide everything that Matthew 25 encompasses. Our program focuses on just that. If we can reach children at an early age, we are hopeful that the cycles of poverty can be broken in their lifetime.

"Just 4 Boys": We are requesting funds for the seventh annual summer camp program for at-risk boys aged 7-12 called "Just 4 Boys." We invite trusted and respected men and women of all ages in our community who love the Lord, love to have fun, and have a heart to build into the lives of the next generation. These volunteers are able to build relationships with the boys as they pour into them, showing them the love of Christ, and modeling what healthy relationships look like.

The specific intention of our program is to provide fun and challenging activities for boys, opportunities for the presentation of the gospel, spiritual growth and development, community service projects, and Christ-centered achievement opportunities. Funding will help us to continue to provide activities such as art projects, carpentry, field trips, cooking, fishing, swimming, music and science. We will continue to offer three weeks of "Just 4 Boys" day camp five days a week and hope to continue to see boys return every year as we build relationships with them. Funds from this grant will enable us to continue to pick up and drop off campers who would not have a way to camp. By doing this we will be able to reach more campers. Provision of additional food, supplies, transportation and staffing will also be needed.

By providing a continuum of care throughout the year many of the campers started out by attending the Choices after School Program, which shows us that healthy relationships are being built, lives are being changed and that the church is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in our community.

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?

These funds will assist those in poverty by offering them an opportunity for a camp that they would never otherwise have the ability to attend. As we model positive and godly behavior and traits we believe the boys will be influenced to do likewise. Because this program is free, boys attending are offered a chance to see what is possible for their lives and their futures. Giving them options, and pointing them to the one who changes it all, Jesus they are finding hope. One success story is of a young man named Zachary. Zac was a camper the first year of Boys Camp. He came for 4 years and then became a Jr. Mentor for one year, and a strong and committed leader the past two years. Zac is now 17 and has accepted Christ as his savior, attends youth group and this year, was willing to lead bible studies on two different occasions

at camp called "talk time". Zac has come from a difficult family situation, has suffered from bullying as a young child and now is helping other boys overcome these types of struggles. He told us this year, he thanks God for Boys Camp, it has been a lifeline that has led him to Christ and feels like home to him. (Please see his attached letter)

With continued financial support from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, we anticipate that the Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook ministries will continue to be strengthened and deepened. We also anticipate that this corner of the Crown of Maine will begin to shine for the Kingdom as we "love our neighbors as ourselves". Thank you for prayerfully considering our requests.

5. Total cost of the project: \$13,945.47
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4,895.00
7. List other funding source(s): See attached budget/gik sheet
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) Military Street 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): Tammy Goetsch (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8-10-17

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **Instructions and information for completing the 2017 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.

Adopt A Block of Aroostook-Military St. Baptist Church	
<b>2017 Proposed Budget</b>	
<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>
Corporate & Business Grants	\$10,000
Foundation & Trust Grants	\$7,600
Non-Profit Organization Grants	0
Designated Income	\$10,000
Individual/Business Contributions	\$8,000
United Way	\$20,000
Interest Income	
Fundraising Income	\$5,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$60,600</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	
	<b>2017 Budget</b>
Business Expenses	\$250
Fundraising Expense	\$1,000
<u>Special Events:</u>	
Block Party	\$2,500
Christmas	\$500
Thanksgiving	\$2,000
<u>Outreach Expenses:</u>	
After School Program	\$3,000
Boy's Camp	\$5,000
Life Skills	\$500
Outreach Misc.	\$600
Outreach Supplies	\$0
Benevolence Expenses	\$250

<b>Adopt A Block of Aroostook-Military St. Baptist Church</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>
<b>Expenses: Continued</b>	
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	\$600
<b>Outside Services</b>	\$1,000
<b><u>Facilities/Equipment</u></b>	\$1,650
<b>Electricity</b>	\$100
<b>Propane/Heat</b>	\$500
<b>Rent</b>	\$1,000
<b>Scholarships</b>	\$200
<b><u>Operations</u></b>	
<b>Advertising</b>	\$90
<b>Books/Subscriptions</b>	\$10
<b>Office Supplies</b>	\$300
<b>Postage</b>	\$50
<b>Telephone/Internet</b>	\$500
<b>Insurance</b>	\$1,600
<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$300
<b>Staff/Volunteer</b>	\$200
<b>Use Tax</b>	\$150
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	\$1,750
<b>Wages</b>	\$23,000

