

## 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 First Baptist Church of Everett  
Affiliation with ABCUSA Member  
Address 1616 Pacific Avenue, Everett, WA 98201  
Phone 425-259-9166 Federal Tax ID# 91-0577126  
Contact person Cheryl Roth email c2roth@frontier.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 \$15,646.03

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4,992.80

6. Your other funding source(s) Church Budget (\$7,500) and Designated Giving Fund (\$3,153.23)

7. 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) Alice M. Fatzinger Date: February 26, 2015

Printed Name/Title: Alice M. Fatzinger, FBC of Everett Outreach Board

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.





**First Baptist Church of Everett  
Mission Statement:**

***Connecting Real People to Jesus Through Real Relationships***

Jesus is at the center of everything we do as a church, and we believe our Mission is to connect people to Him. Our **Mission** explains *WHAT* God has called us to do. Our **Values** explain *WHY* we do it.

We value:

- **R**elevant **TRUTH**  
Meeting life's messiness head on by applying Jesus' transforming truth to our lives.
- **E**ncompassing **GRACE**  
Experiencing God's unconditional love and generously reflecting this love to others.
- **A**uthentic **RELATIONSHIPS**  
Growing meaningful relationships centered on Christ and built to last.
- **L**ifelong **SERVING**  
Using God's gifts to interact with and impact people for Jesus.

**First Baptist Church of Everett Street Ministry  
Mission Statement:**

***Meeting Needs – Sharing God's Grace and Mercy***

## First Baptist Church of Everett Friday Night Street Ministry Budget

As described in our project narrative, we are requesting grant funding to provide access to supplemental food, personal items, and cold weather supplies to the most needy in our community through our existing Friday Night Street Ministry Program. To accomplish this, we are requesting \$4,992.80 in total grant funding to enhance our current budget of \$10,653.23 (\$7,500 from church funding and an average of \$3,153.23 through designated donations), for a total resultant budget of \$15,646.03. The detailed budget is itemized below. Assumptions for each budget line item for which we are requesting grant funding is also provided based on our current number of guests and our direct experience with their unmet needs.

	Current Budget	Requested Funding	Total Budget
<b>NOURISHMENT</b>			
Friday Night Meals – Food	\$7,753.54		\$7,753.54
Friday Night Meals – Paper Products	\$1,375.32		\$1,375.32
Supplemental Food		\$832.00	\$832.00
Restaurant Gift Cards		\$624.00	\$624.00
<b>Nourishment Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$9,128.86</b>	<b>\$1,456.00</b>	<b>\$10,584.86</b>
<b>PERSONAL ITEMS</b>			
Toilet Paper	\$841.80	\$1,945.40	\$2,787.20
Other Personal Items	\$280.60	\$1,019.40	\$1,300.00
<b>Personal Items Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$1,122.40</b>	<b>\$2,964.80</b>	<b>\$4,087.20</b>
<b>COLD WEATHER SUPPLIES</b>			
Sleeping Bags		\$312.00	\$312.00
Warm Weather Clothes (socks, hats, gloves)		\$260.00	\$260.00
<b>Cold Weather Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$572.00</b>	<b>\$572.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Holidays	\$118.67		\$118.67
Hair Cuts	\$283.30		\$283.30
<b>Miscellaneous Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$401.97</b>		<b>\$401.97</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,653.23</b>	<b>\$4,992.80</b>	<b>\$15,646.03</b>

### **NOURISHMENT BUDGET**

#### **Friday Night Meals**

The majority of the current budget supports our key ministry which is to offer a safe place, hot meal, prayer, and sharing of God's love and resources to the homeless and needy in our community.

#### **Supplemental Food Items**

This grant funding would allow us to meet the hunger needs of many of our guests on a more regular basis. Through the relationships our amazing volunteers develop with our guests on Friday nights, they often become aware of many guests that struggle with hunger throughout the week and are unfortunately not able to help meet those needs. This funding would allow our Ministry to keep items on hand for this specific purpose.

#### **Restaurant Gift Cards**

Some of our guests are unable to make it to the Friday Night meal based on family, work or other pressing issues. This funding would allow us the ability to provide a gift card to these guests to allow them the opportunity to still

get a warm meal as well as providing the option to our volunteers of providing these gift cards to other guests for whom this would be the best solution to meeting their current hunger need on a case by case basis. The specific assumptions for the specific line items for which we are requesting grant funding are included below. None of the existing budget is currently assigned to these specific line items on a regular basis.

<b>NOURISHMENT GRANT FUNDING ASSUMPTIONS</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of People Served</b>	<b>Total \$ Needed</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Requested Grant Funding</b>
Supplemental Food Items	8 people per week X 52 weeks = 416 people X \$2 per person = \$832	\$832.00	\$0	<b>\$832.00</b>
Restaurant Gift Cards	4 people per week X 52 weeks = 208 people X \$3 per person = \$624	\$624.00	\$0	<b>\$624.00</b>

### **PERSONAL ITEMS**

Based on budget limitations, First Baptist is currently limited to providing toiletries and personal items to those in need on a very limited basis. We understand both the importance to a person's health and dignity of having access to these resources as well as the difficulties our guest face in purchasing them (public assistance programs – e.g. food stamps – cannot be used for the costs of these items). With this grant funding, we would be able to provide toilet paper and other toiletries to our guests in need on a more regular basis. The total budget needed to meet this need is included below. A portion of the current budget goes to purchasing these items on a limited basis. We are only asking for the funds needed to supplement this budget to meet the larger need.

