

## 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: Warrensville Road Community Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 5045 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

Phone: 216-663-5683

Federal Tax ID#: 34-1559185

Name of Region: Cleveland Baptist Association

Contact person (person completing this form): Patricia Walker

Email of contact person: patriciawalker@wcbcmplehts.org

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?

Bridge To Freedom School Program

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.

See Attachment A

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?

See Attachment B

5. Total cost of the project: \$20,615.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

7. List other funding source(s): Cleveland Catholic Charities, Private Foundations, Private Donations, Fundraising Events, In-kind Donations

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) Warrensville Road Community 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): Patricia Walker (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 21, 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](mailto: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) PW

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



Attachment A

## **Budget Narrative For Use Of Requested Funds**

The purpose of the Budget narrative is to provide adequate explanations, justification and details of program expenditure line items where funds are being requested. Although average Scholar attendance has been over 50 for the past four years, for budget purposes, the number of Scholars used will be 50.

### **Books, Scholar Technology & Educational Aids**

Depending on the need of the Scholar a handout of books, software or educational aid is given to each Scholar at the end of the program.

### **Field Trips**

*Field Trips - 2 Events*

50 Scholars @ \$15 each X 2 events = \$1500.00

*Bus Transportation*

Field Trips (Bus Rental) – 2 trips X \$395/event - \$790.00

### **Snacks & Refreshments**

Snacks and refreshments used during the summer program

### **Consumable Program Supplies**

Supplies used during the program each year.

Arts & crafts supplies, pencils, puzzles, paper, etc.

### **Games and Equipment**

Games and equipment used during the program each year.

Educational games, Small sports equipment (balls, jump ropes, Frisbees, Legos, etc.)



## WARRENSVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH BRIDGE TO FREEDOM SCHOOL PROGRAM

For middle class families, summer means fun outdoor activities and a break from school schedules. But for many youth from inner city communities, it also means too much free time. Middle-class options such as camps, summer jobs, and sports are often either too expensive or not readily available in poor neighborhoods. The lack of high-quality, engaging summer programming means youth may not have a safe place to go while their parents are at work. Even those engaged in daytime activities may not be receiving the quality educational or recreational programming necessary to keep them healthy and to avoid the "summer slide". John's Hopkins National Summer Learning Association reports that, on average, youth from lower-income families lose two months of learning, or 22 percent of the school year, during summer break, and those losses are cumulative, meaning that lower-income youth are also less likely to graduate from high school or attend college.

Over the past 4 years an average of 55 families have been served each summer through our Bridge to Freedom School Program. The program provides a safe environment for youth where they experience God's love and are **nurtured spiritually and academically**.

Our Bridge to Freedom School Program is a summer literacy program designed to empower children, igniting in them a passion for learning. As studies have proven, on average, children lose two months of classroom learning every summer. Summer learning loss can affect all students, but studies indicate that literacy intensive efforts such as Bridge to Freedom Schools improve outcomes.

Within our program, the daily 5 literacy structure is used. Scholars spend classroom time writing, reading with a partner, listening and discussing books with their teachers, word work (building vocabulary) and computer time (listening to readings online via Tumble Books.)

Through our collaboration with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, we employ teens and provide a safe place for the summer. They are trained along with other teen volunteers from the Warrensville Road Community Baptist Church to serve as junior leaders responsible for mentoring and providing an enriching experience for our young scholars. Through our collaboration with Indeed We Code organization, our scholars are introduced to coding and information technology career paths.

As part of empowering our children, we refer to them as scholars throughout the program. This brings a level of responsibility as well as a confidence boost to each child. A positive name encourages positive outcomes throughout the program. A person cannot be a scholar without putting effort into it. This also raises the children's' view of themselves. They are seen as someone of high value and each day they prove us right.

The scholars are in classrooms, bible lesson workshops, engaged in fun and educational field trips and community service projects designed to expand their thinking. From quiet reading time to influential members of the community coming to speak, they are learning to love learning.

