

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

March 1, 2016

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 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements or 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: Second Baptist Church of Germantown (SBCG)
Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: Philadelphia Baptist Association
Ministry or Group receiving these funds: Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry (GACM)
Mailing Address: GACM – 35 W. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19144
SBCG – 6459 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 19119

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement **Please see page 2.**
- 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. **Please see pages 3 and 4.**

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds? **To purchase food for the food cupboard. Please see page 5 for additional information**

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? **The funds will provide food to men, women and children who are hungry. It will enable parents to provide meals to children who otherwise would go to bed hungry at night, or go to school hungry. Please see page 5 for additional information.**

5. Total cost of the project: **\$81,000**

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

7. Your other funding source(s) **Churches/Foundations/Individuals**

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.

Application Submitted by: **Bessie Jordan-Byrd**
Chair, Board of Missions, Second Baptist Church of Germantown
& Board Chair, Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry

Date **March 1, 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; 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.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

**ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION
RESPONSE TO REQUEST 2 – MISSION STATEMENT**

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY (GACM)

GACM's Mission

To connect Northwest Philadelphia residents to resources within themselves and the community that resolve their crisis, stabilize their lives, and equip them to take the next step(s) toward self sufficiency.

GACM's History

In 1997, clergy representing several congregations in the Northwest section of Philadelphia noticed an increase in the number of people who approached them for emergency assistance. While addressing the requests as best they could, they realized a screening process was required to verify the needs. To facilitate this, a central source, the Germantown Avenue Crisis Center, was created for screening requests for help. Here, the congregations could provide the funding, clients could be screened, and appropriate information regarding other public and private resources would be made available. The ministry was designed to be able to respond quickly to food and financial emergencies. Currently there are fourteen participating congregations and numerous schools and private sector organization that support the Crisis Ministry. They provide funds, food and volunteer support to the ministry which serves approximately one hundred (100) clients a week.

The Crisis Ministry, an independent 501(c)(3), is a private, not-for-profit charitable organization. Contributions to the Crisis Ministry are tax deductible. The official registration and financial information of the Crisis Ministry may be obtained from the PA Dept of State by calling toll-free within PA 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

GACM's Partnership with Second Baptist Church of Germantown

Second Baptist Church of Germantown was among the founding congregations of the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. The church supports the ministry through its financial donations, food cupboard donations and volunteers. Bessie Jordan-Byrd, Chair of the Second Baptist Church of Germantown Board of Missions is also currently serving as the Board Chair of the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry.

"A Can A Sunday." - SBCG's Board of Missions developed the innovative "A Can A Sunday" ministry which asks each member to bring a food item to donate to the GACM food cupboard each Sunday with a goal of collecting 100 food items a week. Though in its initial stages at Second Baptist, "A Can A Sunday" is proving to be an effective way to help keep the GACM food cupboard full. And, plans are being made to ask other places of worship to develop similar ministries.

Second Baptist recognizes the desperation of our neighbors who are hungry and witnesses it first hand by the lines of people which form several hours before the GACM food cupboard opens. One woman came at 6:00 a.m., (with her lawn chair), recently on a cold January morning when the temperature was below freezing to make sure she would be first in line when the food cupboard opened at 10:00 a.m. The cupboard is open every Thursday and GACM depends on SBCG's donations, as well as those from other congregations, to help them feed families that are in need. Every Thursday the cupboard starts out full and by 2:30 p.m. it is empty. Sometimes people are turned away because there is no more food.



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RESPONSE TO REQUEST 2 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Below is FY 2015-2016 budget for The Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. A Matthew 25 grant of \$5,000 will provide funds to support the purchase of food (Line item 8711) for GACM's Food Cupboard.

Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry	<u>Budget '15-'16</u>
Cash income and expenses	
Income	
4000 Contributions- Churches/Individual	66,000
4200 Grants for Services	19,000
4300 Grants Clients/Operating	85,000
5810 Hunger Walk	1,100
Annual Fundraiser	<u>30,600</u>
Total Income	<u>201,710</u>
Expense	
7200 • Payroll expenses	
7210 • Director's salary	37,000
7220 • Admin assistant	15,600
Development Manager	26,460
7250 • Other payroll expenses	6,250
Total Payroll expense	85,810
7500 • Contract service expenses	12,800
8100 • Non-personnel expenses/Insurance	17,850
8200 • Facility and equipment expense	6,950
8400 • Client service expenses	
8410 • Food cupboard expenses	1,000
8700 • Grants and direct expenses	
8711 Purchased Food	<u>11,000</u>
8740-8780 All client grants	<u>66,300</u>
Total Grants and direct assistance	<u>77,300</u>
Total Expense	<u>201,710</u>
In-kind income and expenses	
4100 • Donated goods and services	
4140 • Donated food	70,000
4145 • Donated gift cards	2,000
4150 • Other donated goods	<u>18,000</u>
Total In-kind Income	<u>90,000</u>
8190 • Other expenses	15,000
8710 • Food aid to clients	70,000
Grants on behalf of clients	<u>5,000</u>
Total In-kind Expense	<u>90,000</u>
Total budget (cash and in-kind)	<u><u>291,710</u></u>

**GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY
ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 BUDGET**

ITEM	AMOUNT	COMMENT
Food Purchases	\$5,000.00	As in-kind donations are routinely depleted, food is purchased to ensure food is available to those in need.
Total	\$5,000.00	

**ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO
REQUESTS 3 AND 4**

***Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?
How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?***

The GACM Food Cupboard depends on donations from churches, schools, community organizations and Philabundance and SHARE. Even with these sources of food, GACM often runs out of food and has to turn people away. Those are very sad days at GACM for we know that those we turn away are hungry. A Matthew 25 grant will help us to purchase food during those times when our food supply is in danger of being depleted.

GACM clients reflect sadly the October 1, 2015 profile of poverty in Philadelphia as reported by Alfred Lubrano, Inquirer Staff Writer.

“Philadelphia has the highest rate of deep poverty among America's 10 biggest cities, an examination of federal data by The Inquirer shows. The city is already the poorest in that group. Deep poverty is measured as income of 50 percent or less of the poverty rate. A family of four living in deep poverty takes in \$12,000 or less annually, half the poverty rate of \$24,000 for a family that size.”

Lines form outside GACM's door starting at 8:00 a.m. on food cupboard day (Thursday) with clients trying to be the first in line to get served. The food cupboard opens at 10:00 a.m. GACM gives its clients the opportunity to select the items they want from the cupboard under the supervision of a food cupboard volunteer. This gives our clients the opportunity to develop wholesome food menus with the help of the food cupboard volunteer. Items available usually include dry and canned goods, bread, meats, eggs etc. Fresh produce and vegetables are also available.

To receive a food package a client must document income, residence and household size. People use the ministry food cupboard for a variety of reasons. Some use GACM as a maintenance cupboard using the food provided to help maintain their food supply and extend their limited financial resources. By obtaining canned goods from the cupboard, their resources can be used to buy meats or fresh vegetables. Others use the cupboard for emergencies. They have experienced a crisis such as job loss, an interruption in food stamp benefits, loss of cash, or change in family composition. Some need cupboard assistance because of diverting household financial resources to address a crisis such as back rent, preventing a utility shut off etc.