

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:

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:

Ministry or Group receiving these funds:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Federal Tax ID#:

Contact person:

Email:

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?

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

5. Total cost of the project:

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:

7. Your other funding source(s):

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:

Date:

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.

To Whom This May Concern,

Zion Baptist Church is located in Mahanoy City, PA. We are a small church located in a community that neighbors two prisons: one federal and one state. With that said, Mahanoy City houses many transient families with varied needs.

Tough economic times have fallen upon everyone; however, Mahanoy City has a poverty level of 67%. Serving as Christ in a poverty stricken area, ZBC is home to numerous ministries put in place to address many of the common concerns that are prevalent in low income neighborhoods.

Currently, ZBC hosts God's Chuckwagon. This is a mobile soup kitchen that comes to Mahanoy City weekly and provides a hot meal to whomever is in need. This ministry also allows the people to take an additional hot meal with them when they leave.

Bountiful Blessings is an outreach program that uses ZBC as a host site. This ministry provides essentials not covered by food stamps. Paper towels, bathroom tissue, hygiene needs are just a few of the core items offered bi-weekly.

Celebrate Recovery is a faith based 12-Step Program addressing those who have hurts, habits and hang-ups. Providing support and fellowship, many are able to find the strength and encouragement to move forward in their personal recovery.

Financial Peace University is offered twice a year at ZBC. Providing the education to help people pay debt and save money so they can "live like no one else." Dave Ramsey's tough love approach has touched many in our congregation.

The outreach committee has started a small non-perishable food pantry. By affording a \$20/bag of food, a family is able to receive a hand-up to make it through an emergency situation. However; this is a one-time only program as we are unable to fund a full food pantry at the moment.

After Easter, we are launching Embrace Grace: ministry for young single women. ZBC is also sponsoring "Head to Soul" which is a self-esteem, self-image ministry for girls 10-15 years of age.

Our church is known in the community for the numerous outreach programs. The school district; as well as, other churches send families our direction for assistance. ZBC is poised to continue these ministries; but, there are many more needs to be met.

Attached please find our request for a \$5,000.00 grant to be used to as follows:

Zion Baptist Church Mission Statement: Connecting the Community to Christ

Tentative Budget for the Matthew 25 Grant for \$5,000

Blessings of Hope (Food Pantry)

Annual Membership Fee	\$ 50.00
Basic Level Partnership for 12 months	\$2,340.00
(\$195/mo includes 2,400lbs of freezer/fridge/dry goods)	
Refrigerator	\$ 674.00
Freezer	\$ 899.00
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Total	\$3,963.00

Love and Logic (Teaching Responsible Parenting)

Parenting the Love and Logic Way DVD Package	\$ 700.00
(6wk program to be help twice a year)	
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Total	\$ 700.00

Celebrate Recovery/The Landing

The Landing/Celebrate Recovery for Students	\$ 216.99
Journals (enough for 10 students)	\$ 100.00
(Christ Centered recovery program for teens)	
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Total	\$ 316.99

Cost for 3 ministry programs \$4,979.99

\$5,000 grant requested to cover the 3 ministries listed