

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: Urban Grace Church

Mailing Address: 902 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

Phone: 253-272-2184

Federal Tax ID#: 91-0577139

Name of Region: Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Contact person (person completing this form): Jennifer Dean

Email of contact person: jdean@urbangrace.org

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?

Community Breakfast 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.

Funds received from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant would be used to offset the costs of food and direct service supplies so that we can use other income to purchase approximately 35 tables (round and rectangular) and four table racks. (See attached for full ministry description)

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?

Our location in downtown Tacoma provides us with the unique opportunity to minister to and provide services for a diverse community of people and families. Our central location also makes us easily accessible to families who are in need of the basic necessities of food, shelter, and clothing within our community. Guests of our Community Breakfast program are hungry for sustenance and community. With a team of volunteers from our church and other churches in the area such as Peninsula Baptist and Grace Baptist, a free, hearty, and hot breakfast is served along with fellowship, conversation, and even songs led by one of the guests on occasion. Once a month we partner with University of Washington's Physicians'

Assistant program to provide a foot care clinic where guests can get care for neglected feet as well as basic medical check ups like blood pressure checks, etc. During the colder months, we have often also provided donated blankets and socks to our guests. Throughout the year, volunteer groups collect items such as children's christmas gifts, hygiene supplies, etc. that are also given out. Many of the breakfast guests also seek spiritual nourishment and attend our church's worship services as well.

The Community Breakfast Program meets a vital need in our community. Since the Breakfast Program began in 1995, the amount of homeless and low income in Tacoma has increased, causing even more strain on local social service agencies. As a church, providing this one meal a week and giving people access to resources helps us to contribute to alleviating those in poverty in our neighborhoods. Over the years, a community of volunteers and guests has developed and many would call it a family. This program provides more than just food. Not only are our community partnerships providing resources to help alleviate poverty, but it gives volunteers a purpose beyond themselves and guests a dignity and fellowship of friends to come home to each week.

5. Total cost of the project: \$6180
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000
7. List other funding source(s): Individuals, Ben B. Cheney Foundation
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) Urban Grace 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): Jennifer Dean (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 08/15/19

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) JD

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

Ministry Description:

For over 24 years, our Community Breakfast program has provided sustenance and fellowship to hundreds of guests on a weekly basis. We open our doors every Sunday morning to approximately 250+ people including families with children and minors. We estimate about 25% of our guests are children or minors and an additional 20% are bringing the resources we provide back to their families that are not in attendance that day. For families that have experienced chronic homelessness, for the recently homeless, and for food insecure families the breakfast is a safe, welcoming place. Some have attended for years. Many of our volunteers have also been serving with the breakfast for decades. They too have found a family to return to each week.

The Community Breakfast program provides a rare opportunity to host many homeless and low-income in one room, so we partner with local social service organizations to connect those in need with the tools and services that address their long-term needs. Three years ago, we formed a successful partnership with University of Washington Tacoma's Physician's Assistant program to provide a monthly foot care clinic that addresses the serious foot needs of the homeless that are often wearing ill-fitting shoes and walking for hours on end. Community Healthcare has also begun coming in on a regular basis to take blood pressure, check medications, and encourage individuals to take advantage of the free healthcare they offer. We've also partnered with organizations that have helped people sign up for healthcare insurance and food stamps.

Though a crucial program of our church, the Community Breakfast has never been a line item in our general church budget. The generous donations of church and community members as well as grants and bequests have kept this program running for over 20 years. Our coordinators are very frugal and food is frequently donated as well. There has not been a Sunday missed in 24 years due to lack of funding, but it has been tough at times.

The Community Breakfast Program uses most of its limited funds on food and, as a result, we've had to make do with ageing equipment and space. We are grateful for the generosity of donors and grants such as the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant that has helped us make some of these improvements over the past few years, particularly in our large kitchen and fellowship hall which the Community Breakfast program uses.

In the past several years we have seen a steady increase in attendance at the breakfast. The state of affordable housing in our area is a dire situation and many families find themselves without shelter and/or the basic needs to provide for themselves. This increase of guests has compounded the need for additional, well-functioning, and durable folding tables and racks in order to serve our breakfast guests comfortably and at full capacity. Because of the amount of intense use of these tables, we are often spending limited staff time on fixing broken parts or moving them around the church because there are not enough in any one space to also serve our Community Breakfast needs. Increasing our total number as well as replacing broken tables and racks would save time and wear and tear on this equipment.

Funds received from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant would be used to offset the costs of food and direct service supplies so that we can use other income to add to and replace the current tables and racks. This equipment would greatly increase our efficiency each Sunday and help us to sustain a ministry of hospitality, welcome and resources in the coming months and years.

Mission Statement:

To DEVELOP and to BE a church in downtown Tacoma that serves the city and its people by proclaiming the Good News of God's love, grace, and justice revealed in Jesus Christ.

Community Breakfast Program Budget**Income**

Individuals	\$8,772.00
Organizations	\$100.00
Other + Savings	\$1,200.00
TOTAL	\$10,072.00

Expenses

Food & Supplies	\$9,168.00
Community Outreach	\$265.00
Administration	\$135.00
TOTAL	\$9,568.00

NET DIFFERENCE	\$504.00
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Administration	\$135.00	
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NET DIFFERENCE	(\$5,676.00)	