

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 **TRANSFORMING MINISTRIES GROUP, INC.**

Affiliation with ABCUSA **Born out of a ministry at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, CA**

Address **490 Lake Park Ave, #10530 Oakland, CA 94610-8019**

Phone **510-469-3843** Federal Tax ID# **47-2865862**

Contact person **Dr. Barbara Jim-George** email: **info@tmingroup.com**

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement:

"Our mission is to be a change agent for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, willing to "think outside the box" using contemporary thought, culture, and information in ministry to reach into the community and help bring individuals into a meaningful, growing relationship with God and others."

- 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 attachment 1)**

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? **(Please see attachment 2)**

4. Total cost of the project **\$3,747.55 annually**

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant **\$3,747.55**

6. Your other funding source(s) **Donations from volunteers, personal funds. I am currently seeking other sources of funding as well as a grant writer who can prepare a grant proposal to secure enough funds to stabilize this ministry for at least 5 years and longer.**

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) Rev. Dr. Barbara E. Jim-George Date 02/25/2015

Printed Name/Title Dr. Barbara Jim-George/Founder-CEO Transforming Ministries Group, Inc.

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.

(Attachment-2)

How I Will Use These Funds to Assist Individuals Battling Poverty and Its Effects

Any funds expended to me by this grant will be used to continue the work of providing very short term provisions to those who are marginalized in Oakland, CA. With the funding I will be able to restock and increase the number of provision packs that can be passed out to those who are begging, especially those who have small children. We are currently completely out of provision packs. Additionally, I can Increase the LOVE & COFFEE events from once per month to weekly and include sandwiches.

Transforming Ministries Group provides very short term provisions to individuals who are homeless and/or without means to adequately care for their own personal needs, for whatever reason, and who ask for money and/or handouts in public places, such as in front of the U.S. Postal Offices, at fueling stations, near freeway on or off ramps, etc. Not wishing to contribute to any substance abuse issues that individuals may have, the ministry puts together provision packs in large Zip Lock bags that consist of single servings of beef jerky sticks, cheese sticks, cheese-cracker snack packs, cookie snack packs, bottled water and juice boxes, travel size toiletries such as a bar of soap, deodorant, sanitizing gel, a toothbrush and toothpaste, lotion, a couple of sticks of gum, a tin of Vienna Sausage, a small apple sauce cup, two Band-Aids, and a hair comb. A note is included with these provisions expressing that recipients are loved by God and that they are being prayed for daily by this ministry. We also provide waterproof disposable rain ponchos, warm hats, & fleece blankets to shield against inclement weather. In January 2015 I expanded this to include the sub-group LOVE & COFFEE, which passes out hot cups of coffee on Sunday mornings to those who are found sitting along sidewalks, as ministry members sing songs of praise and lift up prayers for the marginalized in various locales around Oakland, CA.

This ministry to the poor actually started in 1998 when I assembled Easter baskets containing treats and travel size toiletries for clients of the Allen Temple Baptist Church AIDS Ministry. Thereafter I regularly assembled short term provisions and passed these items out to those who lingered in front of public offices and spaces seeking handouts.

In 2010 I solicited the assistance of a fellow seminary student and passed out nearly 40 Thanksgiving dinners to residents of Berkeley's People's Park. In December 2014 I formed a nonprofit to pull together my work in urban ministry as well as my ministry to provide training to congregations for setting up primary prevention education programs for teen girls at risk for human trafficking.

People on the streets know where to find shelter and provisions, but often they don't have the means to reach those places. My ministry provides a very short term, stop gap solution of relief to those who are extremely hungry and exposed to the elements in the moment, until they are able to obtain more sustainable assistance.

02/25/2015

(Attachment 1)

PROPOSED BUDGET-TRANSFORMING MINISTRIES GROUP, INC. ©
For March through December 2015, based upon 44 weeks remaining in 2015

SANDWICHES:

Sandwich	Cost per Sandwich	Condiments	Number served & Cost
Bologna	\$0.44	Mustard, mayo	16 @ \$7.04
American Cheese	\$0.59	Mayo, (2 slices cheese)	14 @ \$8.26
Ham & Swiss	\$1.04	Mustard, mayo	14 @ \$14.56
Mayo 200/bx			\$19.79
Mustard 200/bx			\$10.29

****Peanut butter & jelly cannot be served because peanut allergy is common and can be fatal. That is a liability we are not willing to risk.**

PROVISIONS:

Item	Unit Cost	9.0% Tax/Shipping	Total
2 cases Waterproof Parkas	0.55 each x 2	19.80	465.60
Provisions	103.50 x 10	7.29	1107.90
3 boxes of Fleece blankets	6.99 each x 120	Nonprofits not taxed	838.80
2 cases of Winter hats	36.85/case x 2	6.65	80.55
Bx 300 Zipper sandwich bags @ Walmart	3.97	0.35	4.32
Pack of 250 Paper Napkins @ Walmart	2.24	0.20	2.44

COFFEE:

Item	Number Served	Cost
Peet's Coffee to Go Box	20 cups/week x 44 remaining weeks	\$1188.00

**** This includes the coffee, cups & lids, stir sticks, sweetener, and creamer.**

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From: Dr. Barbara Jim-George [mailto:info@tmingroup.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 1:39 PM
To: TURNER, Tina
Subject: RE: Matthew 5 Grant Application with Attachments

Thank you Tina. Actually we are both. The primary reason I formed an independent 501 (c)(3) was because my ministry was not receiving any support - - financial or otherwise - - from the church except for donations from one of the women's mission society groups and contributions from various church members.

This is something on which our Community Care Cluster is working, as several of the ministries under this group are in the same position. I have been paying everything out of pocket for my ministry, but since I retired in September I no longer have the means to continue doing that.

Our Community Cluster Ministry Group had its quarterly meeting on this past Saturday and the cluster leader stated he needs clarity from church leadership as exactly how to classify the unfunded ministries who have independent nonprofit status. All Community Cluster ministries have been functioning under the 501(c)(3) umbrella of the Allen Temple Health and Social Services ministry, but when the decades-long ministry leader resigned in January that left a lot of things in question. Currently only two ministries in this cluster are receiving any funding from the church.

If this renders my ministry ineligible to receive Matthew 5 Program funding, that is understandable. God will continue to provide. Thank you for your reply.

Peace,

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On 2015-03-02 07:19, TURNER, Tina wrote:
Dr. Jim-George,

Thank you for submitting an application for the Matthew 25 Grant.

It is not clear if the Transforming Ministries Group is an independent ministry or one in conjunction with Allen Temple Baptist Church. In order to be eligible for this grant, the ministry must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches. It has been our policy in administering this grant to trust the local churches/regions who are the ministry partners/sponsors. If an award is made, the check will be made payable to the partnering organization. They will then distribute the funds to your ministry. Since we do not have adequate staffing to monitor and investigate all of the ministries that apply, we have chosen to trust our churches and regions to be the gatekeepers. So far that has worked well.

Would you please let me know If your ministry continues to maintain a relationship with Allen Temple Baptist Church in such a way that it meets this eligibility requirement?

Thank you,

Tina

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From: Dr. Barbara Jim-George [mailto:info@tmingroup.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:20 PM

To: TURNER, Tina

Subject: Matthew 5 Grant Application with Attachments

Importance: High

Good afternoon Tina:

Attached please find my application for the Matthew 5 Grant and attached documentation. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the denomination for this important opportunity. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed. Thanks.

Peace,

Dr. Barbara Jim-George

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