

## 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 relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name **Interfaith Movement Promoting Action by Congregations Together (IMPACT)**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **New Beginnings Christian Community, an ABCUSA congregation, is a member of IMPACT**

Address **1515 Stoney Creek Drive  
Charlottesville, VA 22902**

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Contact person: **Joshua Scott, Associate Organizer** email: **josh@impactville.com**

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. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project: **\$7,800**

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

6. Your other funding source(s): **Catholic Campaign for Human Development, local businesses, congregational membership dues and individual investments from IMPACT membership.**

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) Joshua A.C. Scott Date 8/28/2015  
Printed Name/Title JOSHUA A.C. SCOTT, Associate Organizer

**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; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [beth.fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org).



## **IMPACT Mission Statement**

To empower the faith community of greater Charlottesville, Virginia to create significant social change through unified direct action.

## **IMPACT Approved 2015 Budget**

### **Income**

Membership Dues	\$44,000
Foundation and Grants	\$75,000
Individual Investments – Congregations	\$57,000
Investment Drive – Businesses	\$1,000

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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$177,000</b>
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### **Expenses**

Leadership Training and Development	\$15,000
Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$91,800
Consulting Services	\$13,200
Office Expenses	\$4,300
Events	\$7,800
Other expenses (taxes, insurance, fees)	\$3,300

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$135,400</b>
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## **Plans for Funding Request**

IMPACT seeks \$5,000 from American Baptist Churches USA to continue to address the serious problem of crime and drugs in the greater Charlottesville community.

In the fall of 2014, over 300 people from IMPACT's 26 congregations shared their concerns for themselves, their families and friends. There were many stories about substance abuse, alcoholism, sexual abuse and assault. Those same leaders democratically voted to tackle the problems of substance abuse in our community. IMPACT's leadership then began a period of research by meeting with local service providers, experts, and officials to determine the problem. We learned that each year 3,150 people go through the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Jail that have drug and alcohol addictions. This constitutes 70% of their annual population. Those that are women overwhelmingly have also experienced sexual assault or domestic violence in their lifetime.

We also learned that in greater Charlottesville, there are not many options for addicts to receive residential treatment, a clean and sober environment to live for a short period of time to grab a hold of recovery. Currently there is only a 10-bed facility only for men which is not enough for our community's needs. Many men have to seek treatment away from our community. Even worse, there are no options for women. Women have to travel at least 70 miles to receive this kind of care. In a six month period, 30 women from our community did not get treatment because there were not any local options or the wait time for other facilities was too long. Local experts told us an expanded residential substance abuse treatment facility that serves men and women will decrease the number of addicts going to jail and increase the number of addicts to access treatment.

So at the 2015 Nehemiah Action Assembly, the power of 1,000 people organized by IMPACT leadership pushed representatives from the offices of the Charlottesville City Manager, Albemarle County Executive and Region Ten Community Service Board to create a plan to bring a residential substance abuse treatment facility to our community that is large enough to curb the problem for both men and women. IMPACT then set a plan in motion to follow up on their progress by pushing them to begin work in 30 days, send an initial draft of the plan by September 1, 2015 and present their final draft to IMPACT leadership on October 26, 2015. IMPACT's leadership anticipates the work over the next year will be to push for them to secure funding sources for constructions, annually dedicate funding for sustainability and treatment best practices.

Our work assist people in poverty and its effects in two ways. First, IMPACT works year after year to empower those in poverty to do the work of justice. IMPACT trains and develops people in poverty to organize their congregations, interview experts in the community to determine the sources of serious community problems, analyze the power structure and negotiate with those in power for major community improvements. These same individuals also make up the leadership of the organization, through IMPACT's board of directors or leading the research committees. Second, impoverished individuals are disproportionately affected by substance abuse in our community. Many are a part of a multi-generational cycle of substance abuse. IMPACT leadership wants to put an end to that cycle, so that thousands of the addicts can access adequate care locally and lower the various barriers to treatment. In this way, IMPACT leadership believes that victims of serious community problems can stand up for themselves and get the major community improvements that are needed so that more and more and find their way out of poverty and into the middle class.