

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

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1. General Information:

Organization Name: Family Promise of the Palouse

Affiliation with ABCUSA: The United Church of Moscow (an American Baptist Church) is a participating church in Family Promise of the Palouse

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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: \$107,500 annual operating budget

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

6. Your other funding source(s): AVISTA \$10,000; Moscow Giving Circle \$5,000; Inland Northwest Community Foundation \$13,646; individual and church donations \$10,000

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) Donna Francis Date 2-14-13

Printed Name/Title: Donna Francis, Family Promise of the Palouse Board Member

**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 to:

Mission Resource Development  
American Baptist Churches USA  
P.O. Box 851  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Or emailed to: [Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org)



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### Family Promise of the Palouse Grant Application

1. **Mission Statement:** Family Promise of the Palouse (FPP) addresses the needs of newly homeless families with children residing in Latah County ID and Whitman County WA. Our organization includes 13 churches in Moscow ID and Pullman WA which will host homeless families as they strive to overcome short-term problems that could further damage their families and lead to longer term poverty. We will provide food, shelter, and guidance leading to jobs and independence. We plan to be operational by this summer. At that time, we will join with other social agencies in our area such as Sojourners Alliance, the Hope Center, Alternatives to Violence on the Palouse, Habitat for Humanity, and the Community Action Center to address the many complex and underlying causes of poverty on the Palouse.

In, 2010, our organization evolved from a series of community discussions led by Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney which identified areas of poverty in our community including the need for shelter and services to lead homeless families to independence. The only other organization in the community that provides housing to families is turning away approximately 10 families per week. The national Family Promise model of service was chosen because it emphasizes (a) services that lead to independence, (b) cost-effective shelter using host churches for overnight housing, and (c) volunteers who supplement the professional staff. Once in operation, the annual budget of FPP will be approximately \$107,500. Late in 2012, FPP was incorporated and received 501 (c) 3 federal tax-exempt status.

To be included in the program, homeless families must pass a screening process that includes a criminal background, mental health and domestic violence checks and agree to comply with a set of expectations. Faith communities open their churches to the families to provide shelter, food, and fellowship. The staff, a director and half time social worker, coordinate these services; linking families to financial services, employment possibilities, education, and job training skills, health care, day care, and ultimately independent housing. Host congregations house the Family Promise guests approximately four times a year for one week at a time. Partner congregations work with host congregations to provide volunteer support. Nationally, Family Promise has a success rate of 77% of families securing housing through case management efforts. For a homeless family, this is a major step towards stability and the ability to improve the well-being of all family members.

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2. **Annual Report or Audited Financial Statement:** Family Promise of the Palouse is a new organization. The budgets listed below represent our anticipated income and expenses.

### Family Promise of the Palouse Budget

#### Annual Projected Income

#### Annual Budget

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Individuals	\$10,000
Foundations	\$40,000
Corporations	\$10,000
Religious Congregations	\$10,000
Civic Organizations	\$ 5,000
Fundraising Events	\$25,000
Religious Judicatories	\$10,000
Total	\$110,000

Director	\$40,000
Case Manager	\$30,000
Van Driver	\$10,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,000
Health Insurance	\$ 5,000
Corporate Insurance	\$ 3,000
Telephone	\$ 1,500
Photocopy/printing	\$ 1,000
Office Supplies	\$ 1,500
Rent for Day Center	\$ 5,000
Van Maintenance	\$ 2,000
Family Promise affiliation fee	
	\$ 1,500
Total	\$107,500

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#### Key Accomplishment to date:

In October 2012 we received 501(c) 3 federal tax-exempt status. In addition we have a 13 member Board of Directors dedicated fund raising, seeking professional staff, and establishing a Day Center.

We've received \$28,646 in initial grants through the efforts of the national Family Promise organization. An additional \$10,000 has been received in response to our Christmas request for donations from individuals and churches in our communities. Currently, we are planning fundraising events for this spring and fall.

Thirteen congregations have agreed to host the families and several partner congregations have agreed to provide volunteer support to the host congregations.



The national Family Promise organization trained our first group of volunteer coordinators February 9, 2013. With 85 people in attendance, it was the largest group the national representative has ever trained indicating the commitment of our congregations.

We are currently negotiating for a Day Center and are encouraged by in-kind contributions of 1) below-market rent, 2) renovations, and 3) appliances needed to furnish the day center.

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3. **Family Promise of the Palouse Plan for Requested Funds:** A key to the success of this project is the work accomplished by the half-time social worker in case management activities with the families. It is critical that families receive professional support to address the barriers to overcoming homelessness. The \$5,000 requested will be used for partial support of the social worker's salary to provide this key element. The social worker is responsible for case management activities including assessment of the family's individual needs and appropriate resources to meet those needs. The social worker is located in the day center which provides families a stable address to use when applying for jobs and program benefits. It will include computers for on-line job search, applications and skill development. Families will be linked with financial services, employment possibilities, education and job skills training, health care, day care and/or educational services for the children, and ultimately independent housing.