# **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.

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	Affiliation with ABCUSA MYS, Iroquois Association, Gods Vision christian church Address 326 Church St. Hannibal, MY 13074
	Mailing Address - 8658 St. Rt 104 Hannibal NY 1304
	Phone 315-564-6133 Federal Tax ID# 47 - 2075303
	Phone 315-564-6133 Federal Tax ID# 47-2075303  Contact person Jon Erih Stereika * email yankie 27 + horpacol. com  * Licensed American Buptist Pastor
2.	Please submit with your application a copy of:
	- Your mission statement
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>
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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.)
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4.	Total cost of the project 15,000 Per year
5.	Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant 5,000.00
6.	Your other funding source(s) Individual donations, church sponsors
-	that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use inted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo
	six months of recaipt of the grant.
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6	Incomplete applications will not be considered.
0	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 <a href="mailto:rina.Turner@abc-">Tina.Turner@abc-</a>
	usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

# Cabin 3 - The Outpost Inc.

ABCUSA Matthew 15 Grant Application - QUESTION #3

3- How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Twenty years ago, "Cabin 3" began as a small youth group with just a couple youth, in the basement of a small town, American Baptist Church, in the little Village of Hannibal, NY. Our goal then was to reach our area with the Good News of Jesus Christ, believing that with Christ, people will have hope and can overcome enormous problems. That is still our goal today, "Reach, Teach, Show and Go". Tell people in our corner of the earth the Good News of Jesus Christ, done through music, prayer, word and love in action.

Cabin 3 grew to about 65 youth each week at our weekly meetings. The more we focused on Christ the more we grew. Over time, we learned how to use, to the fullest extent, all of the blessings that God had given to us. We started a college and young adult ministry that meets once a week, intending to assist the teens transition from home life to life on their own, at college and in the working world. We held many concerts raising awareness and money for many Christian organizations and hurting families and eventually we began to organize and sponsor The SOS FEST, a 3 day Christian music festival with over 20 bands and speakers each year for the past four years, held at the local firemans field with over 25 booths, seminars, on site camping etc. We had national acts like New World Son, Seventh Day Slumber, Bluetree, Everyday Sunday etc as well as many regional and local bands and worship teams. The goal again, was to reach the people in our area with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We learned that as we were faithful with what we had, and obedient to what God has asked us to do, we would be blessed with more and asked to do larger things. We believe God is not looking at the worldly, monetary outcome of these festivals and concerts, He is looking at our obedience and faithfulness to His commands. All four years we were able to pay all of the bills and had some money left over to donate to various organizations.

This leads us to, "Cabin 3 - The Outpost". For over five years God has placed the vision on our hearts to get out of the church basement and take the Good News to the people who need it. The SOS FEST was a start, an amazing place where 100s of people came to Christ, but we are not done.

God has shown us that The Outpost can be a place where we have a presence where the needy, lost, broken and hurting people are. Many of these folks will not walk into a church and will not attend a Christian music festival, but we believe they will walk into the Outpost.

We would use The Matthew 25 Grant money to help us fund "Cabin 3 - The Outpost Inc.". The Outpost will be an actual building, an old bar, in a very poor and broken part of the largest City in our area, Oswego, NY. Within a 5 block radius of The Outpost are over 20 bars, a strip joint, two head shops, two tattoo parlors, a movie theater and several pizza shops. This is the area where high school teens, college students and adults of all ages, from all over Central NY, gather. Many of these folks have no jobs, are involved with drugs and excessive drinking. Many of these folks do not know the Lord. Many have NEVER been to a church, they are lost, hurting, struggling to survive and have no hope.

The Outpost will resemble an alcohol free bar, or coffee house with a game area, live bands every week. Teen ministry once a week. College age ministry once a week. A Christian Counselor will have hours on site one or two days a week and there will be another night where older adults can come and gather, all in a safe, alcohol and drug free environment. All music played will be Christian, with speakers and a message every night. The Outpost is a chance to reach people right where they are.

The Math 25 money would help make all of this possible, by providing us with the funds needed to establish and maintain the Outpost. Instead of feeding the people food for a single day, we will be there to feed them "The Word", in a new, non threatening and loving way, that can change the direction of their lives forever. We can show love and provide help through mentoring, counseling, caring for and showing folks that God does love them, He does care about them and has a plan for their lives. The Outpost will give all ages an option, a choice, instead of resorting to the bars, searching for fulfillment where there is non, they can come to a place that can give them truth, hope and love.

