

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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: Edna Martin Christian Center

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Neighborhood Action Program of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Address: 2605 E. 25th St.

Phone 317-637-3776 Federal Tax ID#: 35-107-2577

Contact person: Tysha Hardy-Sellers email: tyshasellers@ednamartincc.org

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- **Mission Statement:** *The mission of the Edna Martin Christian Center is to bridge cultural, racial, and economic differences in order to support and nurture the people in the community by providing holistic programs that empower, encourage, and engender a vision of hope. EMCCs priority areas are: 1. Education; 2; Income; and 3. Community Health*
- 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 attached**

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: \$270,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s): foundation grants, government sources, local churches, UW

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) 

Date: 11/25/13

Printed Name/Title: Tysha Hardy-Sellers

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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Usage of grant:

Program Description: Martindale-Brightwood Family Stability Project

The Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC), an American Baptist Home Mission Society Neighborhood Action Program in Indianapolis, IN. We offer comprehensive family strengthening and self-sufficiency programs and services dedicated primarily to the families of the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. (near north-eastside of Indianapolis). Our mission provides an array of programs and services, including food pantry access, rent and utility assistance, youth development, senior programs, healthy habits classes, financial literacy instruction, self-sufficiency workshops to youth, seniors and families in need.

We are applying for the Matthew 25 grant to prevent and intervene in homelessness for families in our neighborhood through our Martindale-Brightwood Family Stability Project (MBFSP). The funds will be used to help with emergency rent and fees that put families at risk of becoming homeless. This program is in its third year and is dedicated to assisting children of families in danger of losing their housing, often resulting in unplanned moves and tremendous instability. Over the last three years, EMCC has prevented homelessness for 80 families (families consist of 4-6 individuals in each household).

MBFSP addresses access to community programs/services and focuses on emergency needs so children can remain in the same school, giving them the best chance to succeed academically, while simultaneously focusing on the parents' issues regarding unemployment, financial management and risk of homelessness. This is a partnership of schools and service organizations managed by EMCC and operated in Indianapolis Public Schools 48, 51, 56 and 69. Funds will be used to directly help at risk children and their families.

Our service area includes some of the highest and foreclosure and unemployment rates in the state of Indiana, thus resulting in an unstable environment where joblessness and homelessness are directly related to transient families and to youth desperately in need of assistance. The neighborhood we serve has a high concentration of poverty with 35% of our families are living at or below the poverty level and 65% of adults 18 and older not having a high school education. The children of these families are in a state of constant upheaval, thus leading to difficulty in school and eventually high dropout rates and low high school graduation rates. The MBSFP is focused on keeping children in their same school environments in order to give them the best chance to succeed academically, and to help their families achieve a state of stability, both fiscal and behavioral.

Families with children are our first priority, and we demonstrate this commitment to youth by operating this program within Indianapolis Public Schools 48, 51, 56 and 69. Children are offered a variety of youth programming, with a direct focus on education and educational stability. Parents and families are offered Crisis Intervention services (immediate care), STEPS Stabilization Program (enrollment commitment required) and Center for Working Families Asset Development Services (enrollment commitment required). They will also receive food, clothing, and assistance with housing expenses to keep them stable.

Families in our service area consist of 4-6 in each household. Therefore, EMCC will focus on 50 families (200+ individuals directly and indirectly impacted) for 2014. Of the 50 families, 60% (30 families) will not be homeless during the course of the school year; 90% (27) of successful families will remain stable in housing during the course of the school year; and 60% of school aged children in families served will remain stable in school during the course of the school year.

Support Revenue	Amount	Source	Comments
Contributions	\$ 15,000.00	ABC Women's Fund	\$10,000 direct service (food pantry, clothing assistance, partial rent and utility)
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 25,000.00		Salaries
Siemer Family Foundation	\$ 100,000.00	Seimer	
Edna Martin Christian Center			Benevolence donations (Direct Service)
Reallocation	\$ 5,000.00	EMCC	
Special Events	\$ -		
Legacies and Bequests	\$ -		
Federated Fundraising Orgs	\$ -		
Other United Ways	\$ 40,000.00	UWCI	salaries and occupancy Half Parent Adocation and Half Employment Coach; ABC grants (\$30,000 direct service)
Fees and Grants	\$ 60,000.00	CICF	
Membership Revenue	\$ -		0
Program Service Fees	\$ -		0
Investment Income	\$ -		0
Mis. Revenue	\$ -		0
Transfer from Restricted Funds	\$ 7,500.00		CDBG--Emergency Service Grant; Emergency Assistance Program
Income Support Funds (referral)	\$ 7,500.00		FEMA; other sources (direct service funding)
<i>Total Support/Revenue</i>	\$ 260,000.00		

Expenses	Original Budgeted Amount	Source	Comments
Salaries	\$ 165,000.00	<i>Seimer \$100,000;</i>	PA 1 100%, PA2 100%, Social Worker 50%, Program Director 45%, Financial Coach 20%, Employment Coach, 50%
Retirement	\$ 2,500.00		
Health Insurance	\$ 1,000.00		
Life Insurance	\$ 600.00		
Other Benefits	\$ -		
Payroll Taxes	\$ 13,500.00		
Professional Fees	\$ -		
Supplies	\$ 500.00		
Telephone	\$ 1,000.00		
Postage & Shipping	\$ 500.00		
Total Occupancy	\$ 29,000.00		30% of occupancy expense
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$ -		
Printing & Publication	\$ 500.00		
Travel	\$ -		
Conference and Conventions	\$ 500.00		
Specific Assistance to Individuals	\$ 45,000.00		Housing stabilization; homelessness prevention
Membership Dues	\$ -		
Misc Expenses	\$ -		
Database & Consulting	\$ -		
Dues to Support National	\$ -		
Depreciation & Amortization	\$ -		
Indirect/management	\$ 10,400.00		ED & DED 10% salaries
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 270,000.00		