

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: Judson Memorial Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 531 Glendale Ave., Lansing, MI 48910

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Federal Tax ID#: 38-2281817

Region: ABC of Michigan

Contact person (person completing this form): Jerre Ward

Email: jerreward3@juno.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?

Judson Love Clothing Center

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. Please see attached.

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?

Please see attached.

5. Total cost of the project: \$45,000

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

7. List other funding source(s): Please see attached.

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) Judson Memorial 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): Jerre Ward (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 4, 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) jw

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

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Judson Love Clothing Center

The Love Clothing Center began its 27th year of operation in 2016. Because of requests from the Lansing Public School System to address the increasing number of school children in need of adequate school clothing, the Love Clothing Center began its ministry in 1989. In 1992 the School District asked the Center to expand the age limit to include Head Start preschool children..

The Center is affiliated with Lansing Christian Services and Love, Inc. a national charity organization . It serves children and youth size 4T up to and including the huskiest high school wrestler size. Clients are screened for need by Christian Services and sent to the Center with an order to be filled. New jeans, coats, underwear, socks, sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, shoes, shirts, tops, scarfs, gloves and hats are among items given to the children free.

Use of funds:

All grant money will be used to purchase new clothing for impoverished children and youth in the Tri-County area. The Center has given new clothing to over 39,000 children and youth since it began operation in 1989. Due to stores giving serious discounts, aggressive shopping, coupons, discounts, rewards and individual clothing donations the actual monetary value of clothing given to the families free is slightly over \$2,000,000 since it began operation. .

To assist families

These funds will assist families who are struggling. People have lost their jobs, unemployment has run out, the economy is very poor and the increase in the cost of health care, medicine, food, housing, and the general cost of living only increases week after week. Many refugees and immigrants are moving into the area which has increased the cost and effort in operating the Center. We believe children and youth have more self esteem when they can dress as other children in school.

Total cost of project:

While we depend entirely on grants and gifts, our goal is \$40,000 to \$45,000 annually. We are requesting \$5,000 from Matthew 25 grant committee.

Other sources:

Our only source of income is from grants, churches and individuals. None are committed at this time. The Center can not operate without grants. .

Budget and Financial

The Center is in a unique position. There is no administrative cost to operate the Center All money from grants and donations is used exclusively to purchase new clothing for the children and youth. All shopping, sorting, distribution, hanging and servicing the clients is done by volunteers. Volunteers from local churches and Judson volunteered over 45,000 hours since the Center became operational.. The church provides space, utilities, air conditioning , secretarial assistance and phone services to the Center without charge. Inasmuch as there are no expenses and no way of obtaining funds except through solicitation from grants, individuals and churches, we are uncertain what funds we will have to work with during the year. Our goal is \$40,000 to \$45,000 annually. If we don't reach it we will service as many as we can with the funds we receive. We plan to continue operation as long as funds are available.

Financial Report

Balance January 1, 2015	\$27,723.95
Received (includes grant received late 2014)	<u>34,104.48</u>
	61,828.43
Purchase of clothing	<u>27,998.97</u>
Balance December 31, 2015	\$33,829.46
Purchase of clothing January-July 31, 2016	(1,455.52)
Income January-July 31, 2016	<u>1,495.18</u>
Balance July 31, 2016	<u>\$22,869.11 *</u>

* The Center is open longer hours during August and September to prepare children for school, therefore, much of this money will be spent then.

Jeans are the most costly item. Over 2,500 pair of jeans were distributed in 2015. Th cost of children clothing is increasing. The volunteer shoppers are continually looking for sales. Contributions from churches and individuals are not adequate to meet the need of these children. The Center could not operate without grants.

OUR MISSION

Or mission, through the Christian love and support of many volunteers, is to provide new clothing to children and youth in need.