

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 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: Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 446, Crab Orchard, WV 25827

Phone: 304-252-2610

Federal Tax ID#: 550646176001

Name of Region: West Virginia Baptist Convention

Contact person (person completing this form): Sue Swepston

Email of contact person: cslake@suddenlink.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?

N. O. W. = Neighbors On Wheels

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.

To show the love of God by

(A) providing week-end backpack food for students in the local elementary school

(B) to go into local neighborhoods to conduct whole-neighborhood visits and events to encourage and provide food for our neighbors in an economically depressed area

(C) to provide emergency underwear and clothing for the local elementary school

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?

(A) The funds will (1) provide food for underprivileged and at-risk children on the week-ends through the backpack ministry, (2) provide emergency clothes for school children, and (3) provide food for families facing hunger challenges.

(B) Impact on Target Group: We hope to build relationships, alleviate hunger, and persuade our neighbors that they are loved and valued by God, and by us.

5. Total cost of the project: \$15,000
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): Church budgeted amount and personal donations
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) Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church, N.O.W = Neighbors On Wheels, 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): Sue Swepston (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 28, 2018

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 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 include non-ABC churches; 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 budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the 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 on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy 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 and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, 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 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 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) SS

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

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Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church
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Mission Statement

To share God's love in a practical way across the street in neighboring communities.

Projected Budget

Projected 2019 Budget

N.O.W. = Neighbors on Wheels Ministry

Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church

Income:

Allocation from Church Annual Budget	\$7,000.00	
Personal Donations	3,000.00	
Matthew 25 Grant*	5,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$15,000.00

Expenditures:

Backpacks/Food for approx. 155 children 35 weeks @ \$310.00/week	\$10,850.00	
Neighborhood Visits with Activity & Food 5 months @ \$230.00/month	1,150.00	
Neighborhood Visits during winter with Gloves, hats, batteries, valentines, etc. 5 months @ \$200.00/month	1,000.00	
Neighborhood Celebration 1 per year	500.00	
School Underwear Closet (emergency clothing)	1,000.00	
Operating Supplies	500.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$15,000.00

*Projected budget includes maximum Matthew 25 Grant. If this is not received, proposed expenditures will be revised.

#3: The N.O.W. = Neighbors On Wheels Ministry Statement

The NOW Team was formed following “Missional Church Learning Experience” training in 2011 with the American Baptist Home Mission Society. After much prayer and soul-searching, the team felt that God was leading us to go “outside” the walls of the church in order to form loving, trusting relationships with families living in the vicinity of the church. **Our mission statement, “To share God’s love in a practical way across the street in neighboring communities”** has been our guide. The N.O.W. (Neighbors On Wheels) Outreach Team leaves their base location at Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church and goes into the community in a variety of ways, some of which are listed below.

1. **Mini-Mobile Food Bank.** Taking a N.O.W. trailer stocked with basic food items, the team goes weekly to local low-income family and individual apartment complexes. With an emphasis on single moms, all residents are provided with food items secured by the team. The items met with the most enthusiasm have been apples and milk.
2. **Friday Backpacks.** Week-ends are often long and lean for children facing food shortages. During the last school year, we *weekly* provided 150 students with bags of food for the week-end. Examples of the items included: oatmeal, juice boxes, granola bars, shelf milk, single-serve canned pasta, raisins, etc. The schools we served were Crab Orchard Elementary and Sophia-Soak Creek Elementary. With the upcoming school year, a new consolidated elementary school has opened, and students from a third elementary will be joining the students we previously served at the new Ridgeview Elementary School. We are dedicated to serving the needs of *all* students at Ridgeview who are facing food shortages.
3. **Underwear Closet.** Boys and girls underwear is provided in all sizes to the above mentioned schools. School counselors reached out to us and explained that emergency situations arise when students need a change of clothing. While outerwear was often available, underwear was not. We provide new underwear at the beginning of the school year, and restock during the year as the need arises.
4. **Food Bank-on-Location.** Two times a month—near the middle of the month and at the end of the month when family funds reach a low point, families in the area are invited to come to the N.O.W. base location to receive a food pack.

These services are costly, and we are always seeking funding. When sufficient funding is secured, N.O.W. has a vision of establishing food outlets for senior citizens, adding foods of greater nutritional value, increasing the number of days our on-location food bank is open, and increasing the mini-mobile food pantry sites.

Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history of supporting Baptist missions throughout the state, nation, and world. However, never had a mission target been “across the street” in the form of a mobile food pantry servicing economically challenged neighborhoods where the probability of improvement remains an uphill climb. We go to lend a helping hand and to share the love of Jesus Christ in the community in a positive way—hoping to both feed the body and soul. We strive to improve the nutrition of the children and their families by providing taste tests of new foods, and by sharing healthy recipes along with the ingredients to prepare the food. A small non-threatening reminder of God’s love is left with each family in the form of a Christian children’s book or puzzle, a prayer card, or scripture card.

The alleviation of hunger while sharing the love of our God remains our focus, thus allowing the children and their families to reach their God-given potential. The Matthew 25 Grant would go a very long way in helping us fill this need. If approved for the Matthew 25 grant, we will be able to continue serving His children.