

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: NextGen Church

Mailing Address: 1300 Windsor Edinburg Road, West Winsor, NJ 08550

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Federal Tax ID#: 26-3472651

Name of Region: ABCNJ

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Dr. Lola Akiwowo

Email of contact person: lola@nextgenministry.net; lakiwowo9@gmail.net

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?

School-age children - 1st grade through 5th grade students

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.

(See Attached)

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?

(See Attached)

5. Total cost of the project: \$40,000

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

7. List other funding source(s): (See Attached)

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) NextGen 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): Rev. Dr. Lola Akiwowo (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: Friday, September 1, 2017

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 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.

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

CAPITAL CITY ACADEMY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

Capital City Academy (CCA) is an after-school program at Grant Elementary School in Trenton, NJ. Through hands-on experiential learning, leadership training and mentorship, CCA aims to enhance the academic performance and promote the socio-emotional growth of our scholars. CCA scholars develop the confidence and skills to identify and develop what makes them come alive to meet the world's greatest needs

DESCRIPTION ON HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT

1. Enrichment Activities:

Safety and supervision are basic components of most after-school programs. Due to the increase in both single-parent and dual-employed families, children are spending more of their after-school time in unsupervised care. Some of the students who are not attending after-school programs, spend their time at home alone watching TV, playing video games, and engage in unstructured negative activities. A structured adult supervision academic and nonacademic curricular activities will have a positive influence on student's achievement. Grant Elementary school has about 550 students. Although not all of these students are in need of after-school programs, but low-income urban schools report large numbers of students unable to complete even minor homework assignments because of competing demands for their time from family and work. The Matthew 25 grant will help us to accommodate more students who are desperately in need and are in danger of failing. Funds will be used for enrichments activities that are fun, educational, and capture the students' interest.

2. Parents' programs

Due to the increase in family dynamics - single-parenting, teenage mothers, low-income families, and non-English speaking families, that are common in most urban areas, creates an urgent needs to include parents in the education of their children. Family workshop, parenting seminars, and career discovery are some of the activities planned for parents that will be included in the program. Inclusion of the parents in after-school program will help educate the parents, open the line of communication, and create unity among After-school program staff, parents, and children that may not take place in other settings.

3. Field Trips

As the involvement with the Grant Elementary school continues to grow, we recognized other needs that affect the students' educational aspirations. We know that learning does not take place in a vacuum, therefore, we have scheduled outdoor excursions in the West Windsor and Princeton area universities. This will allow students who may not have the opportunity to leave their negative environment to explore other places of interest. Field Trips and college tours will help creates an open window for students to explore and start thinking and exploring the possibilities of a brighter future.

MATTHEW 25 GRANT QUESTION #4

As a Trenton-based afterschool program, we encounter poverty-related issues such as poor physical and mental health, despair, post-traumatic stress disorder, family dissolution, teen pregnancy, high school dropout rates, interpersonal violence, crime, and substance abuse. Demographically, Trenton has become a Hispanic enclave. Where 49.7% of Trentonians are Black, 33.3% of the city's population is Latinx. While the aforementioned issues affect Black Trentonians, Latinx residents are equally susceptible to the effects of generational poverty.

A key to escaping cyclical poverty in the U.S. is the ability to adapt to living in an urban environment. Yet, navigating poverty-related effects can be like trying to escape a maze full of hurdles. For instance, where half of Latinx immigrants are undocumented, they must exert time, energy, and resources to navigate the requirements to gain proper documentation. In addition to this hurdle, many Hispanics are first generation immigrants who come from rural and low socioeconomic backgrounds. Therefore, Latinx immigrants must also spend their time, energy and finances to meet the costs and demands of living in an urban environment. Having to exert energy navigating these hurdles leaves less resources to address other issues like family separation and dropping out of school. In other words, many of the people we serve simply do not have enough resources or social capital to clear the many hurdles associated with poverty.

In kind, our after-school program works to foster a safe and affirming environment for our students and their families. We believe that family is the first and most important agent of socialization for children. Also, parent's values and behavior patterns have profound influences on children's behavior and positive life chances. So, the Matthew 25 Grant will specifically help us to combat deficits in kin support networks within the Trenton community. For example, parenting seminars made possible through the grant will enable us to strengthen the family bond of our participants. Even more, our career discovery & professional development program will equip parents to gain better employment opportunities; which will create better life chances for their children, who are also our students.

On one hand, the Matthew 25 Grant will also help to achieve our goal of ensuring that 100% of our students are academically and socially equipped to enter and graduate high school. Through field trips to local colleges and universities and mentor programs, we also intend to show our students that post-secondary education is an accessible option. On the other hand, receiving the grant will enable us to cultivate a purposeful and passionate vision for what makes our students come alive. High crime rates and rampant violence in Trenton obscure our students' desire to play outside and explore their personal development. Furthermore, many of our students have taken on responsibilities that do not leave them with much time to have fun and explore what makes them feel purposeful. As a result, we plan to provide enrichment activities that allow our students to experience beauty and fun, while exploring how they may leverage their passions to become contributing members of society. We understand that our impact will not be immediate, but with the Matthew 25 Grant, we intend to help students and their families develop a commitment to intellectual growth, a purposeful and passionate vision for their lives, and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world.

NEXTGEN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

"A mosaic community together in the journey of faith."

NextGen Church is a multi-ethnic community of families and young adults whose mission is to love, serve and impact our world by reaching out to our neighbors and building up the next generation. We embrace the diversity and differences in our heritage and culture, and celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ. At NextGen, we celebrate through worship, connect with one another, care for the community and cultivate our calling.

CAPITAL CITY ACADEMY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	
ITEMIZED AMOUNT REQUESTED	
FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM	
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018	
	EXPANSION
Material for Enrichment Activities: Arts & Crafts, Sports Equipments, and Musical Equipment	\$2,000.00
Parents' Programs	\$400.00
Field Trips and College Tours	\$2,600.00
	\$5,000.00
*All travels will take place during the months of April through June	

CAPITAL CITY ACADEMY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	
BUDGET	
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018	
Salaries	
Director - \$1,600 per month	\$16,000.00
Assistant Director -0-	\$0.00
Staff, Certified Teacher - \$1,060 per month	\$10,600.00
Volunteer teachers (3) -0-	\$0.00
Enrichment Activities - Arts, Music, and Sports	\$2,000.00
Field Trips - 2 per year	\$2,600.00
Transportation	\$1,000.00
Trip Fees	\$1,600.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00
Snacks	\$2,000.00
Luncheon for Grant Schools Teachers	\$750.00
Donation to Grant School	\$500.00
Parent Programs	\$750.00
Administrative Fee	\$500.00
	\$40,300.00
*All travels will take place during the months of April through June	

CAPITAL CITY ACADEMY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	
PROJECTED FUNDING SOURCES	
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018	
	Monthly
Tuition (\$60 per student x 35 students per month)	\$2,100.00
Child Care Connection Program	\$250.00
Donation from Community:	
NextGen Church	\$1,500.00
Community Partners	\$500.00
	\$4,350.00