

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



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.

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 or repairs 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: Port Clyde (ME) Baptist Church

Mailing Address: PO Box 328 Port Clyde ME 04855

Phone: 207-372-6410-

Federal Tax ID#: 3918069729

Name of Region: Lincoln

Contact person (person completing this form): Linda H. Smal

Email of contact person: lindahsmall@yahoo.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?

the Port Clyde Baptist church

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.

We will use funds, matched with church funds and donations to offer our community a community lunch each Thursday from November through March. Goals: to alleviate loneliness and to insure senior citizens get out of the house once a week, to meet neighbors and friends, and to deliver shut-ins a nutritious meal.

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?

the Thursday Soup Days have become an important part of our small fishing village in the past three years; as the number of people attending increases we realize that seniors on fixed incomes, fishing community folks finding it hard to gain income in the winter, and others who may not be able to get a home cooked meal need this resource. We offer the food at no cost and do not inquire about income or any other personal information.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5750.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1000.00
7. List other funding source(s): church mission funds, donations by community members, donations of soups, and desserts by church members as well as community members
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) Port Clyde 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): Linda H. Small (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: Aug. 31, 2018

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 2018 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. 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) lhs

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

Budget for Port Clyde Baptist Church applications for Matthew 25 funds:

Request from Matthew 25: \$1000.00

Expenses for Thursday Soup Day Project:

Soup: 6-9 pot of soup donated by church members and friends:

\$25.00 value per pot x 9 x 22 weeks: \$4950.00

Sandwiches and Desserts donated by church members and friend: estimated \$800 for 22 weeks

Total donated: \$5750.00

We use church china for bowls and cutlery for soup and church mugs for beverages: thus there is no cost.

Costs Requested from Matthew 25:

Paper products for delivery to shut-ins:	\$200.00
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Fish pieces from Port Clyde Fresh Catch for chowder	\$300.00
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Veggie /fruit trays for 22 weeks:	\$300.00
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Crackers, cheese, and potato chips for each week:	\$200.00
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Total Request from Matthew 25:	\$1000.00
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The Port Clyde Baptist Church is a small Baptist church in the small fishing village – one of several small villages that make up the Township of St. George Maine – and its mission is to serve the Lord through serving the local residents as well as supporting Baptist missions around the world through contributions, prayers and hospitality.

We contribute to support missions around the world; we fill boxes for Samaritan's Purse to insure young persons in difficult circumstances know they are in our thoughts through our small gifts. Locally we serve our neighbors through a variety of activities. Our church organist turns donated bags of yarn into hats and mittens for children in our school to insure their hands and heads are warm in winter. We also keep the teachers' closet at the St. George School supplied with a variety of socks since children often arrive with no socks and cold feet.

We support several food pantries and are looking forward to the opening of a food pantry in our town this fall thereby insuring families feeling hunger do not have to go many miles to a source of nourishment. We will also move our free diaper ministry to the new community pantry and will try to supply adult diapers as well. Each of these activities is supported by generous help from both summer visitors and by year round families.

A few years ago, our Mission Committee noted that winter is a harsh and lonely time for elders who reside here year round and indeed a hard time for families as the summer employment opportunities are closed once summer visitors return to their own homes. Fishing is an always hazardous and labor intensive occupation but in winter it becomes even more dangerous and often vessels are confined to our harbors. No fishing equals no income for many families. 65% of children in our local elementary school are eligible for free lunch; last year we supplied a school bus driver with funds to purchase snacks for high school students who had long rides on the bus he was driving. He needed help keeping them fed and sent a letter to our church asking for some assistance.

The end result of this discussion was the thought that once each week we could open our church activity room – a room where we all join in for a light lunch each Sunday after our worship service – and invite the neighbors in for a bowl of hot soup, sandwiches and desserts. We began our Thursday Soup Day quietly in November 2015 with much fanfare and just a sign outside. We served perhaps 15 people. Our Soup Day 2017 -18 ended in April with 40 to 50 guests and folks have been asking for it already. We publish the dates and times now on a community bulletin board and word of mouth which works well in our small village.

We are seeking Matthew 25 funds to purchase fruit and veggie trays to add to our usual fare of soup and sandwiches – a winter diet all too familiar to our families and elders. We are also seeking funds for disposable paper products that we use to deliver food to our shut-in residents. Funds from Matthew 25 will also be used to purchase "chowder pieces" from our local fishing co-op so we can serve fish chowder each week.

While it takes a good bit of human energy to meet our Soup Day goals we all feel the blessings of our joyous community that comes together – despite the harshness of winter weather – each Thursday.