

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 West Side Baptist Church Computer Lab
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) West Side Baptist Church
Mailing Address 304 S Seneca
Wichita, KS 67213
Phone 316 262-7244 Federal Tax ID# 48-6003625
Contact person Shari Gaston email wsbcwichita@gmail.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 \$11,820.00

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

6. Your other funding source(s) In-Kind Donations

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) Shari D Gaston Date 8-4-2015

Printed Name/Title Shari D Gaston / Program Coordinator / Instructor

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.



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
ABC/USA MATTHEW 25 GRANT REQUEST
West Side Baptist Church Wichita, Kansas 67213

3 August 2015

Tina Turner
Communication Consultant
ABC USA
PO Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

RE: ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant

Dear Tina,

West Side Baptist Church Computer Lab is pleased to present this proposal for your review. We look forward to partnering with you to provide a computer lab to train less fortunate young adults, older parents, Senior citizens and homeless veterans for the ever changing job market. The Delano Neighborhood has a large population of "poverty stricken" families who simply cannot afford computers and have little affordable access available in the community.

During the last year, we have continued the WSBC Computer lab with a small group of adults who had never used computers before. It has been exciting to see them increase their skills and receive promotions at work because they learned these new skills. The program teaches basic computer skills, Microsoft Office programs such as Word and Excel, as well as Online Applications and Resumes.

We have seen measurable success and we are now seeking to expand our Computer lab to address the needs of members and neighbors of the Cooperative Churches of the Wichita Area. The lab currently is working with older computer that run Windows XP and small monitors that are difficult for our Senior Citizens and visually impaired to see. Our proposal requests \$5,000.00 in funding to obtain nine (9) Windows 7, or later, Desktop computers, 9 larger monitors, 9 chairs for half of the proposed increase to raise our capacity to 18 student stations over the next 18 months.

We appreciate ABC USA taking an interest in helping our citizens develop their computer skills to enable them to join or rejoin the job market Please give me a call at 316-262-7244 if you require any further information or have any questions concerning this proposal.

Thank you,

Shari D Gaston

Shari Gaston
Program Coordinator /Instructor-
West Side Baptist Church Computer Lab/
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NEED: West Side Baptist Church (WSBC) in Wichita, Kansas is a congregation that is truly in transition. In the past decade, there has been a shift in demographics within the Delano neighborhood surrounding the church. The neighborhood has become increasingly a more ethnic and economically diverse neighborhood. With this change comes the need for increased free and/or low cost technical training. As the neighborhood has changed, graduation rates at the local high school, Wichita West High School, have dipped as low as 57% in recent years. There has been an increased demand on local charitable services, including the Wichita Public School's "Kids Eat Free" program and the Kansas Food Bank. Local and state governments have had to cut back the level of other services provided and this has left a vacuum that is damaging to those who are living in or on the edge of poverty.

The program at WSBC provides entry level skills training in our computer lab to those in the community who might not have the financial resources to obtain this type of training elsewhere. The training provided by WSBC helps prepare students for school, allows young adults to compete in a technically advanced workforce and helps older parents, unemployed and veterans to transition in an ever changing job market.

CONSEQUENCES: More entry level jobs are now requiring at least a basic level of technical literacy. Most job applications are now submitted exclusively using Internet resources. Without the basic training that WSBC provides many in the neighborhood will be unprepared for the modern workforce.

GOAL: During the first year of funding a process approach was identified that will benefit low income and poverty-stricken residents. To directly impact the low income, no income and poverty-stricken residents, a second request was made to allow the formation of a computer lab to begin increasing their technical literacy. We were able to move our lab to a larger room and add more stations. This request for funding is being made for potential updates of the computers in the lab so that WSBC can continue to deliver the necessary training and skills to those in the neighborhood. As software has vastly changed since WindowsXP was released, we feel we are not able to provide adequate training needed for today's job market. By increasing the technical skill level of the area residents, we will be providing them with the support they need to successfully navigate in today's complex and highly technical workplace. As they enter and remain in the workforce, not only will their self-esteem increase, but they will have successfully extricated themselves from the bondage of poverty, thus relieving the demand on the federal, state and local governments as well as local charities.

OUTCOMES: This grant request is part of the process of programs' development. West Side Baptist Church commits itself to the following goals: 40% of student taking one class will participate in another, 20 participants, improvement in Computer literacy, and 90% user satisfaction.

COMMITMENT: WSBC pledges commitments and in-kind contributions of \$6,820.00 supporting this application. This initiative is part of a progressive planning process of program development and will be continued upon completion of this funding request. Results will be presented at a conference acknowledging the financial support of the ABCUSA.

REQUEST: This request is for computer hardware (\$3150.00), computer monitors (\$1350.00), chairs (\$170.00) and 6 Logitech Headsets (\$149.00)

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2015/2016 Projected Budget: WSBC Computer Lab			
Item	Description	Requested	In-Kind Donation
<u>Personnel</u>			
FTE Program Coordinator	\$ 3,600.00 Salary		\$2,600.00
PTE Instructor	\$1,500.00 Salary		\$1,500.00
Class Room Para	\$750.00 Salary		\$750.00
Translator	\$250.00		\$250.00
<u>Equipment</u>			
9 Desktop Computers	Dell Inspiron 3647, Windows® 7 Home Premium, 64Bit, Keyboard, Mouse	\$3,150.00 (@\$350ea)	
9 Monitors	22" ASUS Monitors	\$1,530.00 (@\$170ea)	
9 Chairs	Padded, Stacking	\$171.00 (@\$19ea)	
6 Headsets	Logitech Headphone	\$149 (@\$24.80ea)	
Teaching Materials	Handouts, books		\$150.00
<u>Other Costs</u>			
Paper/Office Supply			\$70.00
Ink/Toner			\$100.00
<u>Overhead Costs</u>			
Phone/Internet			\$600.00
Utilities	Water, Electric, Gas, Trash		\$800.00
Total Requested		\$5,000.00	
Totals In-Kind			\$6,820.00
Total Projected Budget: \$11,820.00			