

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 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 or Region: [Second African American Meeting House Corporation of Twelfth Baptist Church \(SAMHTBC\)](#)

Mailing Address: [150 Warren Street, Boston, MA 02119](#)

Phone: [617-442-7855](#) Federal Tax ID#: [222-48-6350](#)

Region:

Contact person (person completing this form): [Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.](#)

Email: atgerald@tbcboston.org

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA: [Yes](#)

Church Region Other, please explain

Does your church contribute to United Mission? Yes No Yes

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? [Yes](#)

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? No

[The \\$500 that we received in 2017 was used to subsidized slots for childcare slots for indigent families.](#)

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

[Childcare Program](#)

If this application is being submitted on behalf of another organization or ministry, you agree to be the fiscal agent for any grant funds awarded. (Please initial)

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 to single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

[The funds will provide childcare subsidies to school aged students.](#)

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?

Through sponsoring access to quality childcare education, we can revitalize the ability of poor families to thrive on limited financial resources. Each scholarship will provide the assistance needed to help in the climb out of poverty in Warren Gardens and Orchard Gardens subsidized housing rental developments where low income families reside in the surrounding community.

5. Total cost of the project: \$429,300.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s):
[Boston Baptist Social Union](#)
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 [The Second African Meeting House Corporation of Twelfth Baptist 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 [Reverend Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.](#)
Date: [September 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.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Applicants must be a recognized ABC church, Region office or organization directly affiliated with an ABC organization such as ABCUSA, ABHMS and IM.

An ABC church or region may submit an application for a ministry they are supporting. If a grant is awarded, the church or region assumes fiscal responsibility for the use of these funds.

Checks will be made payable to the ABC church, region or affiliated organization. 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 on where the money will be spent and not include a narrative of the ministry project.

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.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund," 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 specific 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. ATG

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

Rev. Arthur T. Gerald

SAMHTBC MINISTRY / PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Second African Meeting House of Twelfth Baptist Church (SAMH/TBC) is a non-profit charitable corporation that provides a broad array of religious and community services primarily to the Roxbury neighborhood of greater Boston. These services include affordable and low income housing, a licensed (2004) after school childcare program for children of low income families, a licensed (1988) Christian preschool childcare program, a food pantry, a clothing thrift shop, transportation services, senior programs and veterans activities. In addition to administrative functions, the building is also made available for community meetings, gatherings and events geared to education and social justice at no cost.

Warren Gardens is in the center of the Circle of Promise, a five mile section of Boston in which families of public school students need enhanced economic and educational resources to improve academic achievement and financial stability. SAMH/TBC has worked independently and where possible, has coalesced with government, universities and the private sector to acquire resources that break the bonds of poverty, improve student achievement and improve the quality of life in housing for the poor living in this section. These families are income restricted and strapped by a high cost of living. Childcare expenses are prohibitive and their children are unable to benefit from the educational, social and development experience that our childcare ministry affords.

With funding from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, SAMH/TBC can directly impact the ability of families to engage impoverished children in structured programming geared to motivate academic achievement and ultimately, to end a disabling life of poverty, insufficiency and underdevelopment.

SAMHTBC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Twelfth Baptist Church through the Second African Meeting House Corporation is to extend the Love of God to others through the Good News and providing Christ centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves.

The historic Twelfth Baptist Church, an affiliate of the American Baptist Churches, USA, seeks to serve the community through ministries that will build people of Purpose, of Power, of Praise and of Prayer! By doing this, we will endeavor to advance the Kingdom work of God through presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing ministries so the Sinners may become justified, the Saints sanctified, the Church edified, the Word of God magnified and Christ glorified! PURPOSE is revealed by teaching and preaching the uncompromised Word of God. POWER is revealed by the empowerment of the believers to fulfill his/her creative purpose. PRAISE is revealed by and through the believer in their individual and corporate acts of worship.

Tenets

We seek to honor Jesus Christ through meaningful worship and praise!

