

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

1. General Information:

Organization Name -- First Baptist Church (in partnership with The Dream Center)*

Affiliation with ABCUSA -- Local church affiliated with Mid-ABC Region

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*First Baptist Church recently became a formal mission partner with The Dream Center (TDC), a community-run, largely volunteer-staffed grassroots non-profit organization. Although the DC's services are available to all in need, the majority of clients and volunteers are low-income African-American families. FBC's partnership with the DC is the primary avenue for our church's mission engagement with low-income and marginalized people in our community.

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- **Your mission statement** --

The FBC/DC partnership mission is to enhance the established mission of both organizations through on-going, collaborative efforts to enhance the lives of Dream Center families and help them overcome poverty and its effects. The DC Mission is to: Strengthen Families. Change Lives. Restore Hope. The FBC Mission is: To join in God's work of growing compassion, hope and justice for all people as taught and modeled by Jesus Christ.

- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. (Attached)

Fiduciary Partnership Statement: Funds provided by FBC for DC programming through the Matthew 25 grant will be paid directly to vendors or on a reimbursement basis for submitted receipts.

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? (Attached)

4. Total cost of the project (Attached)

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant -- \$5000

6. Your other funding source(s) -- Below-market rent and utilities for the DC are provided by the Kingdom Center, a predominately African-American church housed in the same building. Other current funders of Dream Center programs include: Johnson County Department of Health and Human Services; Johnson County Partnership for Safe Families; Wal-Mart; and Diversity Focus. Substantial in-kind contributions come from the Iowa City Community School District and the University of Iowa. FBC has been invited to apply for a Palmer Grant by ABHMS/ABF to fund a Restorative Justice Ministry in collaboration with the DC.

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. Dr. Dorothy Whiston Date 9/1/14

Printed Name/Title Dorothy Whiston, Pastor, First Baptist Church-IC

3. Use of Requested Funds

Background -- FBC, located adjacent to the University of Iowa campus, is an open and inclusive community of faith that welcomes all people. Our congregation has fewer than 50 members most of whom are graduate students, young professionals, or retirees, and averages about 30 people in Sunday worship. FBC has operated on a deficit budget for decades, drawing on modest savings to cover basic expenses.

The Dream Center was founded in May, 2012 as a family-centered approach to meet the needs of children and youth affected by absentee or otherwise non-involved fathers. It was an all-volunteer effort spearheaded by Fred Newell, the current Executive Director. Today, TBC provides a variety of personal growth, educational, leadership development, community engagement, and advocacy programs for youth and adults.

As part of the FBC mission partnership with the DC, FBC members volunteer with the DC's established programs and in program development. Current DC programs now serve approximately 65 boys in grades 3-12; 50 girls in grades pre-k-12; and 50 heads of households/families. FBC seeks funding through a Matthew 25 grant to support the following DC programming FBC members volunteer in:

Fathers United Now (FUN) -- a support group that provides fathers an effective way to build positive relationships with other fathers experiencing similar challenges raising children. With a trained group facilitator, fathers have the opportunity to discuss topics such as personal responsibility, manhood and fatherhood, effective parenting, healthy relationships, communications styles, and financial literacy.

The Performing Arts Academy (PAA) -- currently provides instruction and community performance opportunities for children and youth in dance and mime (with other performance arts programs being developed). Performing Arts education is shown to enhance school performance, pro-social behavior and self-esteem. Admission to the performance troupes is limited by the DC's capacity to provide wardrobe, props and supplies, as well as transportation for performers.

The Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) -- a comprehensive program to help students in grades 5 through 12 lead productive lives and maintain positive connections with the wider community through leadership development, educational support, mentoring, and participation in community activities.

Matthew 25 grant funding of \$5000 would provide:

- Food -- \$1500
 - To allow FBC and other volunteers to provide substantial, healthy snacks to children and youth who attend FUN programs with their fathers and participants in the PAA and YLA programs.
- Transportation (Van Rental, Gas, Bus Passes) -- \$1750
 - To assist in providing transportation for PAA performances; YLA community activities and college visits; FUN family field trips.
- Scholarships for PAA -- \$1250
 - Cover the Performance Troupe annual admission fee of \$50 for 25 low-income youth to cover the costs of costumes (mostly volunteer made), props and supplies.
- Program Activities Coordinator Stipend -- \$500
 - To pay a low-income adult a stipend for coordinating activities for children who accompany their fathers or siblings to FUN, PAA, or YLA programs. Childcare, tutoring and other activities will be provided by FBC and other volunteers (including the Coordinator).

4. Total Cost of the Project.

The DC Projected Budget for Sept. 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 is below. Approximately ¼ of the DC \$129,000 operating expenses – or \$32,250 – will cover direct expenses and overhead costs related to the FUN, PAA, LYA programs (with the remainder going toward other programs and initiatives of the DC, which FBC volunteers will also be involved in.)

Dream Center Projected Budget – Sept. 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

INCOME:

Corporate / Community Sponsorships	\$20,000
Donations	\$20,000
Misc. Income	\$25,000
Program Income	\$ 5,000
Grants	\$60,000
Total Income	\$130,000

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries & wages (2.8 FTE)	\$65,000
Fringe Benefits (30%)	\$19,500
Payroll Services	\$ 3,000
Insurance	\$ 1,800
Office Supplies	\$ 3,000
Bank Fees	\$ 200
Postage & freight	\$ 500
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 500
Membership fees	\$ 400
Accounting fees	\$ 500
Technology hardware & software	\$10,000
IT Support	\$ 500
Telephone / Data	\$ 2,000
Travel	\$ 6,000
Food & Beverage	\$ 2,000
Facilities/venues	\$ 1,500
Rent	\$ 7,000
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 400
Housekeeping	\$ 400
Advertising & Marketing	\$ 1,000
Staff/Volunteer Training & Development	\$ 3,000
Website Design	\$ 400
Board Development & Meetings	\$ 400
Total Expenses	\$129,000