

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.

MATTHEW 25 GRANT NARRATIVE-ADOPT A BLOCK OF AROOSTOOK 2016

Aroostook County, the Crown of Maine, is Maine's northernmost county, and remains one of its most rural, isolated, and disadvantaged regions. Although the rugged beauty of the landscape is picturesque, its people are marginalized and despairing. Our community has a 27% poverty rate, and we see its effects every day. That grinding poverty, functional illiteracy, rampant substance abuse, and day-to-day struggle are all taking their toll.

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 2016-17 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, with half of them in grades two and three.] 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 returning 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 sixth 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 make more than one trip in the van to pick up and drop off campers. With more campers, additional food, supplies, transportation and staffing will 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. One camper named "Trentin" was one of these boys. He had come to us with some serious behavioral and emotional issues. Over the last two years we have seen marked improvements in his ability to focus, communicate with others and participate in team sports. His family has been a part of our adopted blocks for the past almost 7 years. We met him when he was an infant in diapers. Mom has been clean and sober for the past 6 ½ years. Last May Trentin gave his heart to the Lord in my office at the Choices afterschool program. He has changed so much since boy's camp, cycles are being broken and his 180 degree turn gives us great hope that what we are doing is working.

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.



Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook Mission Statement

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:



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.



Adopt A Block of Aroostook	
2016 Proposed Budget	
Income	2016 Proposed Budget
Corporate & Business Grants	\$2,500
Foundation & Trust Grants	\$3,000
Non-Profit Organization Grants	\$6,000
Designated Income	\$8,700
Individual/Business Contributions	\$8,000
United Way	\$16,500
Interest Income	
Fundraising Income	\$5,000
Total Income	\$49,700
Expenses:	
Business Expenses	\$250
Fundraising Expense	\$1,000
Special Events:	
Block Party	\$2,500
Christmas	\$500
Thanksgiving	\$2,000
Outreach Expenses	
After School Program	\$3,000
Boy's Camp	\$5,000
Life Skills Workshops	\$500
Outreach Misc	\$600
Outreach Supplies	
Benevolence Expenses	\$250
Fees/Permits	\$600
Outside Services	\$500
Facilities/Equipment	
Electricity	\$100
Propane/Heat	\$500
Rent	\$1,000
Equipment/Building	\$250
Scholarships	\$200
	over →

Income	2016 Proposed Budget
Designated Disbursements	\$2,400
Operations	
Advertising	\$0
Books/Subscriptions	\$0
Office Supplies	\$300
Postage	\$50
Telephone/Internet	\$500
Insurance	\$900
Other Expenses	
Miscellaneous	\$150
Staff/Volunteer	\$250
Use Tax	\$150
Payroll Expenses	\$1,750
Wages	\$23,000
Travel & Meetings	
Conferences/Mtgs./Con't Education	\$500
Meals & Entertainment	\$100
Travel & Lodging	\$900
Total Expenses	\$49,700



Just 4 Boys Summer Program & Choices Afterschool Program

Matthew 25 Grant

2016-2017 Budget

PROJECTED EXPENSES

Just 4 Boys Summer Program

Total Program Cost in 2015

\$5,191.00

Equipment & Misc.

Supplies	600.00	
T- Shirts	400.00	
Sports Equipment & Games	300.00	
Food for program	300.00	
Curriculum-Bibles	225.00	
Transportation-Gasoline for Van	350.00	
	subtotal	\$2,175

Special Outings

Lake Days	190.00	
Fishing Day Trip	150.00	
Local Field Trips	200.00	
Rock Climbing @ University of Maine PI	140.00	
	subtotal	\$680
Total requested for	Just 4 Boys	\$2,885

PROJECTED EXPENSES

Choices Afterschool Program

Total Program Cost in 2015

\$3,859.51

Equipment & Misc.

Transportation-Gasoline for Van	350.00
Games & supplies	300.00
Curriculum & Posters	250.00
Healthy Snacks for 34 weeks	500.00
Choices Extended Supplies	500.00

**Total requested for Choices
Afterschool** **\$1,900**

Total amount of request **\$4,785**

Gift in Kind-Donations

Military Street Baptist (MSBC) 2016-2017 Matthew 25 Grant

GIK-Facility

Utilities

Facility Space Usage	1,500.00	GIK
Electricity	250.00	GIK
Telephone	75.00	GIK
Water	100.00	GIK

GIK utilities \$1,925

GIK-Volunteers

Volunteer Hours (from 2015)

Total of Volunteer Hours* (\$20.10 hour x 1,300 hrs.)		
Choices	\$26,130	GIK
Total of Volunteer Hours* (\$20.10 hour x 1,476 hrs.)		
J4Boys	\$29,668	GIK

Total vol. hrs. \$55,798.

Total G.I.K. Donations \$57,723

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 \$3,900.00

Total of Other Funding Sources \$10,319.45

*http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time