<b><u>Travel/Meetings</u></b>	
<b>Conferences/Mtgs./Cont. Ed</b>	\$1,000
<b>Meals &amp; Entertainment</b>	\$100
<b>Travel &amp; Lodging</b>	\$900
<b>Designated Disp.</b>	\$10,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$60,600
<b>Other Income: Mission Trip</b>	\$0
<b>Other Expense Mission Trip</b>	\$0



## Just 4 Boys Summer Program & Choices Afterschool Program

**Matthew 25 Grant**

**2017-2018 Budget**

### PROJECTED EXPENSES

#### *Just 4 Boys Summer Program*

*Total Program Cost in 2016*

**\$4,677.44**

#### **Equipment & Misc.**

Supplies	400.00
T- Shirts	400.00
Sports Equipment & Games	200.00
Food for program	300.00
Curriculum-Bibles	225.00
Transportation-Gasoline for MSBC Bus	350.00

**subtotal \$1,875**

#### **Special Outings**

Lake Days	190.00
Fishing Day Trip	150.00
Local Field Trips	100.00
Van Gas	200.00
Large School Bus Rental-Aroostook State Park	180.00

**subtotal \$620**

**Total requested for Just 4 Boys \$2,695**

### PROJECTED EXPENSES

#### *Choices Afterschool Program*

*Total Program Cost in 2016*

**\$2,848.58**

#### **Equipment & Misc.**

Transportation-Gasoline for Van/Bus	350.00
Games & supplies	400.00
Curriculum & Posters	250.00
Healthy Snacks for 34 weeks	500.00
Choices Extended Supplies	700.00

**Total requested for Choices Afterschool \$2,200**

**Total amount of request \$4,895**

# Gift in Kind-Donations

## Military Street Baptist (MSBC) 2017-2018 Matthew 25 Grant

### GIK-Facility

#### Utilities

Facility Space Usage	1,500.00	GIK
Electricity	250.00	GIK
Telephone	600.00	GIK
Water	100.00	GIK

**GIK utilities \$2,450**

### GIK-Volunteers

#### Volunteer Hours (from last year)

Total of Volunteer Hours* (\$20.10 hour x 1,100 hrs.)		
Choices	\$22.110	GIK
Total of Volunteer Hours* (\$20.10 hour x 1,370 hrs.)		
J4Boys	\$27,537	GIK

**Total vol. hrs. \$49,647**

**Total G.I.K. Donations \$52,097**

#### Choices Administrative Hours

Administration Hours by MSBC (\$17.01 hr. x75)	\$1,275.75	MSBC funds
Co-Director Hours by MSBC (\$16.75 hr. x 136)	\$2,278.00	MSBC funds

#### Just 4 Boys Administrative Hours

Administration Hours by MSBC (\$16.75 hr. x 100)	\$1,675.00	MSBC funds
Administrative Hours by MSBC (\$17.01 hr. x 70)	\$1,190.70	MSBC funds

#### Total Salaries

**MSBC funds \$6,419.45**

#### Other Funding Source (s)

Military Street Baptist Church Designated Giving	\$3,900.00
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**Other Giving \$4,000.00**

**Total of Other Funding Sources \$10,419.45**

**Total AABA Cost for Both  
Programs: \$13,945.47**



***Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook Mission Statement***

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The purpose and mission of Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook (AABA) is to impact our communities by bringing hope and love one block at a time, by assisting with food, clothing needs, life-skills education and “Project Prevention: Keeping Families Together.” It’s about giving a “hand-up” not a “hand-out.”



***AABA- Mission Statement for Children’s Programs:***

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The mission of Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook’s (AABA) children’s programs is to mobilize resources and energy to ensure the well-being of young children in Aroostook County, provide supportive services to parents and caregivers, and build awareness, momentum, and advocacy in the community around children and family issues.





Through Boys Camp, I have gained a want to help others. I will definitely be returning to Boys Camp for my eighth year next summer. I see myself in these kids, every single one of them. I see the need for attention. I see the whininess, and the sadness in some of them, whose lives aren't on the smoothest of paths. I also see the quirkiness, and the ability these boys have to become great people. All of these qualities I had. I still have some of them to this day and I still struggle, but Boys Camp has turned into a family, it is not just a summer camp in my mind.

Nothing fulfills my purpose of being here on this earth more than serving others, and serving God. The Just 4 Boys Camp helps me to do both. And I love doing it with every fiber of my being.

Sincerely,

Zachary W.