

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: Woodbury Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 6695 Upper Afton Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125

Phone: 651-738-7700

Federal Tax ID#: 41-1413856

Region: Mid America Region

Contact person (person completing this form): Cindy J. Klatt, Missions Area Leader

Email: cindyjklatt@gmail.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?

The Sheridan Story (<http://www.thesheridanstory.com/>)

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) cjk

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. To provide 25 weekend meals each Friday to elementary school children in need in our community for one school year. (See attached sheet for additional information.)

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?

The funds will be used to provide healthful meals to low-income children over the weekend when they are not in school to receive free or reduced-price meals. In partnership with The Sheridan Story, we hope to make a positive impact on families who might be struggling to put nutritious food on the table. Children will be well-fed and able to concentrate at school, and their parents will be able to stretch their food budget a little further, freeing up funds for other basic needs. When parents enroll their children in the program, they will know that it is supported by Woodbury Baptist Church, a church who cares for people in the community.

5. Total cost of the project: \$3,250
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1,625
7. List other funding source(s): Donations from individuals in our congregation will be solicited as our participation in the program is established. Congregants will be asked to "Adopt a Child" for all, or a portion of the school year. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds from our annual church rummage sale can be used to supplement funding until the ministry is entirely donor-supported.
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) Woodbury 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): Cindy J. Klatt, Missions Area Leader (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/31/16

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) cjk

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

Woodbury Baptist Church

Additional Information Regarding Grant Request for Funding The Sheridan Story Ministry

Proposal: - Participate in a school “backpack” program to deliver weekend meals to kids in need

Biblical/Theological Foundation: - Matthew 25:35 “For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.”

Ministry Goal(s) and Plan: -

Goal: Provide weekend meals to kids in need at Woodbury Elementary School.

Plan to accomplish the goal: Partner with The Sheridan Story (www.sheridanstory.com), which helps with the logistics of the program. Here’s how their program works:

The Sheridan Story:

- Sets up an initial meeting with the school principal, a representative of The Sheridan Story, and a church representative.
- Works with a nutritionist to determine what types of food should be distributed.
- Purchases from Second Harvest healthful food for distribution to kids eligible for free or reduced school lunches whose families “opt in” to the program.
- Holds packing events at their warehouse location in Minneapolis.
- Stores the food at their warehouse.
- Delivers the food to the school every Friday.

WBC commits to:

- Provide funding for a specific number of participants in the school we “adopt” for one school year.
- Provide two volunteers who will discreetly distribute the food directly to kids’ lockers or backpacks while they are in class.
- Participate in packing events at Sheridan Story warehouse.
- Establish a relationship with the school by remaining in contact with administrators, praying for the school, writing notes of encouragement to teachers, etc.

Resources Needed:

- Funding – The cost to feed one child is \$130 per school year. I propose that we “adopt” 25 children in the first year at an annual cost of \$3,250.
- Invite WBC members to “adopt-a-kid” and sponsor the cost of a child for the school year.
- Volunteers
 - Two volunteers are needed each Friday that school is in session to distribute the food at the school. Two church members have stepped forward already to volunteer.

Proposed Project Budget - Woodbury Baptist Church School Backpack Lunch

In Partnership with The Sheridan Story (<http://www.thesheridanstory.com/>)

Project Expenses

Cost per child per school year	\$130
X Number of children	25
Total cost of program per school year	\$3,250

Project Income 2016-2017

Cash in General Mission Flow-through	\$1,625
ABC Matthew 25 Grant	\$1,625
Total Project Income	\$3,250

Project Income 2017-2018

Annual Rummage Sale Proceeds	\$1,625
Adopt-A-Kid Donations from Members	\$1,625
Total Project Income	\$3,250

Project Income 2018-2019

Annual Rummage Sale Proceeds	\$813
Adopt-A-Kid Donations from Members	\$2,437
Total Project Income	\$3,250

As donor support increases, Woodbury Baptist Church can add to the number of sponsored children as funding :

Woodbury Baptist Church Mission Statement

We are rooted in God's promises and growing in God's purposes in order to transform our world with God's love

- We praise and worship God.
- We grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- We commit our gifts and talents to ministry.
- We love and care for one another.
- We invite others to life in Christ.