

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church 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: First Baptist Church of Camp Springs
Mailing Address: 6936 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20748
Phone: (301) 449-8987 Federal Tax ID#: 52-0897006
Name of Region: DC Baptist Convention
Contact person (person completing this form): Nancy Ernest
Email of contact person: nancyaernest@gmail.com

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?

First Baptist Church will partner with Fort Foote Baptist Church to provide two meals and a snack to elementary school students on days when schools are closed and their free or reduced meals are not available.

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 for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.
See attached.

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?

These elementary school students experience food insecurity for the 13 days during the school calendar when school is closed for holidays or teacher in-service training. First Baptist would like to fill this gap by providing two breakfasts, two entrees and two healthy snacks for each of these 13 days. Poor nutrition can result in a weaker immune system, shorter attention spans and lower academic achievement. Food is an essential building block and, in this case, is truly a blessing to a hungry child.

5. Total cost of the project: To fund 13 days for the coming school year would cost \$5,580.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: Our congregation would be most grateful for your consideration of this worthy outreach to our community. To fund all 13 days, we will require \$2,930 from the Matthew 25 Grant.
7. List other funding source(s): Our congregation has set a goal for outreach in the community and we " earmark " 10% of all revenue that we receive from a temporary contract with cell towers that are located on our property. This is currently \$325 per month. However, this funding source will only exist as long as the towers are located on our property. We anticipate this funding source only until November 2017. We also had a generous donation for this project in 2016 and we have \$450 of these funds left for the coming school year. We have also been gifted \$900 for this ministry through the DC Baptist Convention.
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 name) First Baptist Church of Camp Springs, 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): Nancy Ernest (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 24, 2017

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 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. 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, do not include a lengthy 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 and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, 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 will be considered per 24 month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 grant cycle, applicants who received funding in Spring 2016 are eligible to apply for the Fall 2017 grant cycle. 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 itemized 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) nae

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

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Question #3.

First Baptist Church of Camp Springs is requesting funds to provide elementary school students in our community with two nutritious breakfasts, lunches and a snack when schools are closed during the 2017/2018 school year.

During the 2016/2017 school year, our congregation partnered with Foot Foote Baptist Church working with the Blessings in a Backpack program. The 127 students that we served receive free or reduced meals during the week and Fort Foote Baptist Church provided meals for the weekend days. However, these children experienced food insecurity for the 13 days during the school year when school is closed for holidays or teacher in-service training. First Baptist Church was able to fill that gap.

Our menu included tuna meals, fruit, cereal, granola bars, mac & cheese single serve cups, fruit punch and hot coco packets. We assembled these bags on Thursday and then took them to the elementary school on Friday to assist the Fort Foote team in packing the students' backpacks. Each time, with careful shopping, these packages ran \$420 – \$435.

To fund each of the 13 days for the coming school year would cost \$5,580.

Question #8.

First Baptist Church of Camp Springs' Mission Statement

The purpose of this church shall be to promote the worship of God, Christian education, the standard of Christian living, and under the leadership of our Divine Lord and Master, the spreading of the Gospel and the extending of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

A Sample of the 127 meal packages that we supplied for the 2016/2017 school year.

Breakfast	2 Items	Cereal Single Serve	\$.42 ea.	\$53.34
		Oats & Honey Granola Bar	\$.35 ea.	\$44.45
Entrée	2 Items	Single Serve Tuna in a Pouch	\$1.12 ea.	\$142.24
		Easy Mac & Cheese Single Serve Cup	\$.66 ea.	\$83.82
Healthy Snack	2 Items	Mandarin Orange Single Serve Cup	\$.50 ea.	\$63.50
		Capri 100% Juice Fruit Punch	\$.22 ea.	\$27.94
Extra Treat	1 Item	Swiss Miss Hot Coco Packet	\$.11 ea.	\$13.97
Total	7 Items			\$429.26

Our revenue source for the 2017/2018 school year is \$325 times 4 months from temporary cell tower contract or \$1,300. A \$900 grant from the DC Baptist Convention and a generous donation from 2016 of which there is \$450 left for the coming school year. These total \$2,650 leaving a shortfall of \$2,930. This is the amount we are seeking from the Matthew 25 Grant.