

## 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 in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Bob Burdette Center, Inc.

Affiliation with ABCUSA a non-profit ministry supported by Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston, WV, an ABCUSA church

Address 1401 Washington Street, W., Charleston, WV 25387

Phone 304-342-1158 Federal Tax ID# 55-0761069

Contact person Loren Friend Farmer email loren@bobburdettecenter.org

2. Please submit 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.

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project \$433,156

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4,500

6. Your other funding source(s) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, BB&T WV Foundation, Believe in WV Youth Encouragers Network, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Vienna Baptist Church, Warner Law

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) L. Farmer Date 8/27/14

Printed Name/Title Loren Friend Farmer, Executive Director

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [beth.fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



### **Bob Burdette Center Mission Statement**

**The mission of the Bob Burdette Center is to provide a healthy environment for individual growth that enables youth to experience personal success and become a positive influence in the community.**

**Bob Burdette Center Budget**

Budget Item	Cash	In-Kind
Executive Director	\$35,000	
Program Director	\$30,000	
Assistant Program Director	\$25,000	
Education Specialist	\$3,600	
AmeriCorps Member	\$5,200	
2 Site Coordinators	\$27, 500	
M/H School Coordinator	\$12,500	
Tutors	\$34,800	
Other Direct Service Staff	\$108,760	
Fringe Benefits	\$43,958	
Facilities and Utilities at three sites		\$178,675
Staff Travel and Training	\$5,060	
Student Travel	\$2,400	\$2,500
Communications (Phone, Fax, Internet)	\$3,792	
Insurance	\$2,400	
Audit	\$6,500	
Equipment and Maintenance	\$7,440	\$1,200
Background Checks	\$406	
Office Supplies	\$1,512	
Food	\$58,000	
Program Supplies	\$6,328	
Lexia Reading Core5	\$4,500	
Fundraising and Promotion	\$5,500	
Incidentals	\$3,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$433,156</b>	<b>\$182,375</b>

### Description of Use of Funds

The Bob Burdette Center (BBC) is an afterschool program that seeks to address the problem of low educational attainment and social risk factors within the West Side community of Charleston, WV. The BBC maintains an enrollment of approximately 120 students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade served at one of three sites which include Emmanuel Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church and West Charleston Baptist Church. The BBC serves children who primarily reside in Kanawha County census tracts six, seven and eight. The average rate of poverty children under 18 years in these geographies is 46 percent compared to the national rate of 19.2 percent (U.S. Census Bureau). An estimated 60 to 70 percent of BBC students are low income and come from female headed households where no husband is present. Students served by the BBC are not only at risk because a large percentage come from families who live below the poverty level but also because poverty is correlated with low levels of educational achievement. Individuals who do not graduate from high school earn an average of \$163,000 less and contribute \$98,000 fewer in taxes over a lifetime than high school graduates (Oklahoma Afterschool Network, 2011). Afterschool programs help keep children on track to graduate which translates into increased earnings and less risk of continuing the cycle of poverty.

One specific area of concern related to educational attainment is reading proficiency. Research by the Annie E. Casey Kids Foundation (2013), confirms that children who do not read proficiently by the end of the third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school before earning a diploma. The stakes are even higher for children of color and children who have experienced poverty. Black and Hispanic children who do not read proficiently by the end of the third grade are twice as likely to drop out of school as white children who are similar to them (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2013). Twenty-two percent of children who experience poverty do not graduate (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2013). Grade-level reading skills are imperative for future success. However, an average of only 32.64 percent of third grade students who attend schools served by the BBC tested proficient on the 2013 WESTEST (West Virginia Education Information System, n.d.). Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that children in schools served by the BBC have access to the academic support opportunities, especially those that strengthen reading skills.

Current efforts geared toward helping students gain and maintain grade-level reading skills includes reading tutoring provided by certified teachers. The BBC's tutoring program began in the fall of 2012 and currently consists of five certified teachers who provide approximately 50 total students with one-on-one or small group skill-based tutoring twice a week. Over the past two years, the tutors have utilized their experience in the classroom and some materials purchased by the BBC to support skill acquisition. The BBC has seen success with these efforts. During the 2014-2015 school year, 53% of students tutored in reading made progress as measured by the DIBELS assessment. The BBC believes that it can help students make even more gains in reading by implementing an evidence-based curriculum to help students improve their skills. The BBC would like to purchase the Lexia Reading Core5 web-based curriculum to implement with all K-5 students in the program. The program assesses each student's skill then places them at the appropriate level. The program provides instruction online and through teacher-led lessons. The program has built in assessments and benchmarks which allow the teacher to develop actions plans and to measure student growth. The cost of this program is approximately \$45 per student and would cost a total of \$4,500 to provide access to all K-5 students for 1 year.