

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 **Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry (GACM)**

Affiliation with ABCUSA - **Second Baptist Church of Germantown (SBCG)**

Address **GACM – 35 W. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19144**
SBCG – 6459 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 19119

Phone **GACM 215-843-2340 SBCG 215-849-0257** Federal Tax ID# **GACM 26-0157586**

Contact person **Bessie Jordan-Byrd** email byrdslcjbj@aol.com Phone: **215-287-8189**

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. 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.) **Please see page 5.**

4. Total cost of the project_ **\$55,000 (\$40,000 In-kind, \$15,000 financial donations)**

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

6. 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.

(Signed) **Bessie Jordan-Byrd**

Date **March 1, 2015**

Printed Name/Title **Bessie Jordan-Byrd, Chair, Board of Missions, Second Baptist Church of Germantown
& Board Chair, Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry**

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.
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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

GERMANTOWN AVENUE CRISIS MINISTRY

Our 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.

Our 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.

Our 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.

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.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST 2 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Below is FY 20-14-2015 budget for The Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. A Matthew 25 grant of \$5,000 will provide funds to supplement the Food Cupboard Ministry in line item 4100, which is an estimate of in-kind giving of donated food, and also provide the ministry the opportunity to provide nutrition and healthy eating and living workshops.

Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry	<u>Budget '14-'15</u>
Cash income and expenses	
Income	
4000 Contributions- Churches/Individual	75,350
4200 Grants for Services	16,000
4300 Grants Clients/Operating	66,000
5810 Hunger Walk	1,000
Grand Re-opening event	30,000
Total Income	<u>188,350</u>
Expense	
7200 · Payroll expenses	
7210 · Director's salary	37,000
7220 · Admin assistant	15,600
Case manager	16,500
7250 · Other payroll expenses	6,000
Total Payroll expense	75,100
7500 · Contract service expenses	12,800
8100 · Non-personnel expenses/Insurance	15,750
8200 · Facility and equipment expense	18,100
8400 · Client service expenses	
8410 · Food cupboard expenses	700
8710 · Food aid to clients	2,400
Grants on behalf of clients	63,500
Total Client service expense	<u>66,600</u>
Total Expense	<u>188,350</u>
In-kind income and expenses	
4100 · Donated goods and services	
4140 · Donated food	87,400
4145 · Donated gift cards	1,000
4150 · Other donated goods	18,000
Total In-kind Income	<u>106,400</u>
8190 · Other expenses	15,000
8710 · Food aid to clients	87,400
Grants on behalf of clients	4,000
Total In-kind Expense	<u>106,400</u>
Total budget (cash and in-kind)	<u><u>294,750</u></u>

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

ITEM	AMOUNT	COMMENT
Food Purchases	\$4500.00	Food to supplement food cupboard supply as in-kind donations are depleted; Food to help GACM provide a week's food supply to clients*
Healthy Living/Healthy Eating Workshops Nutrition Budgeting	\$ 500.00	Workshops will be offered in conjunction with food cupboard service
Total	\$5000.00	

IMPORTANT NOTE: GACM expects to increase its food donations in budget line 4100 by \$40,000 to provide a week's supply of food to clients; thus, making its overall in-kind donations of food increase from \$87,400 to \$127,400. We are working with congregations and schools to accomplish this goal. We are also seeking \$15,000 in financial contributions from congregations, foundations and individuals that will be directed for food cupboard use (budget line item 4000).

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST 3 –**

How do you plan to use the requested funds?

How will the funds specifically 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;
- reach our goal of providing enough food to clients for a week starting in the Spring of 2015; and,
- provide workshops on healthy eating and healthy living.

GACM clients reflect sadly the report about Philadelphia and deep poverty: “Already the poorest big city in America, Philadelphia also has the highest rate of deep poverty - people with incomes below half of the poverty line - of any of the nation's 10 most populous cities. Philadelphia's deep-poverty rate is 12.2 percent, or nearly 185,000 people, including about 60,000 children. That's almost twice the U.S. deep-poverty rate of 6.3 percent.” Philadelphia Inquirer September 25, 2014

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. Education on food nutrition is helpful to our clients as they make their food choices. 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.

Educating the GACM client about healthy eating and healthy living will help ameliorate some of the issues that are contributing to poverty and put our clients in a better position to maintain good health and pursue employment, and engage in educational activities that will put them on the road to employment and healthier living.