We have no paid staff, so 100% of all of our funds goes to helping people.

From: yankee27thor <yankee27thor@aol.com>
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Date: Wed, Feb 11, 2015 2:59 pm

# **The Mission of Cabin 3 Ministries**

Our mission is:

To reach the lost, the searching, and the un-churched with the Good News of Jesus Christ, through music, word, prayer and love in action. By demonstrating and proclaiming God's love for them and his desire for a personal relationship with them through Jesus Christ, and to show them, through God's word, that they are a special creation and that God has a plan and a purpose for their lives.

- To encourage and empower fellow believers in finding and following Gods call on their lives and to support them in all possible ways.
- To take the Gospel to every corner of the Earth, starting with the corner where God has placed us now.
- To have our focus centered on Jesus Christ and give God the glory in all we do.

**Mission Summery** 

Reach, Teach, Show, Go

From: yankee27thor <yankee27thor@aol.com>
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By Laws for "Cabin 3 - The Outpost, Inc."

#### ARTICLE I

Name, Office, and Duration

- 1. Name. The name of this Charitable Non-profit Corporation is "Cabin 3 The Outpost Inc."
- 2. Location. The principle place of business and administrative office shall be located at 326 Church Street, Hannibal, NY 13074.

The official mailing address shall be 8658 State Route 104, Hannibal, NY 13074

3. Duration. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# **ARTICLE II**

# Purpose

- 1. Purpose. The Corporation is organized exclusively for non-profit charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future federal law. Such purposes include but are not limited to:
- (a) Provide a safe, non threatening, drug and alcohol free environment where youth, teens, college age students. young adults and older adults, can gather to join in fellowship, play games, listen to music, play and sing songs of all styles.
- (b) Provide a safety zone, offer comfort and hope in an area of the City and County where these are lacking.
- (c) Natural disaster relief teams will be formed, trained and will be ready to respond to natural disasters of any sort anywhere across the country but especially in the northeast.
- (d) Planning will take place for disaster response and disaster trips will be carried out when possible.
- (e) We will share the Good News, Love and power of Jesus Christ through our actions, words, music and prayer.

# ARTICLE III

#### Membership

1. Membership. The Corporation shall have no members.

#### ARTICLE IV

# **Board of Directors**

- 1. Election. The Corporation shall designate a Board of Directors who shall initially be appointed a majority of the incorporators to serve as Directors until such Director's death, resignation, or removal as provided by these bylaws.
- 2. Number. The initial number of Directors shall be three (3) and may be increased without further amendment of these bylaws. At no time may the number of Directors be less than three (3).
- 3. Qualifications. To serve as a Director, an individual shall have their focus and priority on Jesus Christ, shall have a servants heart, shall Love the Lord, love others and have the desire to carry out the great commission. They should have leadership, business or entrepreneurial experience, and shall have a desire to pay it forward with what they have, know, or have access to. In addition, each prospective Director shall have at least two (2) years experience in working with teens, and / or young adults.
- 4. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have all corporate authority, except such powers as are otherwise provided in these bylaws and the laws of the State of New York, to conduct the affairs of the Corporation in accordance with these bylaws. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate to committees of their own number, or to officers of the Corporation such powers as they deem appropriate.
- 5. Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the place and time designated by the Board of Directors including phone conference calls, monthly or annual meetings, or otherwise called by a majority of the Board of Directors.

- 6. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors. The time and location of such meetings shall be made to all board members at least one week before the meeting date.
- 7. Annual Meetings. Directors may meet each year for the purpose of organization, the election of officers if needed, and transaction of other business. The time and location of such meeting shall be set and announced by and to all board members.
- 8. Notice and Waiver. Notice of regular meetings and special meetings need not be in writing. Attendance at any meeting shall be considered waiver of the notice requirement thereof.
- 9. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Directors. If at any meeting, less than a quorum is present, the majority may adjourn the meeting without further notice to the absent Director.
- 10. Vacancy. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors, though less than a quorum. Each person so elected shall serve until the duration of the unexpired term, or until the next annual meeting. The incorporating Board of Directors shall serve until death, resignation or by removal as laid out in these By-Laws.
- 11. Removal. Any Director may be removed by majority vote of the remaining Directors for failure to act in the best interests of the Corporation, or lack of sympathy with the stated purpose of the Corporation or for lack of attendance, interest and participation in the Corporation.
- 12. Compensation. Directors shall receive no compensation for their service as Directors.

