

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: First Baptist Church Plymouth

Mailing Address: 41 Westerly Road

Phone: 5087463555

Federal Tax ID#:

Name of Region: Old Colony Baptist

Contact person (person completing this form): yes

Email of contact person: cdarwin95@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☐ Yes ☒ No DOES NOT GIVE TO um

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?

Missions & Christian Education

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.

These funds will be allocated to ensure biblical and doctrinal resources are available to all members and students to study God's Word, at this time, funds are unavailable. We need visual aids, office equipment, and Teacher's classroom boards for teaching our Sunday school students. During this Christmas Season, the church does a 'Shoebox' ministry for outreach that will also need fund to continue this successful outreach.

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?

This is ministry that targets the community and those families in poverty and in financial hardships will benefit tremendously due to our continued efforts to grow and help in this outreach endeavors at FBC PLYMOUTH.

5. Total cost of the project: \$1,500.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: 3,000.00
7. List other funding source(s):
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) FBC Plymouth, 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): Pastor, Rev. Dr. Coralotta Darwin (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/30/17

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.
- 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.

Thank you for your response. I deeply apologize for not providing adequate, sufficient information on my part. The Budget for this ministry will be divided as follows \$1500.00 to biblical Sunday school Education Resources, and \$1500.00 towards media/church resources & supplies, literature for Sunday school, further for upgrade and added microphone, screen, projector, computer/laptop, etc. Total Budget \$300.00

Budget proposal:

Easels, literature, notebook easel pad - \$1000.00

Projector/laptop - \$1000.00

Microphones, Stands, audio player, music CDs, - \$1000.00

As the New Recently Installed Pastor of FBC Plymouth, we give to Old Colony & TABCOM missions. I don't know if that answers all of these questions, so I am trying to get grants and assistance for the local church in this region.

First Baptist Church of Plymouth

41 Westerly Road

Plymouth, MA. 02360

Region - The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)

Contact: Rev. Dr. Coralotta Darwin, Pastor

I hope you find I have included the pertinent information for acceptance of the grant application submission.

Yours In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Coralotta Darwin

Pastor of FBC Plymouth

On Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 11:57 AM TURNER, Tina <Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org> wrote:

I have received an application in the mail this morning from First Baptist Church Plymouth.

There are several items missing on the application:

-mailing address does not contain city, state or zip

-Region answer is Old Colony Baptist, that is not a Region but most likely your Area within the Region

-contact person says "yes" but does not include a name

-you also did not answer the question "Does your church contribute to United Mission?" and without confirming your location I cannot verify this giving information.

Finally you did not provide a budget for this ministry as required in #8.

All applications are to be emailed. Having computer problems is understandable but I will need to receive the above information by tomorrow or I cannot accept this application.

Thank you,

Tina