

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 ABCUSA 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: Progressive Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 8324 W Keefe Ave Milwaukee WI 53222

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Region: ABC Central

Contact person (person completing this form): Dr Carolyn F Parker

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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?

Progressive Baptist Church Outreach Mission

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) CFP

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. 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?

We pray that our efforts give homeless families some joy and hope during the Christmas Season. We hope to provide these families with help purchasing needed household items when they transition from the shelter to permanent housing.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2000.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1000.00

7. List other funding source(s): Mission fund raisers and membership dues.
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) Progressive Baptist Church Outreach Mission, 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): Dr. Carolyn F Parker (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 9, 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) DRCFP

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

2016 Salvation Army Christmas Wish List Project

The Progressive Baptist Church Outreach Mission uses 1 Peter 4: 10 and 11 as the foundation of our mission statement: "Serve the needs of others through the use of our spiritual gifts so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ."

The Outreach Mission has been working with the Director of the Child Development program at the Salvation Army Emergency Lodge 1730 N 7th Street, Milwaukee, during the Christmas season, to fill the Christmas wishes of the homeless children living at the shelter, since 2009. Over the years there has been an average of 10 families living at the shelter from Thanksgiving through the New Year. The shelter averages 30 children living at the shelter ages new born through 17 years. Our Wish list project provides gifts the children hope to receive for Christmas. Our goal being to share the love of Christ and bring some needed Christian joy to these families, assuring them that they were not forgotten, during this financially challenging time in their lives.

The program director identifies the number of families living at the shelter just after Thanksgiving. There is generally no transition to permanent homes until after the New Year for families living at the shelter during Thanksgiving. Each parent is asked to develop a wish list of two gifts each child has asked to get for Christmas. The director would then develop a list of the children of each family by gender and age, and their two gifts, no names are ever provided.

The program director then forwards the wish list to our ministry. Mission members then go shopping and fill the list, purchasing one of the two gifts listed for each child. The gifts are then wrapped and labeled using the information on the wish list by church members who are experienced professional gift wrappers. The Salvation Army then picks the gifts up and distributed them to the families during the Holiday program at the shelter. In their letters of appreciation, the director has recounted the joy and happiness on the faces of the surprised children and parents when they opened their gifts. Parents expressed much appreciation, often through tears for the level of happiness on the faces of the children in getting just what they wanted for Christmas. Parents were especially surprised by the level of loving care provided by people who will never see the recipients of their kindness. The parents are only told that the gifts come from a local church, due to confidentiality rules.

In discussions with the program director, most of their families have lost everything. Transitioning to permanent homes generally involves starting out with the bare minimum in furnishings and household goods. The director also stated that parents are often overlooked in Christmas gift giving. The outreach mission would have liked extend our giving to provide gifts to the parents this year. The mission would like to help the parents with their transition by providing parents gift cards from Walmart to purchase needed household goods when they transition to permanent homes.

The budget for our 2016 Wish List project will be \$2000.00:

1. \$800. 00 for the children's gifts averaging \$25.00 per gift
2. \$200. 00 for premium wrapping paper, ribbon, bows and labels.
3. \$1000.00 for 10 -\$100 gift cards from Walmart.

The mission will use \$1000.00 in funds from fundraising and mission dues. Our mission would like to use this grant to purchase 10 - \$100. 00 gift cards from Walmart.