

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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Cle Elum Community Church Aid & Assist Ministries

Affiliation with ABCUSA: through ABC Northwest

Address 201 East 3rd St. PO Box 430 Cle Elum, WA 98922

Phone 509-674-2472 Federal Tax ID# 91-1225029

Contact person Dr. C. Worth Wilson email pastordad2@gmail.com

2. Please submit 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.

3. 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.)

4. Total cost of the project \$7,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$2,000

6. Your other funding source(s) Cle Elum Community Church, Local Fund raisers,

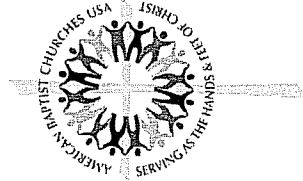
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Rev. Dr. C. Worth Wilson Date 2/28/14

Printed Name/Title: Rev. Dr. C. Worth Wilson III, Lead Pastor CECC & director of Aid & Assist Ministries

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



Aid and Assist Fund

A Ministry of the Cle Elum Community Church

Vision: The Aid & Assist Fund connects people with God's hope by helping to meet and/or assist people who have financial needs. Those needs range from those who are experiencing emergency needs, to those who are struggling financially due to economic situations (unemployment, underemployment, working poor, single parent, disabilities, etc). We give assistance to help with Food, Utilities, Medical Prescriptions or trips to Doctor's offices, Housing issues, clothing, even household appliances, and furniture when able.

Aid and Assist report for 2013

The Aid and Assist fund helps people in our church and community in times of need. We received \$ 10,133.27 in gifts and issued aid in the amount of \$ 8,872.54. We also are holding \$1,050 for the family who lost their 2 sons in the Cle Elum house fire in October of this year. In 2013 we've helped approximately 20 individuals or families with direct aid. We helped with fuel cards for those needing fuel to get to medical appointments or some other emergency need. We helped people in numerous other ways, with repairs to cars, utilities, food, emergency rent assistance and other needs. In conjunction with the local authorities and a local motel we provided emergency overnight housing for travelers.

We thank the women who raised funds for Aid and Assist through bake sales and craft sales. What a blessing these women are to those in need.

Safeway Escript rebate funds come from our church family who sign up with Safeway.com to provide rebates to the church through their purchases at Safeway. If you haven't signed up for the Safeway Escript program, please do so either online or ask at your Safeway store. Each penny or dollar helps someone in need in our community.

Account Summary for January - December 2013

Beginning balance	<u>\$2938.42</u>	
Donations:		
Individuals	4556.01	
Mission funds	2400.00	
Escript rebate(Safeway)	707.47	
Funds directed to fire victims	1050.00	
Bazaar funds	1419.79	
Total Donations	<u>\$10,133.27</u>	Balance \$13,071.69
Disbursements:		
Motel / rents	4995.35	
Utilities/ wood	1537.03	
Transportation/car repairs	223.70	
Safeway certs		
(Gas cards/ food)	600.00	
Misc. (Medical, perscriptions, Clothing)	1516.57	
Total disbursements	<u>\$8872.65</u>	Ending balance Dec 31, 2013 <u>\$4199.04</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

The Benevolence Team

Gym Shoes Give Away Project

The Cle Elum Community Church, Aid & Assist Ministries, have identified a need in our community that we are attempting to address – we have a high number of low income families in our community. 17% live at or below the poverty level and an additional 13% live just about the poverty level. The local school district requires that every student have a second pair of gym shoes available for physical education class that remain in the building during the school year. We learned through various sources that this school requirement places a financial burden on those low income families. With the help of the Cle Elum Roslyn School District Superintendent we have confirmed that 2/3's of the student population in the Elementary and Middle School are low income and are in need of financial assistance. The School District is assisting us in the Gym Shoe Give Away Project by getting shoe sizes of these students. They will also host the event at the school when the shoes will be given away.

Our vision is to provide a pair of gym shoes free of charge to approximately 300 students to meet the Physical Education requirement. This is presently an unmet need. School Supplies, coats, gloves are other needs these low income students have but other groups are presently working to meet these needs.

Please note, this is a community service event and has no religious stipulations attached. The Aid & Assist team along with Church Elders are in the process of seeking a source that will sell us the gym shoes for roughly \$20 a pair.

This project has a simple budget

300 pairs of Gym shoes	\$20 cost per pair	\$6,000
	Sales Tax of 8%	\$ 480
Shipping and Handling		\$520
Total Budget		\$7000

Any administrative costs will be covered by the Cle Elum Community Church.

Our dream is help these kids have the resources available to them to participate in physical education class that will help them live healthy lives. We believe this help them have a better school experience too thereby helping to lower the drop out in High School. Having a good education experience is one of the quick ways to help break the cycle of poverty in our community.

Thanks for considering our request.