

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 Church of the City New London

Affiliation with ABCUSA Church of the City

Address 268 State Street New London, CT 06385

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Contact person Rev. Thomas Hogsten email tom.hogsten@cotcnl.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 \$15,606.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) See Attached

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. Thomas Hogsten Date 2/23/16

Printed Name/Title Rev. Thomas Hogsten

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



HISTORY AND MISSION

The First Baptist Church of New London was established in 1804 and played a significant role in the history of New London. The Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana was established in 1977 to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic population in southeastern Connecticut. In 2013, these two churches merged to form the first multicultural church in New London. We open our hearts and our doors for diverse community outreach ministries providing weekly traditional and contemporary services in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole.

Our mission statement calls for us to be good servants of Christ by playing an active role in serving the community of downtown New London. We seek to assist persons in need by providing and/or coordinating a wide variety of services. Our free community meal program serves a hot nutritious meal every Saturday evening to an average of 150 to 175 hungry people in downtown New London. In keeping with our church motto, we are pledged to make a difference by being "The Church With A Heart In The Heart Of The City".

2015 Basic Community Meal Expenses Provided by Chuch of the City (COTC)

Items needed	per month	per pkg/box	per year	Total Cost
Paper and plastic				
Napkins	1000	500 -pkg	12000	\$ 72.00
Spoons for dessert	450	600 box	5400	\$ 117.00
Soup spoons	100	1000 box	1200	\$ 7.00
Forks	100	600 box	1200	\$ 26.00
Dessert bowls	350	1000 box	4200	\$ 62.00
Plastic plates 7 in	150	230 pkg	1800	\$ 80.00
Plastic plates 10 in	100	130 pkg	520	\$ 40.00
Hot cups	1000	1000 box	16	\$ 192.00
Lg zip bags	3 boxes	12 box	3	\$ 30.00
Gloves	3 boxes	50 pr/box	36	\$ 216.00
Foil products				
Lg pans		15	30	\$ 18.00
Wrap			2 boxes	\$ 44.00
Beverages				
Lemonade	12 gal	6 cans/case	624 gal	\$ 624.00
	1.5 cans	8 gal can		
Half and half	1.25 gal	1/2 gal cartons	130 1/2 gal	\$ 598.00
	2.5 cartons	4.60 ea carton		
Coffee	380 cups	1 lg cont	12 cans	\$ 132.00
Sugar	4 bags	4 lb bags		\$ 130.00
Condiments				\$ 30.00
Ketchup, mustard, relish				
Salad dressings			6 gal	\$ 60.00
Italian, Ranch, French				
Spices				\$ 20.00
Oil				\$ 25.00
Cleaning				
Dishwashing soap				\$ 60.00
Dawn				\$ 20.00
Total Basic Cost:				\$ 2,603.00
COTC annual budget provides paper towels, bleach and floor products, kitchen appliances and utensils, as well as the building and all utilities.				
<p>In addition, food for each weekly meal is provided by church partners participating in this ministry. Teams from Quaker Hill Baptist Church in Waterford, Calvary Chapel in Montville, St. Sophia's Hellenic Orthodox Church in New London and two teams from COTC supply the food for their meal. The cost is at least \$200.00 for each meal. The program also relies on donations of food from church members from all of the participating partners.</p>				
Total Cost for Food:				\$ 13,003.00

Total Program Cost:

\$15,606.00

Question 3

In these economic times, many people in our region find it hard to make ends meet. Often people do not have enough money for food and face hunger on a daily basis. In response to this need, our free community evening meal is served every Saturday of each month at Church of the City in downtown New London. This program started in 2007 when the members of the First Baptist Church of New London served 20 people a meal on the first Saturday of the month. In 2010, members of the Quaker Hill Baptist Church joined us and began serving a meal on the third Saturday. In September of 2013, the First Baptist Church of New London merged with Primera Iglesia Hispana to form the Church of the City when we were able to add a meal on the fourth Saturday. In 2014, a team from Calvary Chapel joined our effort and started serving a meal on the second Saturday. In 2015, a team from St. Sophia's started serving a meal on the fifth Saturday. The program has grown to serve 150 to 175 people at each meal. In 2015 our program served 5,896 meals. The Community Meal Program is an integral part of downtown ministry of our church. The efforts by all of the volunteers are greatly appreciated by those we serve. The program makes the difference for those in our city who are battling hunger.

Funding from this grant will support this downtown community meal program. Our church is conveniently and centrally located making it easily accessible to the targeted population. Church of the City provides the space, facilities and utilities as well as the items used by all groups, such as beverages, paper supplies, dishes, silverware and condiments. All funds received are used to purchase food and supplies. On a rotating basis, eighteen community volunteers prepare and serve the meal each week. Menus are created using nutritious and economical items available in our area. Each meal consists of protein, starch, vegetable, salad, dessert and beverage that is specifically prepared according to the needs of the people being served. The significant increase in the number of people being served has exceeded our limited resources. We are applying for this grant in hopes that American Baptist Churches of America grant funds will allow us to continue serving a hot and nutritious meal to those in need.

2015 COMMUNITY MEAL FUNDING SOURCES

1/04/15	PRIVATE DONATION (RA)	\$ 50.00
1/18/15	PRIVATE DONATION (TD)	\$ 500.00
3/15/15	PRIVATE DONATION (RA)	\$ 60.85
3/29/15	PRIVATE DONATION (CK)	\$ 50.00
3/29/15	KNITTING GROUP	\$ 600.00
5/24/15	MARINE MAGNET SCHOOL	\$ 750.00
5/24/15	WATERFORD LIONESSES	\$ 100.00
6/21/15	PRIVATE DONATION (FQ)	\$ 50.00
8/30/15	PRIVATE DONATION (C&D R)	\$ 50.00
10/11/15	PRIVATE DONATION (LB)	\$ 225.00
11/08/15	PRIVATE DONATION (DD)	\$ 100.00
11/29/15	KNITTING GROUP	\$ 792.00
11/29/15	PRIVATE DONATION (FQ)	\$ 50.00