

## 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 or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC Church or Region, Checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Church or Region: First Baptist Church

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: Rocky Mountain

Ministry or Group receiving these Funds: Caring Ministries of Morgan County, Inc.

Mailing Address: 16756 CR 18, Fort Morgan CO 80701

Phone: 970-867-3339

Federal Tax ID#: 74-2372008

Contact person: Lois Gregg Email: caringministriesofmorgancounty@gmail.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

*The mission of Caring Ministries of Morgan County, Inc. shall be to provide assistance to people that are in need with the goal of enabling them to get through difficult times and become self-sufficient with the ability to meet their own needs.*

- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or a projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

The requested funds will be utilized in our pantry program that provides emergency food every 6 weeks to families and individuals. All clients that utilize our services in both locations are provided enough food for 7-10 days with a general value of \$150.00. We evaluate our families each time that they come to the pantry, assessing changes in status, providing information and referrals, (food stamps, jobs, budget classes). Recipes are given out as to how to stretch the food or make meals that are interesting utilizing the general food we provide.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Caring Ministries works to evaluate the whole issue and not just throw food at the situation and hope it gets better. Last year CMMC fed 1744 families and 1086 singles in our two pantries, this equates to 235 clients per month which means we are feeding 10 percent of our county. We also work to educate the county/residents on the growing needs of community, how high rent, lack of transportation and high utility costs leads to high numbers of people unable to make ends meet so more demands for food. Partnering with a family center that teaches budgeting and referring families to these classes, helps families and individuals understand how to make food stamps, pantry and other revenue stretch as far as possible. Our partnership with all the ministerial alliances within Morgan County helps us reach those in need as well better utilize our limited resources.

5. Total cost of the project: \$31,000

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000

7. Your other funding source(s): Churches, Private donations, Grants



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.

Application Submitted by: Leo Gigg Date 2/9/2016

2016 Preliminary

Income		Expense	
	Budget		Budget
Store	\$ 36,000.00	Rent	\$ 28,800.00
Donations	\$ 27,005.00	Electricity	\$ 12,000.00
Grants	\$ 70,000.00	Payroll - 2 part time	\$ 36,000.00
Legacies / Bequests	\$ 10,000.00	Payroll taxes	\$ 9,360.00
Total Estimated Income	\$143,005.00	Telephone	\$ 1,200.00
		Internet	\$ 1,200.00
		Food Bank of Rockies	\$ 6,000.00
		Truck	\$ 2,500.00
		Office - Misc	\$ 3,500.00
		Accountant	\$ 5,000.00
		Executive Director	\$ 30,000.00
		Insurance	\$ 2,000.00
		Pest Control	\$ 250.00
		Store Operation	\$ 5,195.00
		Total Estimated Expenses	\$143,005.00

**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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

