

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: Koinania Camp and Conference Center

Mailing Address: 6810 Cork Cold Springs Rd. Geneva OH 44041

Phone: 440/466-1278

Federal Tax ID#: 34-0711367

Region: -ABC - Ohio

Contact person (person completing this form): Randy L. Brookes

Email: koinaniacamp2003@yahoo.com

Affiliation with American Baptist Churches USA:

☐ Church

☐ Region

☒ Other, please explain Association camp for 2 Associations in ABC - Ohio and for the American Baptist Churches of Cleveland Region.

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?

Koinania Camp Equine 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. The funds will be used to provide scholarships for underprivileged and uninsured children and special needs adults.

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?

Help them heal psychologically and spiritually and strengthen physically so that they can lead richer and more productive lives.

5. Total cost of the project: \$36,000

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

7. List other funding source(s): Akron Baptist Association, Northeast Ohio American Baptist Churches (an association), American Baptist Churches of Cleveland (a Region), The Robert Morrisson Foundation, and numerous other individuals.
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) Koinania amp and Conference Center, 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): Randy L. Brookes (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/25/16

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) RLB

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

Koinania Camp and Conference Center Mission Statement: Changed Lives!

Short enough to remember but long enough to encompass all of the camp ministry. Two words but highly impactful our mission statement sets the bar high but not unattainable. Every aspect of the ministry is geared to encouraging new experiences that will allow for new and different encounters with Christ.

Koinania Camp and Conference Center Equine Ministry

This ministry is designed to offer animal therapy to the physically, socially, economically and mentally handicapped as well as veterans struggling with such issues as PTSD. We are already working with persons with Special Needs and with local courts and social service agencies to help children with whom they come into contact. While we do charge a camp fee, it is very nominal. This is an extremely expensive ministry that has required us to construct a special riding arena and build a specially trained core of volunteers and staff. Also, we currently keep fifteen horses for this ministry.

The impact that this project will have is immense. Especially for poor children and special needs children and adults, such highly specialized care is not readily available. Furthermore, it is either not covered or not fully covered by most insurance companies. When and if Medicaid or Medicare do help cover the program fee, the payment schedule is well below the actual cost of running the program. These programs can be even rarer in many rural areas, a major portion of our service area. Horse riding provides psychological support and exercise in a unique way that is both fun and healing.

We offer a two pronged approach to equine services. The first being Equine Assisted Growth And Learning Association (EAGALA). This prong of the program is a nationally recognized equine assisted psychotherapy program in which participants interact with the horses while remain on the ground. We have Equine Specialists, on our staff, who are fully certified through national EAGALA organization. It is this prong of the program that is reaching out to the court systems, social service providers and Veterans Associations.

The second prong of the program is the portion that offers actual equine mounted activities. These activities include riding lessons and trail rides for both individuals and groups. These riding experiences are offered for those with special needs, including physical, cognitive and social limitations.

Finally, the Christian Camp atmosphere is also a powerful blessing.

Though most of these programs are non-sectarian, many of the weeks for special needs kids are regular Camp weeks. They have all of the fun and fellowship and faith activities that other kids are able to enjoy. With our Riding Center now open, our goal is to reach:

The budget information is provided below. The money requested will be used to fund scholarships for underprivileged and uninsured campers.

Projected Equine Ministry Budget:

Income:

Summer Camp Programs -	\$ 9,000
Summer Rental Group Rides -	\$ 2,500
Year Round Lessons -	\$ 7,500
Equine Assisted Psychotherapy -	\$17,000

Total Income	<u>\$36,000</u>
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Expenses:

Staff / Volunteer Training (EAGALA / CCHA Certifications) -	\$ 5,000
Staff Salaries -	\$ 15,000
Equipment – New and Replacement -	\$ 3,000
Horse Care – Ferrier, Food, Veterinarian -	\$ 5,000
Camper Scholarships -	\$ 8,000

Total Budget -	<u>\$ 36,000</u>
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From: Koinonia Camp [mailto:koinoniacamp2003@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2016 10:10 PM
To: TURNER, Tina <Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org>
Subject: Re: Matthew 25 Grant Application

Yes, I would very much like to submit out fee schedule.

Our summer camp fee for Special Persons Horse Camps run between \$330 and \$370 dollars.

During the off season we do both private and group sessions. The fees for these can run anywhere from \$25 to \$150 per session. The fee schedule is based on what the camper is asking us to do with them.

Our hope is to defer the cost or eliminate it completely for families with financial needs. As we grow we are hoping that programs like Wounded Warrior and court ordered sessions will allow us to continue to offset cost for these families.

As we are in the infant stage of this ministry the possibilities to touch lives seems endless. Thank you for considering our proposal

Eyes on The Prize
Randy

On Friday, September 2, 2016 12:37 PM, "TURNER, Tina" <Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org> wrote:

Thank you for submitting an application for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant. I have reviewed the materials you included and find the application to be complete. However, you are requesting \$5,000 to provide scholarships but the materials do not mention the cost for children to attend the equestrian camp. Would you like to provide additional information for the team to consider?

Blessings,
Tina