<b>PERSONAL ITEMS GRANT FUNDING ASSUMPTIONS</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of People Served</b>	<b>Total \$ Needed</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Requested Grant Funding</b>
Toilet Paper	40 people per week X 52 weeks = 2,080 people X 2 rolls of toilet paper per week (cost of \$1.34) = \$2,787.20	\$2,787.20	\$841.80	<b>\$1,945.40</b>
Other Personal Items	25 people per week X 52 weeks = 1,300 X 1 other personal item (\$1/item) = \$1,300	\$1,300.00	\$280.60	<b>\$1019.40</b>

### **COLD WEATHER SUPPLIES**

We are blessed at our church with very gracious and generous members who provide donations of clothing, coats, shoes, and other much needed supplies to our Street Ministry Program. However, we have found that there is an ongoing need for specific items that are hard to keep stocked on a regular basis through donations only. The most immediate need items are sleeping bags and cold weather accessories like hats, glove and socks to help keep our guests as warm and as comfortable as possible. This grant funding would allow us to keep these items on stock to meet these urgent needs.

<b>COLD WEATHER SUPPLIES GRANT FUNDING ASSUMPTIONS</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of People Served</b>	<b>Total \$ Needed</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Requested Grant Funding</b>
Sleeping Bags	1 person per week X 52 weeks = 52 people X \$6 per sleeping bag = \$312.00	\$312.00	\$0	<b>\$312.00</b>
Cold Weather Clothing (Hats/Gloves/Socks)	5 people per week X 52 weeks = 260 people X \$1.00 per item = \$260	\$260.00	\$0	<b>\$260.00</b>

## **Friday Night Street Ministry Grant Narrative:**

### **Description of how grant funds will specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects.**

First Baptist Church of Everett is located in the heart of downtown Everett, a city with a population of over 100,000 residents, almost 20% of whom are living below the Federal Poverty Level. Fifteen years ago, recognizing the growing needs of the homeless, poor and hungry in our community, First Baptist started the Friday Night Street Ministry. This Ministry began as a small program on a street corner, offering hot meals to approximately 50 guests per week. Over the years, the program has grown significantly, and is now based out of the church, serving an average of 150 guests every week, providing over 8,000 meals last year alone. This Ministry, though, is not just about providing meals, it is about shining the light of Christ to our community and helping those in poverty make real change in their lives. Friday nights at First Baptist bring our community together in fellowship - sharing not just a meal, but God's word and His love. Over 30 volunteers come every week with open arms and hearts to serve, love, listen, share Christ and provide needed resources (including toiletries, haircuts, connections to housing and counseling services, etc.) to those most in need. The Street Ministry "guests" have become our family. We love them dearly and are committed to doing all we can to make sure they feel God's presence in their lives and to help them rise out of poverty. We have seen this love live out in so many meaningful ways over the years as many of our previous guests have made real life changes, become part of our church family and now partner with us to carry out this Ministry; as we have celebrated many milestones in our guests' lives including weddings, baptisms, and birthdays; as we have helped people with that extra leg up when they were struggling with a temporary loss of a job or other unforeseen life circumstance; and as our guests have found a family here that they know loves them well.

As our Ministry has grown, the church has continued to grow its support of the program, doubling its financial commitment over just the last 7 years (with a current annual budget of \$7,500) and has also established a designated fund to allow others to directly contribute to the program. We are proud to say that we have without fail been a place where our community can come every Friday to have a roof over their head, a warm meal and unending love and support. As the Ministry has grown, it has also become clear the importance of not just being there for our guests once a week, but ensuring that their most basic physical needs are met on a more regular basis. Only when these most basic needs are met, can they truly focus on their spiritual and emotional health and be able to heal, grow and experience success. As the number of guests (and our expenses) continue to increase, we have been unable to meet these additional and critical needs. This grant funding will allow us to provide love, support and resources to our guests throughout the week.

One of the biggest challenges for people living on the streets or with limited means is being able to afford basic needs like toilet paper and other personal items. This is exacerbated by the fact that public assistance programs (e.g. food stamps) won't cover the costs for the majority of these items. While we do our best to keep supplies on hand for our guests most in need, we are unable to fully meet this need on an ongoing basis for the majority of our guests. This breaks our heart. No one should have to go without these most basic necessities.

We also know that many of our guests struggle to have a sufficient food supply for themselves and their families during the week. Our current funding does not allow us to routinely provide supplemental food outside of Friday nights. We are limited to only providing items when we are blessed enough to have donations on hand - and often these donations are only appropriate for those guests who have access to a kitchen. For those on the street, we often just don't have options available. We would love to be able to have a well-stocked pantry and ready-to-eat nutritional items and restaurant gift cards available to provide to our guests as needed to ensure their hunger needs are met during the week.

Finally, being homeless in Western Washington also means often being cold and wet. This grant funding would help us purchase sleeping bags and cold weather clothing items to ensure that our guests who are living on the streets can be as warm, safe and comfortable as possible. We do have a loving community that donates clothing and other items to the Ministry on a fairly regular basis, but we still struggle to meet the total need for these items that are so critical to the health and well-being of our community.

This grant funding will make a real difference, providing (as detailed in our attached budget) an additional:

- 2,000+ rolls of toilet paper
- 1,000+ toiletry items (including toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.)
- 520 guests with supplemental food during the week, and another 156 guests with restaurant gift cards
- 52 sleeping bags to keep those living on the street warm during long, cold nights
- 260 other cold weather items to keep our guest as warm and comfortable as possible

We are so appreciative of this opportunity to apply for this grant that will allow us to make a significant and profound difference in our community. This is not just another Ministry to First Baptist. The individuals we serve every week are our family, and we want to love them the way Jesus loves us – fully, unconditionally and without boundaries.