

## 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: South Valley Community Church

Mailing Address: 25 Willow Drive, Lemoore CA 93245

Phone: 5593054313

Federal Tax ID#: 94-1639139

Name of Region: Growing Healthy Churches

Contact person (person completing this form): Gilbert Foster, Executive Pastor

Email of contact person: gilbert@whenigrowup-global.com

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?

Global Missions for our mission partner Furaha Community Foundation, Huruma Kenya

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.

We will use these monies to help fund a safe-house for 8 of the most vulnerable, at-risk young girls who are a part of Furaha Community Primary School in Huruma. The monies will pay for the daily essentials needed for the girls to live in the small but safe apartment building. (More detailed page attached.)

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?

The funds will bring protection to the most vulnerable children who are living in the midst of dire poverty. The girls in the safe-house are there because most are orphaned due to HIV and diseases associated with extreme poverty. Some of them face violence brought about by living in a slum where 50% of girls between 12-19 have been physically or sexually abused, Without the safe-house project the children would be abused and face disease, no schooling, and likely early death. The safe-houses literally save lives.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5,808 per year operating costs
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): other churches help fund the safe houses including The Well, Modesto (another GHC church) and individual donors through When I Grow Up our missions partners. These funds are for one of three safe-houses being run by Furaha.
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) South Valley Community Church, 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): Gilbert Foster (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: July 1, 2019

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **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) GF

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

## **South Valley Community Church, Lemoore CA**

### **Additional description of proposed funding project with Matthew 25 2019 grant monies.**

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For 50% of the girls living in the Huruma slum, Nairobi Kenya will be subjected to physical or sexual abuse before the age of 19 years old.

Additionally currently 40% of the girls within the Furaha Community Primary School in Huruma are either HIV+ or are orphaned as a result of their parents being HIV+.

With these risks and the difficult and heart-breaking circumstances of many children, the Furaha Community Foundation operate three safe-houses where the most vulnerable, at-risk young girls and boys go for protection and a safe place to live. In addition they get to attend the Furaha primary School.

Each safe house has a resident matron or patron.

Each safe-house looks after between 8-10 girls or boys. (Currently they have one boys safe-house and two girls safe-houses).

They provide a bed, daily meals, tutoring re their school work, daily devotions, medical and social care for the most vulnerable – either for a specific period or through their entire schooling years.

In this caring, safe environment the girls and boys find love, care and hope.

South Valley Community Church has been helping Furaha and the safe-houses for several years and with the growth of a third safe-house are applying to enable this third safe-house to help more young vulnerable girls find safety and protection.

## South Valley Community Church, Lemoore CA

### Budget of funding a safe-house in Huruma slum, Kenya with Matthew 25 2019 grant monies.

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#### Regular monthly (annual) costs:

	Monthly	Annual (all US \$'s)
Salary of resident matron	125.00	1,500.00
Utilities	60.00	720.00
Rent of house	115.00	1,380.00
Food for girls	110.00	1,320.00
Toiletries for girls	74.00	888.00
<b>Total costs</b>	<b><u>484.00</u></b>	<b><u>5,808.00</u></b>

#### One off costs:

School uniforms	256.00 (every two years)
Beds = sheets etc.	872.00
<b>Total one-offs</b>	<b><u>1,128.00</u></b>



## South Valley Community Church

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**The Purpose of our Church is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ**

Connecting

Growing

Serving

Sharing