# ARTICLE V

#### **Board Of Directors**

With a three member board each member shall share equally with management and organizational responsibilities. One of the three members may volunteer as the Treasurer and one may volunteer as the secretary for meetings if a quorum of the board approves. If the board decides to increase to a 5 member board, the following positions may be created and these procedures shall be followed.

- 1. Designation of Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and they shall have authority to carry out the duties prescribed in these bylaws. The initial officers of the Corporation shall be designated by the incorporators, and shall serve for three years. One person may hold more than one office, except no person may hold the office of President and Secretary.
- 2. Election and Term of positions within the board . Officers of the Corporation shall be reelected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, and shall serve for one year or until their replacements are elected and qualified.
- 3. Removal. At any regular or special meeting, any officer may be removed by majority vote of the Board of Directors for failure to carryout the duties of the office as prescribed by these bylaws, conduct detrimental to the Corporation, or for lack of sympathy with the stated purpose of the Corporation. Any officer proposed to be removed is entitled to five (5) business days notice of the meeting at which the removal shall be considered and may address the Board of Directors at such meeting.
- 4. Compensation. Officers of the Corporation shall receive no compensation.
- 5. Vacancy. Vacancies, in any office for any reason, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office.
- 6. Duties of Offices.
  - A. President: The President is the Chief Executive Officer of this Corporation and will, subject to the control of the Board of Directors or any Committees, supervise and control the affairs of the Corporation. The President will perform all duties incident to the office of President and any other duties that may be required by these Bylaws or prescribed by the Board of Directors.
  - B. Vice President: The Vice-President will perform all duties and exercise all powers of the President when the President is absent or is otherwise unable to act. The Vice-President will perform any other duties that may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
  - C. Secretary: The Secretary will keep minutes of all meetings of Members and of the Board of Directors, by the custodian of the corporate records, give all notices as are required by law or by these Bylaws, and generally perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and any other duties as may be required by law, by the Bylaws, or which may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
  - D. Treasurer: The treasurer will have charge and custody of all funds of this Corporation, and will deposit the funds as required by the Board of Directors, keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the Corporation's properties and business transactions, and render reports and accountings to the Directors. The Treasurer will perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, and any other duties that may be required by these Bylaws or prescribed by the Board of Directors.

# **ARTICLE VI**

### Restrictions on Actions

- 1. All the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for its exempt purposes, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of any net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any employee of the Corporation or be distributed to its Directors, officers, or any private person, except that the Corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II of these bylaws.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the Corporation will not carry on any activities not permitted by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code, 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future federal law, or organizations whose contributions which are exempt under Section 170(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code, 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future federal law. The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, distribute no part of its net income or assets to any Directors, Officers, and private property of the subscribers, Directors or Officers shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.
- 3. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a campaign of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in any political campaign, will not engage in political campaigns or attempt to influence legislation or interfere with any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

- 1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize, by general resolution, a Director or Directors, an agent or agents, in addition to persons authorized by these bylaws to enter into any contract on behalf of the Corporation.
- 2. Checks, Drafts and Orders of Payment. All checks, drafts, notes, or orders of payment or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by a Director.
- 3. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, of other depositories as the Board of Directors may designate.
- 4. Gifts. The Directors, collectively or individually, any officer or designated agent may accept gifts, contributions, bequests, or devise of any property on behalf of the Corporation.
- 5. Loans. No Director, Officer or agent shall have the authority, on behalf to the Corporation, to enter into a loan or any other contract of indebtedness except by unanimous vote in a specific resolution of the Board of Directors. The authority designated by this provision shall be limited to a single and specific instance.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

# Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, including the costs and expenses of such dissolution, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) or 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future federal law, as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors. None of the assets will be distributed to any officer or director of the Corporation. Any such assets so disposed of shall be disposed of by, and in the manner designated by, the state court having jurisdiction over the matter.

# **ARTICLE IX**

# Statement of Nondiscrimination

Notwithstanding any provision of these bylaws, the Corporation shall not discriminate against any director, officer, employee, applicant, or participant on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnicity or national origin.

#### ARTICLE X

The Board of Directors shall have the power to amend, alter, make and repeal the bylaws of the Corporation by majority vote.

