

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: **Haitian American Baptist Ministers Alliance, Inc. (HABMA)**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **Massachusetts (TABCOM)**

Address: **PO Box 590693 Newton Center, Newton, MA 02459**

Phone: **(617) 817-0423**

Federal Tax ID#: **37-1644158**

Contact Person: **Rev. Daniel N. Auguste**

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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: **\$5,540**

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant

\$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) **Boston Baptist Social Union (BBSU); ABHMS; Fundraising; Membership contribution;**

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) Rev. Daniel Auguste Date 2/20/13

Printed Name/Title **Rev. Daniel N. Auguste, HABMA Executive Vice President**

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 to:

Mission Resource Development

American Baptist Churches USA

P.O. Box 851

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851



The living condition of some members of our churches imposes us the Necessity to apply for this grant

After the 2010 earthquake that shook the island of Haiti, many Haitian families left the country and immigrated to America. They flocked to many of our churches in numerous American cities, like Boston. As church leaders, to see our fellow human beings, countrymen and fellow Christians unable to afford basic needs to get by daily is heart wrenching. Our brothers and sisters cannot work and provide for their families because of certain training problems they face and linguistic barriers in particular. In some cases, they cannot go to the hospital for fear of being deported. They cannot get a work permit to help them attain a job because they have nobody to sponsor them. In other cases, they don't find money to file for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS). They cannot find a school willing to subsidize their ESL trainings because of budget constraints or, in other cases, because of a long waiting list. They are unable to put food on the table for their children because they are not working and are not qualified for state and federal food assistance programs. If we don't act or address any of these real issues, our Haitians churches will suffer greatly and our faith will be weakened by it. Thus, our obligation as stewards of God and servants of the less fortunate of our churches is to renew our effort in providing for them these services.

The challenges for Haitians in the wake of the bad American economy

The American job market is very challenging for Haitian immigrants and second generation Haitian-Americans to thrive in. This ripple effects into making daily life very difficult for them. The women and children in particular are more vulnerable and are impacted the most. They are the two groups that tend to likely live in poverty. Most of the women have had their spouses killed in the earthquake and they sometimes find no help in raising their children. On the other hand, others sometimes are single moms from no fault of their own. Pastors and church leaders must act. This fund will help us help those people living in abject poverty.

How the grant will help us?

If we get the fund, the church members will be able to learn English and receive job and literacy trainings that will put them on equal footing with all other workers in today's American job market. By receiving ESL tutoring, computers skills, and job training, they will be able to find jobs and enhance their abject poverty status by being able to compete in the competitive American economy. The fund will also help the Pastors assist and represent those members seeking good immigration representation and assistances. The grant will help us in assisting the members in their effort to acquiring their Temporary Protected Status (TPS). We will try to subsidize a small percentage of the filing fees. We will provide legal assistances by translating and notarizing their legal documents and also provide court hearings representation, guidance and assistances. The fund will also help us help them find health centers that provide health screening services and filling out applications for subsidized housing. Their children will also receive literacy tutoring, like after school programs, which include, but are not limited to, reading and math tutoring. To remain physically healthy, to find a job, to get subsidized housing and to receive English tutoring will definitively enhance their quality of live and eradicate poverty. As in Jesus's time, when he met Peter, he did not hand Peter a fish, but He showed him how to fish. If we receive this fund, our goal is to provide them with these trainings and services in order to educate them, help them find jobs, stay healthy, and continue in serving God. That's why the Haitians American Baptist Churches are requesting this grant.