Our Bridge To Freedom School Program has been a wonderful example of a faith-based organization, and the community working together to "Make a Difference" in the lives of children and families within the greater community.

Together we can make a difference!





### **Our Purpose:**

To Glorify God and Make Disciples

### **Our Vision:**

To outreach and equip new families through Christian Education and spiritual formation: to promote growth in relationships, stronger families and healthier communication.

### **10 Doing Statements:**

Encouraging

Praising

Feeding

Praying

Listening

Reaching

Loving

Sharing

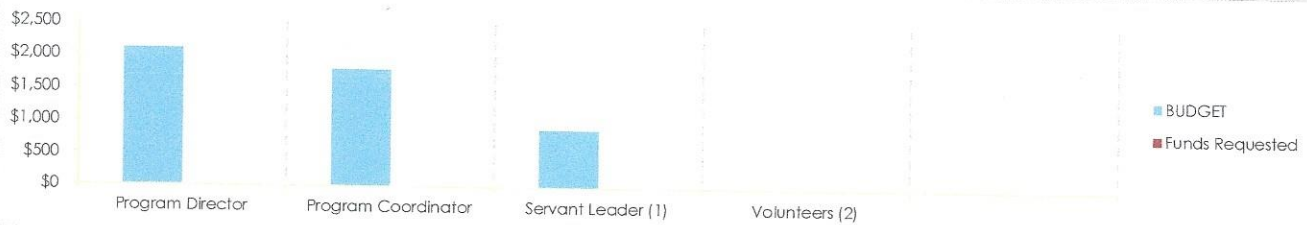
Ministering

Teaching

Warrensville Road Community Baptist Church  
**BridgeTo Freedom School Program**

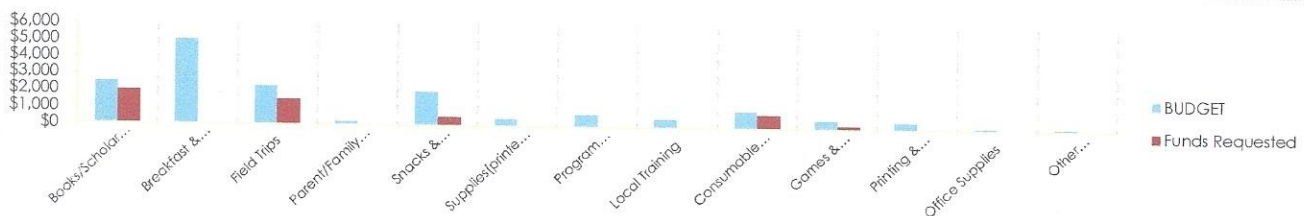
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**PERSONNEL BUDGET**



STATUS	PERSONNEL	BUDGET	Funds Requested	DIFFERENCE (\$)	DIFFERENCE (%)
▲	Program Director	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	100%
▲	Program Coordinator	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	100%
▲	Servant Leader (1)	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	100%
	Volunteers (2)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

**OPERATING BUDGET**



STATUS	OPERATING	BUDGET	Funds Requested	DIFFERENCE (\$)	DIFFERENCE (%)
▲	Books/Scholar Tech & Ed Aid	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	20%
▲	Breakfast & Lunch (3)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100%
▲	Field Trips	\$2,290.00	\$1,500.00	\$790.00	34%
▲	Parent/Family/Community Outreach	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	100%
▲	Snacks & Refreshments	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	75%
▲	Supplies(printer ink)	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	100%
▲	Program Liability Insurance (4)	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	100%
▲	Local Training	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100%
▲	Consumable Program Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$200.00	20%
▲	Games & Equipment	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	60%
▲	Printing & Reproduction	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	100%
▲	Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100%
▲	Other Operating Expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100%
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,615.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,615.00</b>	<b>76%</b>

Notes:

- (1) In-kind: Donated Servant Leader services - Collaboration with Cuyahoga Community College
- (2) In-kind: Donated Church Member volunteer services
- (3) In-kind: Donated - Cleveland Catholic Charities
- (4) Insurance - additional costs required to operate the program (i.e. Professional & General Liability)