# Adoption of Bylaws

Adopted by the Board of Directors by resolution and vote of all directors on the date below:

	( 10-25, 2014		
Jon Erik Svereika			
	(	)	
Timothy Lanning			
	(	)	
Timothy Fish			

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From: yankee27thor <yankee27thor@aol.com>

To: trl617 <trl617@hotmail.com>; tim.fish <tim.fish@huhtamaki.com>

Subject: C3 budget revised

Date: Wed, Feb 11, 2015 2:25 pm

# CABIN 3 - THE OUTPOST Inc - 2015 Proposed budget

Proposed / Projected YEARLY expenses.

Rent for 326 Church Street, Hannibal, NY RENT - \$500 to \$750 per month

\$6,000 - \$9,000 per

vear

Utilities - (heat, electric, water, sewer)

\$250 per month

\$3,000

per year

Note - we expect to get lower rent and pay utilities, thus \$750 per month total, \$9,000 per year total OR will get higher rent with utilities included, thus \$750 per month total, \$9000 per year total

Rent and Utilities -

\$9,000

Internet (\$25/month)

300

Insurance

500 (- Includes 2 million coverage on all workers, liability, real property, etc)

# **TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSE \$9,800.00**

One time expenses

Smart phone Security system \$300.00 (Should get)

Building supplies - paint, wood etc \$2,000.00 (This is a high estimate. Depends what chip does

for us)

Lap Top - to run videos, powerpoints etc 300.00

Non necessity Monthly Expenses

Drinks - \$100

Food \$200 total Food and Drink \$3,600 per year.

( these items will be sold. Goal is to at least double what we pay)

# DREAM LIST - To be obtained through donations, auction prices, sales etc.

- Soda taps or dispenser. Trying to work out a deal with Coke, Pepsi, Saranac, others.
- Kitchen appliances of commercial grade. Oven, pizza oven, fryer, refrigerator
- Games old stand alone games, electronic darts, Pinball, Pool tables, bumper pool, Kinnect, Wii, etc.....

Glass front beverage cooler \$100.00

Sound system with 16 channel head - \$450.00 (on wish list)

Rent and utilities total, estimate - \$09,000
Remodel cost 1,000
Technology, comp internet 900
Food / drinks for a year 3,600
Insurance 500
TOTAL cost for first year \$15,000

Estimated income - Cabin 3 Budget - \$4,800

Food and drink sales \$2,000 or more Individual sponsors \$2,000 or more

\$8,800.00

Other possible income - Mission support from Gods Vision Christian Church, Hannibal

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Mission support from other churches. Additional Donations from individuals Private Grants and awards. Public grants. From: yankee27thor@aol.com [mailto:yankee27thor@aol.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:07 PM **To:** TURNER, Tina; trl617@hotmail.com

Cc: tim.fish@us.huhtamaki.com

Subject: Re: ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant CABIN 3 - THE OUTPOST

### Dear Tina,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide some clarity on the two important aspects of the eligibility requirements, before our application is brought to the discernment team for review.

The first concern was, "this ministry needs to be directly associated with an ABC church or region".

"Cabin 3- The Outpost" is currently based in and is and will be a ministry of "Gods Vision Christian Church" (GVCC) which is an American Baptist Church, USA, in the Iroquois Association, NYS. GVCC was formerly called "The Hannibal Community Church" and before that it was called "The Hannibal Congregational Society", dating back to the early 1800s. It has been an ABC USA church all this time. Same building, same families, same ABC USA affiliation, just new names.

I myself am a licensed ABC USA Pastor, recently completing the Lay study program, a process that took over ten years to complete. I am also the American Baptist Men, NYS Youth Director and have been for the past 6 years. I have been a member of GVCC for the past 27 years.

We will also be continuing to work closely with the American Baptist Men NYS and NJ disaster relief teams and programs.

If we were to receive the Mathew 25 grant money, it could be payable to Gods Vision Christian Church, they would then pass the money to "Cabin 3 - The Outpost". This is one of the outreaches and missions of GVCC.

The second concern was, "the discernment team is charged with meeting the primary wish of the donor that these funds be used to "directly assist impoverished people by helping meet the needs of housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." The statement you included in the last paragraph on page 2 and in the mission statement on page 3 does not fully meet this criteria as it is stated."

