

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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region:

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:

Ministry or Group receiving these funds:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Federal Tax ID#:

Contact person:

Email:

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. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

5. Total cost of the project:

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

7. Your other funding source(s):

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by:

Date:

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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

Grace and Hope Community Church
P.O. Box 219, Andover, NH 03216

MISSION STATEMENT

(Revised - May 9, 2015)

The Grace and Hope Community Church (GHCC) is a mission church to guide all who wander lost onto the path to Jesus Christ. Our mission involves establishing a church that can be a safe gathering place where anyone can come and experience the forgiveness, grace and unconditional love of God. Seekers and believers can find healing for the things that have hurt and wounded their souls. In this community, all are welcome to experience the love of God and Jesus Christ and be nurtured toward discipleship. With the help of the Holy Spirit, our mission is direct outreach to those who live outside the boundaries of community and the traditional church as well as the faith community as a whole. We confess our faith in the one true God, our Creator; Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains our lives.

Matthew 25 Grant Budget

1. The bucket garden and nutrition program.

a. The bucket garden:

Provide a 2-1/2 gallon bucket filled 2/3rds with a compost/soil mixture to plan vegetables. The vegetables are to be: a tomato plant start with the options of adding green pepper, green/yellow string bean seeds. With this bucket, a crock-pot will also be provided.

The purpose of this is to provide the means for a person to grow fresh vegetables, in a residence not their own and without access to ground area to plant their own garden. The bucket will become their garden. In the spring they will be provided with the bucket, soil mix, tomato plant start and seeds for green peppers and string beans. By mid-summer, harvesting will take place. The crock-pot will be provided along with several recipes for nutritional meals that the fresh produce and other ingredients obtained through a food pantry can be used to produce a one-pot meal.

Instructions will be provided on how to plant the vegetables, when to water and fertilize. A presentation on the use of the crock-pot will be provided along with a review on how each of the meals can be made.

Material provided:

2-1/2 gallon plastic container.

Soil mix.

Fertilizer.

Tomato plant start.

Seed(s).

4 stakes and string.

Instructions on planting and maintaining vegetable plants.

Nutrition program:

Both menus/recipes and a crock-pot will be provided so that participants may be able to make nutritional meals. Fresh produce from their bucket garden and from the local food pantry will be used to produce a one-pot balanced meal.

Costs for 75 participants: Following is a breakdown of cost per participant.

2 gallon buckets \$6.00 each.

Soil mix \$2.00

Fertilizer/seeds \$8.00

4 stakes and string \$3.00

Starter trays/Jiffy tray \$1.29

Printing of menus/recipes/instructions \$3.00

Total cost: $\$23.29 \times 75 = \$1,746.75$

Crock-pots: $\$20.00 \text{ per participant} \times 75 = \$1,500.00$

Total Project Cost: \$3,246.75