

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: Stelton Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 334 Plainfield Ave, Edison, NJ 08817

Phone: 732-985-1484

Federal Tax ID#: 13-5563018

Name of Region: American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

Contact person (person completing this form): Rev. Dr. Louis Ao

Email of contact person: louao@hotmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No Does not give to UM

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No Did not

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No receive M25

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Stelton Baptist Church after school program for immigrant children and youth in Edison, NJ previously

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.

Stelton Baptist Church initiates the After School Program, the name of the program will be called King's Kidz Club, due to increasing number of immigrants during the last 5-10 years in Edison, NJ. According to the demographic study of Edison Township, Races in Edison: White (50.2%), Black (9.8%), Latino (8.5%), Asian (37.5%), Other (0.9%) Source: (www.factfinder.census.gov). As new immigrants came from all walks of life, parents struggle to find ends meet while students are trying to fit into the school system and new environment. The funds will be used for operational cost as indicated in the proposed budget. Our goal is to serve 30 students during the school year who attend John Marshall Elementary School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School near the vicinity of the church.

The After School Program will include three components: 1. Education – where tutorial and computer skills will be provided by volunteers recruited from Stelton BC and college intern students at Middlesex County College. 2. Recreation – where students will be guided and learn certain sport technique such as soccer, baseball, chess, arts & crafts, and mural

paintings. 3. Spiritual – where students have opportunity to engage in dialogue of different aspects of faith in view of the diversity in the community, and recognize the mission of Stelton Baptist Church. Funds will be used to serve 30 school students that use for school and art supplies, sport utilities, field trips, snacks, summer vacation bible school materials, and software program focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

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?

Many immigrant parents are struggling to find job to make ends meet. If and when a job is offered, they work long hours even with under pay, and adding a second job is not unusual if they are fortunate to find one. Due to limited English language skills and unfamiliarity of school system, parents are not able to give proper guidance to their children. Students are seen playing without supervision after school hours or hanging out with friends that easily distracted and become easy prey to fall into the wrong crowd. Stelton Baptist Church locates near the school yard of Thomas Jefferson Middle School and connection has been made with the school principal about the church's initiative of an after school program. Positive response was given not only from the school administration but also from the church leadership especially the young people who volunteer themselves for the mission project.

As the pastoral leader of Stelton Baptist Church and an immigrant myself, I have experienced the hardship and understand various family and economic issues many new families are facing in my community. It's Stelton's mission to "Growing in Christ to fulfill the Great Commission". It is our hope and prayer that through the award of Matthew 25 Grant, we can reach out to not only the immigrant families but children and youth who can excel and waiting to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. By growing in Christ, Stelton Baptist Church is committed to serve God through serving the grass-root community in Edison, NJ.

5. Total cost of the project: \$30,000
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.
7. List other funding source(s): ABHMS/Asian Ministries (Support of Project) \$3,000
8. ABHMS/Immigrant & Refugees \$5,000 (intent)
9. ABCNJ grant \$3,000 (intent)
10. Fund raising \$5,000
11. Donations \$5,000
12. Community/School funding \$4,000 (intent)
13. 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) Stelton 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): Rev. Dr. Louis Ao (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/29/17

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.
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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.



STELTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Louis Ao, Senior Pastor

Hertzler Awuy, Youth & Music Pastor

Growing in Christ to fulfill the Great Commission

The Mission Statement of Stelton Baptist Church is “**Growing in Christ to fulfill the Great Commission**”.

Projected Budget for King's Kidz Club After School Program \$30,000

PERSONNEL SERVICE

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| 1. Coordinator | = \$4800 |
| 2. Activity Staff | = \$2000 |
| 3. Stipend | = \$3000 |

Other Than Personnel Service (OTPS)

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| 4. School Supplies/printing, ink \$620 per month x 10 months | = \$6,200 |
| 5. Snacks \$700 per month for 30 students x 10 months | = \$7,000 |
| 6. Recreation, field trips and movies \$500 x 10 months | = \$5000 |
| 7. <u>Summer camps & Vacation Bible School \$1,000 x 2 months</u> | <u>= \$2,000</u> |
| Total | = \$30,000 |

IN-KIND (Church facility/ Volunteers from church or individuals)

- Volunteers – 30 hours per month x 2 volunteers x 12 months = 720 hours
- Class rooms from church facility
- Power point projector
- Lab top/computer
- Kitchen and kitchen utensils
- Copy machine
- Utilities
- Donated Books

Projected Funding Sources

1. Matthew 25 Grant	= \$5,000
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