Cabin 3 - The Outpost will offer a safe environment where impoverished people, adults, teens, youth can safely enter and spend time enjoying FREE meals, such as soups, sandwiches, nuts and fruit as well as drinks like coffee, tea, milk, etc. and will be welcome to warm up in the winter and cool down in the summer. The Outpost will be a place where these lost and sometimes forgotten people can hangout, enjoy food, while listening to Christian music, both live and videos. Our goal is to not only feed them a meal or snack but to offer them spiritual food. Many of the folks in the area where we will be located do not know the Lord, are unchurched and need hope, the hope that an introduction to Christ can offer. There will be water bottles available for folks to take with them and if possible food as well. We will also provide warm clothing, blankets and boots during planned clothing giveaways.

We also plan to have quarterly "career nights" where we will invite area employers, trade schools, community colleges and the local State University to attend where we can actually help the needy and impoverished people connect to people who can help them better themselves. Information will always be available on how folks can obtain their High School GED, find assistance for heat and utilities, information on housing and programs for food assistance for men, woman and children.

Also we intend to have weekly visits from the local crisis pregnancy center, a Christian organization. They have shown interest in possibly having a presence in The Outpost which will help young impoverished mothers and families connect with the education, health and financial needs involved

with a pregnancy. We will always be there to help the young moms and dads through their pregnancies, offering assistance in supplies, clothing, education, support and resources.

We have a licensed Counselor at GVCC who would like to volunteer her time and have regular office hours at least two days a week in The Outpost, helping the impoverished and less fortunate folks who struggle with addictions, mental issues and abuse but do not have the funds to seek other counseling.

Cabin 3 - The Outpost will also form disaster relief teams from the young adults, adults and teens that come into the Outpost. Many of these needy folks have amazing hearts and really want to feel needed in some way. They do not have much money to help but they do have time to help and many would feel that they are giving back by being able to attend disaster relief trips and help families and individuals who have lost everything due to natural disasters. The Outpost would raise local awareness of the disaster relief needs, we would train folks on how to use the tools, power equipment, generators etc and then actually form response teams that will work with the American Baptist Men NYS on actual disasters.

The money from the Math 25 Grant would make all of this possible. It will help to provide food and drinks, heat, clothing, knowledge, opportunity for advancement, training, counseling, and education. It will also provide a loving atmosphere where folks can see Jesus Christ through music, word, prayer and love in action. We are not just talking about problems, we are giving solutions to problems, we are giving hope, we are showing that there is a different way to live, a Christ centered way to live.

As for our Mission Statement, we tried to keep it simple so it is easy for those coming to the Outpost to read and understand. The mission summary I think is very good and really says it all. "Reach, teach, show, go".

We will REACH out to people who need our help, if they need clothing, food, knowledge, counseling, etc, we will do our best to provide it or connect them with the people they need.

We will TEACH impoverished folks how they can better their lives by connecting them with education opportunites, schools, employers. We will teach teens and impoverished folks struggling with addictions, family issues, pregnancies that there is hope, we will teach them that God loves them and has a plan for their lives.

We will SHOW them that we care about them by feeding them, helping them, providing clothing for them, providing a place that they can enjoy and feel welcome in. We will show them the love of Christ. We will show them that there is hope.

We will GO where they are and invite them in, see what they need and help them. We will GO to disaster areas and help families who have lost everything and show them that they still have hope, and that we are there to help.

Cabin 3 - The Outpost intends to be on the frontlines, doing whatever it takes to help whoever needs help. We are way more than a food pantry that hands families a box of food each month. We will provide not just a meal for a day, but education, knowledge and hope that can change their lives.

If there are any further questions, pleased feel free to contact me at anytime.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Erik Svereika - (315) 564-6133

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

I wanted to give you the opportunity to provide a little more clarity on two important aspects of the eligibility requirements before your application is brought before the discernment team for review.

First, this ministry needs to be directly associated with an ABC church or region. Grant funds will be sent to the church and not to the individual mission project. Your application is not clear on which ABC

affiliated organization you are partnering with. 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.

Additionally, the discernment team is charged with meeting the primary wish of the donor that these funds be used to "directly assist impoverished people by helping meet the needs of housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." The statement you included in the last paragraph on page 2 and in the mission statement on page 3 does not fully meet this criteria as it is stated.

Since I have not been able to review and respond before today, I do not expect you to be able to resubmit updated information before the March 1 deadline. If you could provide more information to address these concerns by March 15 I would appreciate it.

Feel free to call me with any questions,

# Tina

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