

# 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: Send The Light Fellowship

Mailing Address: PO Box 98 Frankford, WV 24938

Phone: (304) 497-4373

Federal Tax ID#: 55-0356998

Region: West Virginia Baptist Convention

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Jim Anderson, president

Email: anderson@wvbc.org

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?

"Love in a Brown Bag" as a ministry of Send the Light Fellowship

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. weekly after school food bags for local elementary students which we call "Love in a Brown Bag"

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?

Many of our students live in outlying areas where poverty is rampant, and with the severe flooding in our county (Greenbrier County) this past June that situation appears to be even worse as many were displaced from homes and we even had one mother of two students we serve drowned. Students have told us this sometimes our brown bag is the only food they have over the weekend as we do the ministry on Fridays after school. For us there is nothing sadder than a hungry child and this 7 year ministry is the only ministry in our area that businesses, service organizations, and other churches support financially.

5. Total cost of the project: \$3,900.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2,000
7. List other funding source(s): us, local businesses, service organizations, and other churches
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)Send The Light Ministry, 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): Rev. Jim Anderson (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8-8-16

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org).
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

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## **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) JA

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

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August 8, 2016

**Explanation about the ministry, "Love in a Brown Bag" for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant request**

If awarded, our home church will use the grant funds to enlarge a 7 year ministry where we give a brown bag of pre-packaged food and drink to the late bus students of our local Frankford Elementary School. We began this ministry through ABC, USA and its Mission Church movement and would like to increase the number of weeks we give out the bags. Right now we give out bags from October through May but would like to give out bags from late September through June. We have been blessed to partner with many of our local businesses, service organizations, and fellow churches of all denominations for funding to help battle the poverty and its effects in our area. Our church buys the food and also prepares the bags during our Saturday evening worship and Bible study time.

Frankford Elementary School, which covers the northern portion of Greenbrier County in southeastern WV, has an 84% free and reduced lunch ratio among its 240 students. Our most at risk students (many of whom do not get a full meal unless at school) ride the late busses and live over 1 hour from the school. For many, this bag of food given out after school on Friday might be the only nutritious food they eat until returning to school on Monday.

Since food cannot be given to students (except for federally provided breakfast and lunch) during the school day by county policy, we target the late school buses meeting that policy with the approval of the principal of the school. Over the past 7 years, Susan Anderson, a member of our fellowship and teacher in the school has had many of her students express their thanks and appreciation for the food which sadly many of them end up sharing with the rest of their families. Every extra week we can give out food at least helps our most at risk students have at least something good to eat.

Thank you for offering this grant, and we pray for your consideration in extending it to our church.

In Christ,

Rev. Jim Anderson, president

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## **Mission Statement**

*A community of believers in Jesus Christ who are striving to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World.*

## **AFFILIATION**

*We are a home church organized in 2009 and in good standing with the Greenbrier Raleigh Association of the WV Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches, USA.*

## **Applying for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant**

*Financial statement for the ministry we are naming:*

**LOVE IN A BROWN BAG** *(giving a brown paper bag of pre-packaged food and drink to late bus students every Friday from October-June at Frankford Elementary School, Frankford, WV)*

*Total cost--\$3900 (\$130 a week for 30 weeks)*

*Funding from Send the Light Fellowship---\$500*

*Funding from local businesses, service organizations, and other churches--  
\$1,600*

*Funding request from ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant--\$2,000*