

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

- General Information:

Organization

Name Bethany Baptist Church

Affiliation with

ABCUSA We are an ABCUSA congregation

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Contact

person Delphia McCoy email bethanybc@q.com

- Please submit with your application a copy of:
 - Your mission statement
 - Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement
- How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)
- Total cost of the project _____
- Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000
- Your other funding source(s) We have received none other than from members of the congregation

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) Delphia McCoy
Director

Rec'd 3/1/13

Bethany Food Pantry is a ministry of Bethany Baptist Church, an American Baptist Congregation. The mission statement of the church is:

"To develop disciples of Jesus Christ, loving people into a life-changing relationship with Him, and providing a lifetime of spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship and service."

Bethany is a small congregation averaging 35 in Sunday morning worship. Membership is almost completely senior citizen, a faithful core of volunteers has been supporting this ministry since its inception.

The food pantry began in January, 2011, when it was discovered that there was a great need in our community. Since its start, 1,257 households have registered to use its resources. In the final quarter of 2012, 580 households numbering 2,106 individuals, used the service. Persons using the pantry must be certified by SEIDA, the Red Cross or any church and must be re-certified every 6 months. New families register every week.

Support for the pantry has come almost exclusively from the church.

Bethany Food Pantry is requesting a grant of \$5,000 to help support its work. \$1,000 will be used for a new refrigerator and small freezer for storage. It will enable the pantry to offer dairy products to clients and expand meat offerings. \$4,000 will be used for the purchase of food from the Southeast Iowa Food Bank. The present policy for distribution is to provide enough food for at least one full meal and some extras. The extra funds will enable the pantry to expand its offerings for each household.

A goal of Bethany Food Pantry is to offer classes in stretching the food dollar, nutrition and meal preparation. Some informal advice is given to clients as needed. However, classes need to be developed to provide this help. The grant would release some funds for this effort.

Bethany Baptist Church also has a free clothes closet that began in November, 2010. Almost 1,000 households have used this service. It is a self-sustaining program and not included in this grant request.

Attached to the grant request is a recent financial statement and a policy and procedures statement.

Bethany Baptist Church

Ottumwa, Iowa

November, 2011

Policies and Procedures:

1. The Bethany Food Pantry will provide food and other items free of charge to those who need them.
2. All participants will be registered and records will be kept of those times when people use the service.
3. All who participate will be qualified. Referrals can be made by SEIDA, Red Cross or any church. Those who come without a referral will be qualified through an interview with the pastor. It is expected that participants will fall within the guidelines of the Southeast Iowa Food Bank's Emergency Food Assistance Program.
4. The Bethany Food Pantry is a ministry of Bethany Baptist Church and is under the direction of the Board of Ministries.
5. The program will be funded through a variety of sources, including church funds, grants, and donations from interested individuals and organizations.
6. A separate treasurer will be selected by the church who will keep records of all income and expenses. Monthly reports will be made to the Board of Ministries. All donations will be acknowledged.
A monthly report will be sent to Southeast Iowa Food Bank of the number of visitors to the pantry.
7. The Food Pantry will be open once a week in conjunction with the Clothes Closet.
8. Volunteers will operate the program. These will include members of the church and interested persons outside the church.
9. At the present time participants may come to the pantry twice a month.

Annual Report of
Neighbor Ministries

Beginning balance of Bethany Clothes Closet		\$504.29
Donations for the year 2012	None	
Expenses for the year 2012	None	
Balance December 31, 2012		\$504.29

Beginning balance for Bethany Food Pantry		\$1,305.92
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Income:

Total donations for 2012		1,588.62
Transferred from Clothes Closet		<u>504.29</u>
		\$3,398.83

Expenses:

Southeast Iowa Food Bank	\$2,135.79	
Purchase new checks	3.00	
Del McCoy for supplies	<u>14.89</u>	
	\$2,153.68	<u>\$2,153.68</u>

Balance on hand December 31, 2012		\$1,245.15
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Mabel Sammons
Treasurer
Neighbor Ministries