

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: **Columbia Street Baptist Church**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **ABC of Maine church**

Address: **63 Columbia Street
Bangor, ME 04401**

Phone: **207-945-6616**

Federal Tax ID#: **01-0228109**

Contact person: **Katie Bartlett**

email: **secretary@csbcbangor.org**

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: **\$13,600 annually**

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

6. Your other funding source(s): **Church budget and Deacons' Fund**

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) Katie E Bartlett Date 2/27/2014

Printed Name/Title: **Katie E Bartlett, Treasurer**

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



Our Mission Statement:

“Sharing the Resources of Christ in Downtown Bangor and Beyond”

Ministry Budget:

Celebrate Recovery meals & program (serving 60 weekly)	\$2000
Soup Kitchen (serving 100 weekly	\$5200
The Mansion evening service & meal (serving 80 weekly)	\$2200
Emergency food coupons	\$4200
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Total cost of Project:	\$13,600

Mission & Use of Funds:

Columbia Street Baptist Church, located in downtown Bangor, Maine, has recently focused its attention on meeting the needs of its immediate neighborhood. CSBC lies one block west of the county jail and one block east of a large low-income rental community. We serve a community in excess of 240 weekly, including meals, food coupons for emergency, and spiritual guidance. The community ministries of CSBC serve to help meet the immediate needs of those in our community with the goal that, with that aid, we can be the hands and feet of Christ in assisting them in rising above their current circumstances and out of poverty and addiction.

This past fall, we began a partnership with a street ministry, The Mansion Church, which evangelizes and feeds weekly a community of some 80 people comprising our renewed Sunday evening service. A number of those have been baptized and brought into membership at CSBC. As a result, we are building a healthy mix at Sunday worship of suburban and street people.

The church has committed to finishing off an adjoining building as a community center to begin partnering with regional social service agencies to help empower our clientele to rise above their circumstances. We have this month finished a gymnasium and climbing wall and have developed a curriculum around those activities. We have opened this week to a local agency that brings developmentally disabled young people for basketball.

This ramped-up activity has expenses above and beyond those budgeted. Any assistance we can receive would be greatly appreciated.