

## 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 Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)  
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) United Baptist Christian Church (a founding member of CHUM)  
Mailing Address 102 W. Second Street, Duluth, MN 55802  
United Baptist Christian's address is: 830 E. 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55804  
Phone 218-720-6521 Federal Tax ID# 41-1227969  
Contact person Lee Stuart email lstuart@chumduluth.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 \$78,620

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Local foundations, congregations, individuals and MN Office of Justice Programs

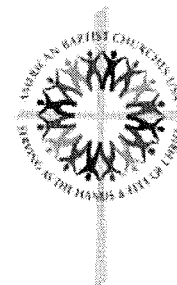
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Lee Stuart Date 8/27/2015

Printed Name/Title Lee Stuart, Executive Director

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.





## PROPOSAL TO ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT PROGRAM

**Organizational Background:** CHUM (Churches United in Ministry) was founded in 1973 when 10 churches located in Duluth's Central Hillside neighborhood pooled their resources to meet the needs of the neighborhood's many low-income residents more effectively. CHUM now has 40 member congregations and offers emergency food, shelter, advocacy, support and outreach throughout Duluth. United Baptist Christian Church, an American Baptist Church, was one of the founding congregations and has been a faithful member of CHUM for over 40 years. CHUM's mission statement is "People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives and organize for a just and compassionate community."

CHUM is the primary shelter and service delivery site for people who are homeless in the Duluth area. We have 73 beds in our shelter, and also provide locker space, voice mail services, internet access, laundry and shower facilities, hygiene supplies, a mailing address, and meals several times a week both for shelter guests and the larger low-income and precariously housed residents of Duluth. In 2014, CHUM served 991 guests in our shelters, 150 people through Street Outreach, 6,635 people in our food shelves, and over 3,000 others used CHUM Center services.

**How we will use the funds:** CHUM is requesting \$5,000 for direct assistance for our Street Outreach clients. CHUM's Street Outreach team, consisting of 2 social workers, a psychologist and a physician's assistant, works with about 150 people, who for various reasons, cannot or will not stay in shelter. Often their behavior is so affected by mental illness and addiction that they cannot be around people, or maintain stable employment, housing or personal relationships. Most have been homeless for five or more years. Often they have been "trespassed" from the downtown area and services. They are, in biblical terms, Duluth's lepers, and the poorest of our poor.

Politely referred to as "frequent users" of public systems, they cycle between the street, detox, hospitals and jail. CHUM's outreach team keeps in regular touch with this group, making sure they have what they need to survive. In the spirit of Matthew 25, we make sure we feed them, clothe them, give them water, visit them in jail and make sure their basic health care needs are met. We work with them on stabilizing their lives, and when we can, we find supportive housing for them. This is rare because landlords do not want to rent to people who have such bad histories. Because of that, we are also working on a "landlord incentive program" where we can share the risk so that people do not have to live outside in Duluth's harsh winters.

We would use Matthew 25 Funds for winter clothing (e.g. boots, thermal underwear, socks, hats, gloves), health and hygiene supplies (tampons, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, lotion, aspirin), and winter survival gear (sleeping bags, pads, tents, and tarps) to our Street Outreach clients. These supplies will provide people with a modicum of comfort, and in some cases, save their lives.

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Program Budget for Direct Service: Street Outreach									
Item	Amount		Additional explanation						
Monthly incentives	\$ 12,600		\$7 vouchers for checking in at least once a month with CHUM Outreach Team						
Food for meetings	\$ 1,820		Weekly "group" sessions for mutual support						
Non-narcotic prescriptions	\$ 2,500		Agreement with local pharmacy at discounted prices						
Hygiene supplies (general)	\$ 7,500		Estimated at \$50 per person per year						
<b>Winter clothing</b>									
Underwear (7 pack/person)	\$ 1,200								
Wool Socks (5 pair/person)	\$ 7,500								
Trapper style hats	\$ 2,250								
Winter Boots (\$60/person)	\$ 9,000								
Thermal gloves (\$35/person)	\$ 5,250								
<b>Total clothing</b>	\$ 25,200								
<b>Winter Survival Gear</b>									
Tents	\$ 11,250								
Sleeping pads	\$ 1,950								
Sleeping bags	\$ 11,250		To get to 0 degrees F						
Plastic for ground tarps	\$ 800		We use rolls of 6 ml plastic						
Flashlights/headlight/batteries	\$ 3,750								
<b>Total Survival Gear</b>	\$ 29,000								
<b>TOTAL DIRECT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 78,620</b>								
<b>SOURCES</b>									
Request to Matthew 25 Fund	\$ 5,000								
MN Office of Justice Programs	\$ 14,000								
In-kind gifts of what's needed	\$ 25,000								
CHUM congregations	\$ 10,000								
Ordean Foundation	\$ 8,000								
Individual contributions	\$ 16,620								
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 78,620</b>								