

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

1. General Information:
Organization Name: Center for Spiritual Health @ Morgan Park Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABC – Metro Chicago
Address : 11024 South Bell Avenue; Chicago, IL 60643
Phone 773-445-9443 Federal Tax ID# E 9984-0251-06
Contact person: Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth email: draldworth@aol.com
2. Please submit with your application a copy of:
 - Your mission statement:
 - We are an American Baptist congregation living our lives rooted in Jesus Christ. As such, we embrace all people while proclaiming joyfully the life-changing message of God's love and eagerly accepting the commission of Jesus Christ to help bring compassion and healing to all creation. The Center for Spiritual Health @ Morgan Park Baptist Church is the outreach we provide to the people of Beverly/Morgan Park to bring opportunities for healing.
 - A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. The proposed budget for helping the less fortunate in our neighborhoods by providing professional counseling to those who cannot afford counseling is \$4,000. It is broken down as follows: 80 (eighty) hour-long sessions of professional counseling, licensed by the State of Illinois, provided to low-income adults, children and families at a cost of \$50 per session.
3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? Our neighborhood in Chicago recently shut down its city-run Mental Health Clinic due to budget cuts. There is a serious gap in providing professional counseling to low-income individuals and families in our neighborhood. The State of Illinois has received a grade of D when it comes to providing mental health services. This is especially so for people with low income. The Center for Spiritual Health @ Morgan Park Baptist Church wishes to expand its services to cover some of the gaps in mental health services for those with low-income. The former Director of Counseling Services, Mrs. Beth Aldworth, went home to God in October of 2016. Ms. Judy Healy, M.S.W., has agreed to be the new Director of Counseling Services at our church and Center for Spiritual Health. We will vigorously promote the program this coming Fall.
4. Total cost of the project: \$4,000 (\$4,000 for 80 hour-long professional counseling services).
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4,000
6. Your other funding source(s): Morgan Park Baptist Church funds

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) *Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth* - Date August 31, 2017

Printed Name/Title: Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth, Pastor of Morgan Park Baptist Church and Director of the Center for Spiritual Health @ Morgan Park Baptist Church

From: draldworth@aol.com [mailto:draldworth@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 5:28 PM

To: TURNER, Tina <Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org>

Subject: Re: Matthew 25 Grant

Tina:

There is no budget for the program including, for instance, anywhere within our annual church budget. The entire budget will be whatever we may (or may not) receive as a grant from the Matthew 25 Program. So - ideally - we are hoping for \$4,000 for 80 counseling sessions for those unable to afford professional counseling (with \$50 per session being given to the professional counselor, Mrs. Judith Healy, M.S.W.) While I also provide professional counseling (as a licensed professional counselor - State of Illinois), I do not charge nor do I accept any funds from either the church or the client since I consider such to be part of my own job as pastor. But if there are no funds available from Matthew 25 - we will do what we can with our limited church resources. No funds of any kind have been designated to assist with our counseling services from the church's budget. I hope this is helpful!

Labor Day blessings,

Thomas Aldworth

Morgan Park Baptist Church

Chicago

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From: TURNER, Tina <Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org>

To: draldworth <draldworth@aol.com>

Sent: Fri, Sep 1, 2017 12:16 pm

Subject: RE: Matthew 25 Grant

Thomas,

Upon closer review of your application I did not find a budget for the counseling program. This is a required component of the application. Please provide it at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Tina