

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: Crossroads Community Church

Mailing Address: 950 S. Clinton St. Stockbridge, MI 49285

Phone: 517-851-7075

Federal Tax ID#: 38-2779239

Region:

Contact person (person completing this form): Brian Johnson

Email: jesusdigyou@yahoo.com

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?

Tide Me Over

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) BJ

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. We will use these funds to essentially provide food for low income children who receive free or reduced lunch over the weekend. Many of the children in our school district are below the poverty line and are malnourished over the weekend when they are unable to receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch at school. We anticipate feeding up to 60 children during the course of the entire school year. With hard work from the church body coupled with generous grants we hope to be able to provide a grocery gift card to each family to use for basic grocery needs while the child is on Christmas break. This is due to the fact that the child will not be receiving any free or reduced breakfast or lunch while on Christmas break. The money provided through the Matthew 25 grant will go directly to buying food that we put in take home sacks for children to bring with them home on a Friday afternoon.

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 children today are powerless to change their current circumstances. It is up to us to step in and be the hands and feet of Jesus to kids who would otherwise go hungry. Just last year we learned of a child who was not enrolled in our Tide Me Over program. His father would not cook for him and he would often go to bed hungry. We partnered with a local teacher to enroll him in the Tide Me Over program. The teacher, out of her own money, bought him a small microwave that he could hide in his room. Each week we made sure that his bag of food had protein rich canned food items that he could microwave so as to have a meal. It's stories like that we turn to time and time again to see the tangible effects we are having on poverty. Aside from the Tide Me Over program we, as a church, open our church facility up once a month for a state run program to come in and help enroll low income families into services that can help them with their financial difficulties. Unfortunately, there are more children who do not receive these services than do. Therefore, our ministry of Tide Me Over is critical to the basic fundamental need of a child to be nourished and fed. Through this effort we can help ensure that a child is receiving food throughout the week.

5. Total cost of the project: 10,000
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: 5,000
7. List other funding source(s): Church mission budget, church members providing non perishable foods for the bags that are being sent home each week, and a local bank providing canned food for the bags that are sent home each week.
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) Crossroads Community 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): Brian Johnson (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 7-7-16

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) BJ

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Rev. Brian Johnson
Senior Pastor

Church Mission Statement: Building bridges of hope and love that lead to wholeness in Jesus Christ.

Tide Me Over Mission Statement: Giving hungry children a taste of the Kingdom of God.

Projected Budget:

60 children x 40 weeks = \$8,000

- Breakdown is \$200 per week
- \$3.33 per child per week (this does not take into consideration the canned food that is being supplied by both the local bank and church congregants)

60 children x 1 Christmas vacation Grocery store gift card = \$2,000

- \$33 per gift card (to help feed the child and their family for the 10 day Christmas break period)
 - Please note that a relationship has been established with the local grocery store in town to provide these families with groceries at cost for the total of the \$33 gift card. Only food items will be honored with the gift card.

** A sample Tide Me Over bag may include the following: 1 jar of peanut butter, 2 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese, 4 single servings of apple sauce, 1 can of baked beans, 2 cans of soup, 1 box of shelf stable milk, and 1 bottle of orange juice