

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2019



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to an internal ministry of an American Baptist church which provides direct benefit to children. The church must be in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or stipends, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church of Omaha (FBCO)
Mailing Address: 421 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68131
Phone: 402-345-5009 Federal Tax ID#: 47-0402356
Name of Region: American Baptist Churches of Nebraska (ABC/NE)
Contact person (person completing this form): Jeri Shelor
Email of contact person: jshelor1@cox.net

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Children's Ministry - Family Night Life (FNL) [Wednesday Night Program]

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

Provide nutritious meals for Children and Youth attending FNL for one school year - ends on May 6, 2020 (32 weeks)

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

Provide a free nutritious meal for Children and Youth attending FNL and help them learn how to make good food choices

Help Children and Youth know that God loves them and so does FBCO

5. Total cost of the project: \$4,975

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,040

7. List other funding source(s): Meals - weekly meal contributions from adults (averaged \$20.00 per week in 2018, allow \$30 per week in 2019/2020); Other Associated Expenses - budgeted funds
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) ,First Baptist Church of Omaha, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Jeri Shelor (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 09/01/19

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to internal ministries of an American Baptist Church in good standing with their Region which provides direct services to or for children. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches or ministries where a church partners with other organizations; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the detailed budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the ABC church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement of no more than a few sentences on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project here. You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to: fund staff positions, salaries or stipends; for capital improvements to church facilities; to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs; or to maintain a "Rainy Day" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church or region will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) JS

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

First Baptist Church of Omaha

Matthew 25 Grant Proposal

Family Night Life Program

First Baptist Church of Omaha (FBCO) is an inner city church located in a neighborhood that is going through a transformation. Old buildings are being torn down while new buildings are going up. In the shadows of these modern apartment buildings, there are still people living in poverty. Being an inner city church has its financial challenges and our income barely covers our monthly expenses with some months in the red; however, God is faithful in meeting our needs. FBCO celebrated our 160th anniversary in 2018. We firmly believe God continues to have a mission and a purpose for our Congregation and we are committed to sharing God's Word and living the gospel here in Midtown Omaha. We feel this is exemplified in our Vision Portfolio which is provided in Attachment A.

The Congregation at FBCO is very committed to our outreach activities for our Children and Youth. A Pie Auction is held yearly to raise funds for Camp Scholarships, a Back-To-School-Carnival which provides free backpacks and school supplies, and Vacation Bible School. This year an Easter Egg Hunt was held at Dewey Park and was open to the neighborhood. All of the candy and eggs were donated by the FBCO Congregation. The Christmas Wrap-Up program is held in December and all of the gifts are donated by the FBCO Congregation. Our Youth went to South Dakota on a Mission Trip this summer. We have Sunday School Classes for all ages and Bibles are given to Children going into third grade.

Our Wednesday night outreach program, Family Night Life (FNL), will be starting on September 4 with a new curriculum, program format, and focus. FNL will be promoted as a program for the whole family and will encourage participation from all members. There is Kids Life and four12Youth. Adults can choose to participate in Bible Study or Music Groups or assist with Kids Life. In the past, the majority of the Children and Youth attending our Wednesday night outreach program have been from FBCO and the American Karen Baptist Church¹ (AKBC) who worships in our building. This year we want to have a heightened awareness of FBCO in the neighborhood and a larger neighborhood presence attending Family Night Life. The attendance for Family Night Life averaged around 50 people last year. This year we would like to see an average attendance of 70 or more.

FNL starts out with a meal. We have been trying to provide more nutritious meals with plenty of food for second helpings. A member of our congregation, Niki Kubiak, RD, CSSD, prepares the menus and coordinates the volunteers who help with the meal. Niki is a registered dietician and a certified specialist in sports dietetics. We feel this part of our program is very beneficial to our Children and Youth. It encourages them to try new foods and learn about healthy food.

After the meal, the Children will attend four sessions including Large Group, Bible Time, Recreation, and Music while the Youth have Recreation and Bible/Study Time. There is a point program for the Children where they earn points for attendance, helping serve the meal, bringing their Bibles, memorizing Bible verses, praying for the meal, bringing friends, encouraging others, etc. In December, we have a Christmas Wrap-Up program where the Children purchase gifts for their family members with their points. This allows some of the Children to give gifts that typically wouldn't be able to. It helps the Children learn how to budget their points and make decisions.

