

## 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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Trinity Baptist Church  
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) Trinity Baptist Church  
Mailing Address 115 Mass Ave  
Arlington MA 02474  
Phone 781-643-4771 Federal Tax ID# 046-000-022  
Contact person Rev. Pete Beckwith email trinitybaptist@rcn.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 \$49,282

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Banks, Calvary Church, Town of Arlington (see attached)

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.

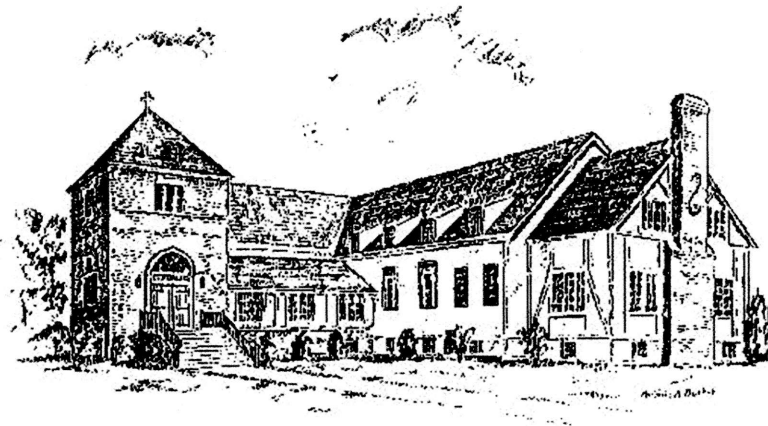
(Signed) [Signature] Date Aug. 31, 2015

Printed Name/Title Lisa Deeley Smith moderator, Trinity Baptist Church

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.





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The Rev. Peter Beckwith, interim pastor

The mission statement of Trinity Baptist Church, as with the American Baptist Churches of the USA of which it is a part, is serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

2015 Budget for Housing Corporation of Arlington  
Food Pantry Support

**Expenses**

Bank Loan interest payment	
Utilities	\$38,282.00
Snow removal	\$1,500.00
Repairs	\$4,000.00
	\$5,500.00

**Total**

\$49,282.00

**Sources**

	Amount	Status
Eastern Bank	\$3,500.00	pending
Watertown Bank	\$2,500.00	pending
Cambridge Savings	\$3,000.00	pending
ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant	\$5,000.00	pending
Local church gifts	as received	pending
Calvary Church	\$12,000.00	committed
Town of Arlington	\$12,000.00	committed
Housing Corp of Arlington	\$11,282.00	committed

**Total**

\$49,282.00

## Trinity Baptist Church, Arlington, MA, proposed use for Matthew 25 funds

Trinity Baptist Church will use the funds, in concert with the ecumenical organization Arlington Bread, to help fund the construction of a multipurpose building with low-income apartments through the private non-profit Housing Corporation of Arlington and a food pantry distribution site through the Arlington Food Pantry.

Arlington Bread came to be when the Rev. Christine Elliott, pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church, called other local faith communities to brainstorm on how to support the Arlington Food Pantry. Although Arlington is a well-to-do community, there is hunger. Currently, the Food Pantry serves 4,800 individuals annually. Two-thirds of the shoppers at the pantry are unemployed or disabled and therefore can't work. Clients include a gentleman in his 50s who had to retire early from his steamfitter job due to a disability, and who now relies on the Food Pantry to supplement his small pension; an 80-year-old widow who bakes cookies for all the volunteers when she comes; a single mom, supporting her two college-age kids, who works 55 hours a week as a full-time preschool teacher and as a part-time pharmacy technician to make ends meet for her family.

The pantry had been in the basement of Church of Our Saviour in Arlington since 1991. While the offer of space was very generous, there was no refrigerator or freezer for perishables, no handicapped access, no parking, and a physically cramped space. Distributions are limited to two mornings a month, one Tuesday and one Saturday.

Barbara Anderson, Trinity's chair of mission and service, attended the meetings, and invited moderator Lisa Deeley Smith. They learned that Pam Hallett, executive director of the Housing Corporation of Arlington (HCA), proposed buying the abandoned Broadway Diner with the goal of using it as a temporary second distribution site for two years, then knocking it down and building a complex with retail space, low-income housing, and a first-floor Food Pantry site. This site (as the temporary site does now) would have freezer and refrigerator space, be handicapped accessible, have ample space for distribution, provide daytime and evening distributions, has parking, and is on a bus line. Andi Donan, director of the Arlington Food Pantry, reports: "With the opening of this second location that provides evening hours for the working poor, we have seen a 33% increase in the number of households served. This second location allows us more refrigerator and freezer space to store perishable foods, including produce, meat and dairy products."

Ms. Hallett asked Arlington Bread if the faith community would support this venture by contributing to the interest payments on the mortgage for two years. In fact, the participation of the faith community was decisive in Leader Bank's granting of the mortgage.

Last year Trinity, following the sale of its parsonage, donated \$1,000 to this project. We are now using these proceeds to pay for our almost-full-time interim pastor. We believe participating with local faith communities to support local non-profits fits very well within the Matthew 25 mission of "supporting programs that address 'housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate.' "

Lisa Deeley Smith, moderator

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