We plan to use the requested fund as the following

1. Assistance with nursing assistant and home health aide training
 - 5 vouchers of \$200 will be awarded to 3 church members in a calendar yearCost: $\$200 \times 5 = \$1,000.00$
2. ESL, computer skills, job interviews skills, credit management skills, After school program (reading and math skills) tutoring
 - 3 hours per week @ \$15 an hour = $3\text{hrs} \times \$15 = \$45 \times 52 \text{ weeks} = \$2,340.00$
3. Translation and notarization of legal documents, tax filings for very low income church members, etc...
 - We will issue 10 vouchers of \$50 to 10 qualified church members for their legal service needs.10 Vouchers $\times \$50 = \500.00
4. Accompany members to court hearings and appearances; identify and accompany them to advanced English and educational training centers; locate and accompany them to state or federal, private and non-profit food assistance and food pantry programs
 - 15 trips a year for \$20 each trip to buy automobile gasoline15 trips $\times \$20 = \300.00 a year
5. Purchase of a computer and printer and miscellaneous: 1 computer, work and text books, pens, pencils, board and snacks
 - 1 computer \$600+ 1 printer \$300 = \$900.00
 - Miscellaneous costs \$500.00

Haitian American Baptist Ministers Alliance Inc.

The organization is organized exclusively for education, religious and charitable purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of these article, the organization shall not carry on nay activities not permitted to be carried on , by a corporation exempt from federal income under section 501 (C) (3) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code . We plan to proclaim the good tidings of Jesus Christ and provide social services to our congregants and the community at large in an effort to foster a better quality of life for citizens of Massachusetts and worldwide. We envision training our own congregations to confidently share the Gospel in various settings and to a variety of people. We aim to training our leaders and laymen to effectively help believers to mature in Christ and create an ever-expanding missions outreach around the world through giving, Ministering , sharing and building disciples for the kingdom. The organization will engage in all benovelent activities not limited to: education, Social services, Health education, capacity building, youth and adults' empowerment and other activities pertaining to our faith, beliefs and the doctrine.

Total budgeted cost for the program:

Job training skills cost: \$1,000.00

Literacy training skills cost: \$2,340.00

Document services and tax: \$500.00

Legal and educational Services: \$300.00

Technological equipment: \$900.00

Miscellaneous: \$500.00

Total cost \$5,540.00

Haitian American Baptist Ministers

Income Statement

Month End December 31, 2012

Income

Together in Ministry fund	\$ 2,000.00	
Offering from churches	\$ 200.00	
Collect from members	\$ 625.00	
		<u>\$ 2,825.00</u>

Expenses

Church rental/HABMA Convention	\$ 475.00	
Convention's preparation expenses	\$ 500.00	
ABC/Purchase expense	\$ 40.00	
Advance/HABMA's 501(3)c	\$ 475.00	
Gasoline	\$ 150.00	
Bank Fees	\$ 96.00	
		<u>\$ 1,736.00</u>

Balance*		<u>\$ 1,089.00</u>
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* Any balance from 2012 is transferred to the use of 2013-2014 HABMA's activities. Hence, the 2012 balance is brought to \$0.00 on December 31, 2012.

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Balance Sheet

Month End December 31, 2012

Assets

Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	
Cash-checking	\$ 1,183.00	
Cash-invested	\$ -	
Furniture	\$ 750.00	
Equipment	\$ 1,780.00	
Pledge Receivable	\$ 1,700.00	
Prepaid Insurance	\$ -	
Prepaid Rent	\$ -	
		<u>\$ 5,613.00</u>

Liabilities

Rent payable	\$ -	
Insurance payable	\$ -	
depreciation	\$ 253.00	
		<u>\$ 253.00</u>

Equity

Fund Balance - restricted	\$ -	
Biginning balance	\$ -	
Increase in year 2012	\$ -	
		<u>\$ -</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 5,360.00</u>



THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

Partnering With Churches To Transform Lives and Communities

*"Go therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20a*

Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Pappas, Executive Minister

Rev. Ellen P. Tatreau, President

February 19, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM) is pleased to write in support of the grant application submitted by the Rev. Daniel Auguste and the Haitian-Americans Baptist Ministers Alliance (HABMA).

The grant is to make available outreach and support ministries for members in the Haitian-American churches. The needs are many and varied. Unfortunately, meeting these needs is often financially out of reach for many of our Haitian churches, and so many churches have seen their effectiveness and outreach decline rather than grow.

We are blessed by the continued growth and evangelism in the Haitian community, and the willingness and ability of its leaders to take on more leadership responsibilities that strengthen our communal witness in our region.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Pappas
Executive Minister

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