

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: West Virginia Baptist Convention

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: State of West Virginia

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: Brothers' Keeper

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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?

The requested funds will be used to provide building materials for use by 200 volunteer workers through Brothers' Keeper June 26 through July 2, 2016. Please see attached program explanation.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Home improvement projects, handicap-accessible projects, and home repair projects will all enable poverty-stricken individuals easier access, lower heating costs, living comforts and the receipt of the Gospel message.

5. Total cost of the project: \$48,900.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

7. Your other funding source(s): Lodging and meals fees; church donations; miscellaneous d

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: Frank Miller

Date: February 27, 2016

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.

West Virginia Baptist Convention Parchment Valley Conference Center 2016 Brother's Keeper Program Explanation

WHAT IS BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Established in 2000, Brothers' Keeper at the West Virginia Baptist Convention at Parchment Valley Conference Center reaches out every year to the Jackson County, West Virginia, community for mission projects. Jackson County is located in west central West Virginia and borders the Ohio River. Most of the work involves construction projects for low-income families or families with a handicapped member.

Youth groups from throughout West Virginia and surrounding states congregate at Parchment Valley Conference Center, which is designated as the hub of the Brothers' Keeper activities. The young people, skilled laymen, and pastoral leaders are housed here at the conference center. They work on assigned projects in the daytime and have evenings filled with Spiritual activities.

In 2015 we housed approximately 180 youths, who each day ventured into the mission field to not only labor, but to minister to individuals, to learn skills, to spend a hard, long day working, but most of all, to learn the joy of giving of oneself. Each work crew is assigned an adult, skilled crew leader for guidance, supervision and training. Many of the crew leaders are ordained pastors who do double duty in teaching both work skills and Spiritual skills to the youth participants.

In 2015 Brothers' Keeper served fifty-four families In Jackson County, all while developing a mind for mission work in over 200 youth missionaries. At the center of yearly planning for 2016 is Gospel Scripture from Matthew 25:40. What better way to serve Christ than by serving his creation?

If grant funding is allotted to this project, the funding will be spent on additional tools and equipment and building supplies. A few of the individuals who are recipients of the work contribute what they can to the cost of the building supplies; however, most are financially unable to contribute anything at all.

2016 Brothers' Keepers Projected Financial Data

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| INCOME: | | | |
| | Grant Funds Requested | \$ 5,000.00 | |
| | Church Registrations | \$ 35,000.00 | |
| | Donations | \$ 8,000.00 | |
| | Clients | \$ 500.00 | |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 48,500.00 |

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| EXPENSES: | | | |
| | Building Supplies | \$ 12,000.00 | |
| | Facilities | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| | Housing | \$ 12,000.00 | |
| | Meals - Lunches | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| | Meals - Evening | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| | Miscellaneous Supplies | \$ 3,500.00 | |
| | Postage/Mailings | \$ 800.00 | |
| | Program Materials | \$ 5,500.00 | |
| | Snacks/Beverages | \$ 700.00 | |
| | T-Shirts | \$ 6,500.00 | |
| | Travel/Gasoline | \$ 900.00 | |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 48,900.00 |

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| Deficit: | | | \$ (400.00) |
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