

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



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 ministries of an American Baptist church 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. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements 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: New Creation Baptist Church

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Name of Region: cleveland

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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?

Great Expectation Ministries Music Education Project

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.

The requested funds would be used to provide music instruction in piano and drums for 18 students. The funds will be used to purchase materials for youth in the music classes and to purchase equipment for the youth drum line.

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?

This project can assist in battling poverty by providing youth with the opportunity to develop discipline and improve the program participants self-esteem and academics. These funds will also assist in developing youth with musical potential. They will become the next generation of musicians in our community and community churches. See attachment.

5. Total cost of the project: \$15,300.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4,000.00

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### **PROJECT NARRATIVE**

This project is a continuation of the music project initiated in 2016 for which New Creation Baptist Church received a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 through the American Baptist Children in Poverty Grant. The project is designed to provide music classes and piano instruction for a minimum of 10 children. This project was birthed as a result of the lack of music education in our local school system which is in academic distress. This project was seen not only as a means of providing piano instruction to at-risk children but also to capitalize on the studies that indicate that music instruction has been shown to have a positive influence on academic performance and self-esteem. The project was initiated with 16 children being enrolled. However, due to the transient nature of the demographics of the community in which the church is located, maintaining continuity in the lesson plan was a challenge. However at the end of the grant cycle, 6 children participated in their first piano recital with 3 children not yet ready to perform as they replaced children that had dropped out of the program as a result of relocation. Academically, 67% of the 9 children registered in the program did show improvement of a minimum of one grade higher in at least once academic subject. This statistic is somewhat skewed in that 3 of the children had not been enrolled in the program long enough to determine whether or not their participation would have an academic impact. 3 of the 6 students have shown an aptitude in the music area and it is significant to note that the instructor has indicated that if they continue to apply themselves they would be ready to play for church worship services in 2018.

The Great Expectation Music Project is working to continue to build upon and expand this music project by developing a drummer component. Several youth in the community have expressed an interest not in piano but in learning to play the drums. It is the intent to add a drum class to be taught as well as the continuation of the piano class. The goal for the drum class will be to take at-risk boys and develop a drum line where they will not only become proficient in marketable drumming skills but also develop the necessary discipline that comes alongside performing in a drum line.

The Great Expectations Music Project plans to have 7 students in the piano class from age 11-17, 7 students in the drum class from age 10-17 and 4 students in the piano class ages 7-10.

A piano recital will once again be performed by all participating piano students on June 24, 2018. The students in the drum line will have their first performance as they march in the city's Annual International Festival in the third week in July (date TBD).

## MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT

Great Expectation Ministries is the outreach ministry of New Creation Baptist Church. GEMS will serve to create an environment where second chances are available and new tomorrows are possible by providing residential, educational, social, emotional and vocational services for the development of enhancement of community life.

## PROJECTED PROJECT BUDGET

\$ 3,600.00	\$35.00 p/wk stipend for Oberlin Conservatory Students providing class room instruction in music theory (2 age groups) and instruction in piano and drums (Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> 2017 through June 24 <sup>th</sup> 2018
\$ 5,200.00	\$70.00 p/wk for classroom monitor and practice Sessions (2 hours on Sunday and 1 hour during the week) excluding Christmas and Easter week
\$ 2,500.00	Project Manager and Grant developer (50 weeks)
\$ 4,000.00	Supplies for instruction and equipment for the drum line
<b>\$15,300.00</b>	<b>Project Total for 2017-2018</b>

# New Creation Music Program 2017-2018 Equipment Budget

Item	Cost
26x14 Bass Drum	\$465.99
20x14 Bass Drum	\$386.99
16x14 Bass Drum	\$324.99
14" Marching Snare, plus harness	\$379.99
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16" Marching Cymbals	\$109.99
Marching Quints	\$369.99
Quint Harness	\$109.99
Bass Drum Harness	\$99.99
Bass Drum Harness	\$99.99
Bass Drum Harness	\$99.99
Snare Drum Sticks	\$100
2 pairs Vic Firth Corpsmaster Medium Aluminum Multi-Tenor Mallet	\$54
Bass Drum Sticks	\$300
Manuscript Books 20	\$76.60
Folders 25	\$44.40
144 Pencils	\$20
2 26" Bass Drum Heads	\$85
2 20" Bass drum Heads	\$76
2 16" Bass drum Heads	\$74
2 14" Snare Drum Heads	\$47
Quint Heads 14",12", 10", 8", 6"	\$79
Cyber Acoustics 2.1 Computer Speaker with Subwoofer	\$40
Total	\$3,823.94