

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



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. 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.

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 fund, church benevolent fund, 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: Lynhurst Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 1250 S. Lynhurst Drive, Indianapolis IN 46241

Phone: 317-241-2564

Federal Tax ID#: 35-0996742

Name of Region: American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis

Contact person (person completing this form): Sherri Stidd

Email of contact person: office@abcgi.org and/or sherri.stidd@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?

These funds will be used at the Lynhurst Baptist Church food pantry once a month specifically for the babies and children.

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.

This will be used provide nutritional foods specifically for babies and children of the neighborhood. I have attached a better summary of the need. These children are in severe need.

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?

This area is 100% free lunch and it has been found that babies and under school age children are below weight compared to other areas. These children need some specific items to eat. These children are not in school and they are underweight. They need some additional nutritional items and they desperately need diapers and baby wipes. There is no place else near that will provide diapers and baby wipes nor small child specific food items. The younger ones who are not in school are even more at risk than the school aged children.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5000.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000.00
7. List other funding source(s): Lynhurst Baptist Church will be providing the location and typical church pantry items such as bread. I have another business willing to donate bags to package these items and I have a group waiting to help organize and distribute these items.
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) fLynhurst Baptist Church, 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): Sherri Stidd (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8-29-2017

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) SKS

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

Lynhurst Baptist Church

Mission Statement:

To provide a relevant ministry to strengthen families at all socio-economic levels, equipping them to become disciples and witnesses for Christ.

Vision Statement

A community that serves as the hands and feet of Christ.

Website with Mission and Vision Statement

<https://www.lynhurstbaptistchurch.com/>

We would like to give mothers with babies diapers, baby wipes, boxes of baby cereal, and baby food. It has been documented that children in this area are not reaching their milestone weights. This area has 100% free lunch for the school children, but the littler ones need help too. We would like to be the ones to help them. There are no other resources such as this program available in the area.

We would like to give mothers of infants to 1 year--diapers, 1 package of baby wipes, 2 boxes of baby cereal and 8 containers of baby food.

Cost	Diapers	8.00		
	Baby Wipes	2.50		
	Cereal	3.00		
	Baby Food	8.00		
		21.50	21.50 times approximately 20 children per month is a monthly total of	430.00

We would like to give mothers of toddlers and small children up to age 5 --diapers, 1 package of baby wipes, 2 boxes of cereal, 2 four packs of fruit and 2 packages of either cheese and crackers or peanut butter and crackers.

Cost	Diapers	8.00
	Baby wipes	2.50

Cereal	3.00		
Fruits	4.00		
Crackers	4.00		
	21.50	21.50 times approximately 30 children per month is a monthly total of	<u>645.00</u>
		Approximate total per month	1075.00

With the funds we should be able to give out items to the babies for approximately 6 months.

Trash bags will be covered by Lynhurst Baptist Church

We have another company who will provide the bags for the diapers and other items for the children.

I have contacted a couple of companies and asked if they could send us coupons to help with the pricing of these items.

Location/ place of distribution will be at Lynhurst Baptist Church

I have a team of individuals who will donate their time to give out these items.

We will provide pictures and the number of children we were able to help and anything else that you would like to have. I will have a spreadsheet where we will have the name and age of the child we are helping. I will do a synopsis of that information.