

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA 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 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to *directly assist* persons described above. The applying ministry must be directly affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to submit an application. Only one application per church or region will be considered within a 24-month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day fund, church benevolent fund, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region 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: Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church

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

Phone: 304-252-2610

Federal Tax ID#: 550646176001

Region: West Virginia Baptist Convention

Contact person (person completing this form): Sue Swepston

Email: cslake@suddenlink.net

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☒ Church ☐ Region ☐ Other, please explain

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 Ministry

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.

To show the love of God by

(A) providing week-end backpack food for students in need at two local elementary schools

(B) to go into local neighborhoods

(1) with activities for the children geared to raise self-esteem

(2) to sponsor a "dumpster day" clean-up campaign for a healthier, safer community

(3) to conduct whole-neighborhood visits and events to encourage and feed our neighbors in an economically depressed area .

(C) to provide emergency underwear and clothing for two elementary schools

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 under-privileged and at-risk children on the week-ends through the back pack program, (2) provide emergency clothes for children, (3) raise morale and

provide a safer neighborhood by assisting with clean-up around the homes of low-income families, (4) assist in arranging minor home repairs and handicapped accessibility in conjunction with American Baptist Men.

(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: \$12,000
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): Church budgeted amount & 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/region/organization name)N.O.W. = Neighbors On Wheels of Crab Orchard Missionary 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 (name of person): Sue Swepston (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 19, 2016

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. (initial here) SS

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

N.O.W. = Neighbors On Wheels
Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 446
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Crab Orchard, WV 25827

Mission Statement

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

Projected Budget

Projected 2017-18 Budget
N.O.W. = Neighbors on Wheels Ministry
Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church

Income:

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| Allocation from Church Annual Budget | \$5,000.00 | |
| Personal Donations | 2,000.00 | |
| Matthew 25 Grant | 5,000.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$12,000.00 |

Expenditures:

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| Backpacks/ Food for approx. 85 children 35 weeks @ \$200.00/week, Or 2,975 individual packs @ \$2.35 each | \$7,000.00 | |
| Dumpster Day/Neighborhood Clean-up | 1,000.00 | |
| Neighborhood Visits with Program & Food 5 months @ \$300.00/month | 1,500.00 | |
| Neighborhood Visits during winter with Gloves, Hats, Valentines, Batteries, etc. 5 months @ \$200.00/month | 1,000.00 | |
| Neighborhood Annual Celebration 1 month @\$500.00 | 500.00 | |
| School Underwear Closet (emergency clothing) | 800.00 | |
| Operating Supplies | 200.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | \$12,000.00 |

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

The NOW Team was formed following "Missional Church Learning Experience" training with Mrs. Glennis LeBarre with the American Baptist Home Mission Society in 2011. 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—but seldom, if ever, attending. **Our mission statement, "To share God's love in a practical way across the street in neighboring communities"** has been our guide. Our first visit into the neighborhood of "Green Valley" took place in January of 2012 when we sponsored "winter games," served hot chocolate, and shared gloves and hats with the children. Since that time, we have held a community event in this neighborhood on a monthly basis. Though the pace has been slow, we have gradually seen the community come to trust us and the doors and hearts have been opened wider in the ensuing four years.

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."

The NOW Team simply goes out into the neighborhood with the goal of reaching those who are not comfortable or interested in attending a church. We go into the community to lend a helping hand and to share the love of Jesus Christ in a positive way. We have hosted many events such as Movie Night (large screen set up on the lawn of a neighborhood partner), Dumpster Day (we provide commercial dumpsters for disposal of household furniture, etc.), satellite Vacation Bible School and Bible School events, Back-to-School Bash (we provide school supplies & jeans), Hot Dog Cook-out, Hamburger Fry, and Pancake Breakfast, Community Carnival (with large blow-up toys for children, games [great fun with water balloon toss, egg toss, 3-legged race, etc. with adults participating] prizes, food, etc.).

The economic forecast for southern West Virginia is bleak. With fossil fuel falling out of favor, the once booming, thriving coal mines are now closed with little hope of re-opening. Families have been left unemployed with little training or opportunity for work in other industries. The impact is wide-spread—beyond the confines of the coal industry. The trickle-down effect has now been felt by every support industry and business in the region. This neighborhood has been affected more than most.

As we grew to know the families in the neighborhood, we recognized the need for a "backpack program" to provide food for children on the week-ends. We are currently supplying food for two local elementary schools—which is a very costly but much-needed project. Alleviation of hunger enables these children to reach their God-given potential. Our past sponsor is no longer able to provide assistance; therefore, the Matthew 25 grant would fill this need. If approved for the Matthew 25 grant, we will be able to continue this program for the children in our neighborhoods who may be the "least of these."