We seek to nourish and strengthen the believer through Bible teaching and Prayer!

We seek to serve each other in and with unselfish love!

We seek to share the Gospel with the community around us with compassion for the Lost!

We seek to be a church of much PRAYER!

As Bible believers, we are obligated to spreading the gospel to all people and invite them to fellowship, regardless of race, religion, creed, age or ethnicity. We are courageously committed to social justice and to showing the love of God in our ministries and missions.

SAMHTBC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Income Projections	
1	Rental Income - Affordable Housing	368,000.00
2	Student Fees	113,000.00
3	Grants Received	40,000.00
4	Matthew 25 Grant Funding - Warren Gardens	5,000.00
	Total Projected Income	\$526,000.00
	Expense Projections	
	Administration	
1	Property Management	45,500.00
2	Legal/Accounting	10,000.00
3	Office Expenses and Supplies	3,500.00
4	Postage and Delivery	500.00
5	Telephone	3500.00
6	Filing Fees	400.00
7	Bank Service Charge	1,900.00
8	Insurance	8,700.00
9	Property Taxes	43,000.00
10	Miscellaneous	1,300.00
11	Mortgage Interest	26,000.00
	Total Administration Expense	144,300.00
	Building Operations Expenses	
1	Custodial	15,000.00
2	Electricity	13,000.00
3	Water and Sewer	17,000.00
4	Domestic Gas	22,000.00
5	Building Supplies	4,000.00
6	Maintenance	9,500.00
7	Building Equipment Repairs	32,000.00
8	Unit Turnover	21,000.00
	Total Building Operations Expense	133,500.00
	Building Exigencies	
1	Vacancies	5,000.00
2	Rent Concessions	80,000.00
	Total Building Exigencies	85,000.00

SAMHTBC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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	After School Program Operating	
1	Personnel	72,700.00
2	Fringe - Payroll	6,975.00
3	Office Processing Expenses	2800.00
3	Program Supplies	13,000.00
5	Bank Fees	1,100.00
6	License and Permits	1,020.00
7	Field Trips	4,000.00
8	Telephone	800.00
9	Advertising	700.00
10	Stipends	30000.00
11	Scholarships	5000.00
11	Projected Matthew 25 Grant for Warren Gardens	5000.00
	Total Student Program Operating Expenses	143,395.00
12	BBSU Grant Expenses	20,300.00
	Total BBSU Expense	20,300.00
	Total Projected Expenses	526,495.00

Budget Summary

Total Projected Income	526,000.00
Total Administration Expenses	144,300.00
Total Building Operations	133,500.00
Total Exigencies	85,000.00
Total Student Program Expenses	143,395.00
Total BBSU Expenses	20,300.00
Total Expenses	\$526,495.00
Projected Difference	-\$495.00

From: Marcella Brown <marcelladixbrown@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 11:18 AM
To: KIERNAN, Tina <Tina.Kiernan@abc-usa.org>
Subject: Re: ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application - 2019

Tina,

Thank you for asking. We will give one scholarship to each of five (5) families for 20 weeks at a rate of \$50.00 per week. The program cost per child is \$108.00 per week. If you need further clarification, please let us know. Thank you again.

Blessings,

Marcella

On Sep 4, 2019, at 9:40 AM, KIERNAN, Tina <Tina.Kiernan@abc-usa.org> wrote:

Marcella,

I received the Matthew 25 Grant application and supporting documents. I do, however, have a question about the cost of the childcare program. The Discernment Team will need to know if the "scholarships" are for a week, month, or day and what each cost per child is. If possible, please provide the information before Monday as I will be sharing the applications with the group at that time.

Thank you,

Tina

From: Marcella Dix Brown <marcelladixbrown@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 9:23 PM
To: KIERNAN, Tina <Tina.Kiernan@abc-usa.org>
Subject: ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application - 2019

Hello Ms. Turner,

Twelfth Baptist Church is submitting the attached application for your consideration.

Thank you