For the last few years, we have only charged the Adults for the Wednesday night meals but not all of the Adults are able to contribute and some Adults don't attend the meals. It has been a challenge to provide healthy meals with plenty of food. FBCO would like to use the Matthew 25 grant money to fund the FNL meals so we can continue to offer nutritious meals with plenty to eat at no cost to the Children and Youth. Please see Attachment B for the FNL budget.

God is working miracles every day in our neighborhood and FBCO is blessed to be a part of His Ministry in this community. We want to show our Children and Youth they are treasured human beings who are dearly loved by God and created in his image. We believe Family Night Life will help our Children and Youth find hope in a God that loves them and a Church who is living the gospel. Thank you for considering our grant proposal for Family Night Life Meals at First Baptist Church of Omaha. We appreciate this opportunity.

¹ Our Karen Brothers and Sisters are refugees who have relocated to our area due to severe persecution in their native Myanmar.

**First Baptist Church of Omaha
Matthew 25 Grant Proposal
Family Night Life Program
Attachment A
Vision Portfolio**

The FBCO Vision Portfolio is provided below.

Mission

"We exist to equip people to live out the gospel in everyday life, loving God, loving all people, in midtown Omaha and beyond."

Vision

"Living the Gospel in Midtown and Beyond"

Slogan

"Living the Gospel"

Image



Logo



The mission statement for our Family Night Life (FNL) program is provided below.

Mission

"To lead kids, teens, and their families to the person of Jesus Christ and help them grow in relationship with him."

**First Baptist Church of Omaha
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Family Night Life Program
Attachment B
Budget**

Family Night Life Program Budget ¹		\$ Amount
Year 1 - 09/04/19 Through 05/06/20		
Expenses		
Meals (32 weeks at \$125 per week) ²		\$4,000
Meal Supplies (plates, bowls, cups, silverware, napkins, disposable gloves, trash bags, etc.)		\$500
New Curriculum		\$200
Promotion (2 banners)		\$275
Total		\$4,975
Income		
Adult Meal Charges (2 weeks at \$20 per week) ³		\$40
Adult Meal Charges (30 weeks at \$30 per week)		\$900
Special Designated Meal Funds - 09/04/19 Through 10/14/19 (Prior To Grant Money)		\$65
Budget Meal Funds Remaining - 09/04/19 Through 10/14/19 (Prior To Grant Money)		\$525
Meal Supplies (plates, bowls, cups, silverware, napkins, disposable gloves, trash bags, etc.)		\$500
New Curriculum		\$200
Promotion (2 banners)		\$275
Total		\$2,505
Grant Proposal ⁴		
Meals - 10/15/19 Through 05/06/20 (26 weeks at \$95 per week)		\$2,470
Income Grand Total - Year 1		\$4,975
Year 2 Meals Only - 09/09/20 Through 10/14/20		
Expenses		
Meals (6 weeks at \$125 per week)		\$750
Income		
Adult Meal Charges (6 weeks at \$30 per week)		\$180
Grant Proposal ⁴		
Meals (6 weeks at \$95 per week)		\$570
Income Grand Total - Year 2 Meals Only		\$750

Total Grant Proposal - Meals ⁴		
Year 1 - 10/15/19 Through 05/06/20		\$2,470
Year 2 - 09/09/20 Through 10/14/20		\$570
Total		\$3,040

¹ Family Night Life is held 32 weeks during the school year (will not be held four times around the holidays)

² 70 Guests + 30 Second Plates (Second Helpings) = 100 Plates
100 Plates At \$1.25 Per Plate = \$125 Per Week (Per Meal)

³ Adult activities start on 09/18/19 - income from adults assisting with FNL first two weeks
Note: Not all adults who attend activities attend meals

⁴ Grant proposal was for one complete year - meal funds for Year 2 will allow us to determine number of participants and decide if meal charges need to be enacted for all participants