

## 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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General

Information

Church or

Region: *St.*

*Paul's Baptist*

*Church*

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:

*Philadelphia Baptist Association*

Ministry or Group receiving these

funds: *Clergy, Library and Health*

*Ministries (joint effort)*

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement. **(SEE ATTACHED)**
- 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. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

**(SEE ATTACHED)**

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

**(SEE ATTACHED)**

5. Total cost of the project: **\$ 7,707.13**

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

7. Your other funding source(s): ***In-kind gifts from St. Paul's Ministries & DeBaptiste Funeral Home***

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by: *Valerie Andrews*

Date: **02/17/2016**

**Please note:**

## 2) MISSION STATEMENT:

*The mission of the Reading and Health Journey is to inspire a community of readers, create dreamers and promote good health so that children may become independent readers with vision and lifelong learners that good health matters.*

### **Reading & Health Journey Projected Budget** **St. Paul's Baptist Church-West Chester, PA**

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Comprehension Wkbks.	\$9.45	25	\$236.25
Text-Marking Lessons for Reading	\$16.99	1	\$16.99
The Chocolate Touch Bk	\$6.99	25	\$174.95
Reading Reasons	\$22.95	1	\$22.95
Strategic Reading Groups	\$27.95	1	\$27.95
Words Their Way	\$35.02	1	\$35.02
Hi-Lo Non-Fiction for Struggling Readers	\$22.57	1	\$22.57
Books	Varied		\$1,500.00
Dictionaries/Thesauruses	Varied		\$175.00
Notebooks	\$2.00	25	\$50.00
Pencils	\$7.48 (pk)	2	\$14.96
My Future is Bright: I Read	\$21.95	1	\$21.95
Readers are Leaders Tags	\$7.95 (pk)	1	7.95
Reader Certificates	\$7.99 (pk)	1	\$7.99
Reading Rocks Bracelets	\$6.90 (pk)	1	\$6.90
All About Me Keepsake Journals	\$10.82	25	\$270.50
Art Supplies(Colored Paper, Scissors, Glue)	Varied		\$300.00
Storage Bins for Materials (Assorted sizes)	\$22.98	2 cases	\$45.96
Physical Activity Bingo Game	\$59.95	1	\$59.95
Kids Eat Healthy Snacks Cookbooks	\$4.95	25	\$123.75
Bullying/Harassment Situation Cards	\$29.95 (pk)	1	\$29.95
Nutrition Healthy My	\$24.99	1	\$24.99

Plate Pocket Chart			
Harmful Effects of Smoking Chart	\$24.95	1	\$24.95
Eat Wise & Exercise Combo	\$4.49 (each)	25	\$112.25
Fitness Fun Educational Books	.79	25	\$19.75
Professional Health Nutritionist/Chef	\$125.00	Honorarium	\$125.00
Scrabble Junior	\$14.95	2	\$29.90
Healthy Breakfasts, Lunches, Snacks & Beverages 236.25		Approx. 25 children/day @ 750 meal times	\$2,500.00
101 Good Health Habits Educational Activities Book	.79	25	\$19.75
Trips (Buses)	\$250	2	\$500.00
Trip Sites	\$350	2 (TBD)	\$700.00
Closing Celebration	\$500		\$500.00

**PROJECTED COST/PROGRAM BUDGET:**

**\$ 7,707.13**

**3 & 4) How do we plan to use the requested funds, and how will the funds assist individuals battling poverty?**

The projected cost for the proposed program is \$7,707.13. St. Paul's is requesting \$5,000.00 to assist in serving low-income and disadvantaged middle-school children (grades 5-8), from neighborhoods in various sections of West Chester, as well as from agencies servicing sheltered children.

A significant portion of the funds requested, will be used for the educational resources outlined in the budget. It is our belief, that "Knowledge is Power," and we desire to empower each child with reading resources needed to ultimately improve his/her socio-economic condition(s) for their families, communities, country, and future generations.

The reading program will assist individuals battling poverty by helping them to better function in society, develop their minds, discover new things, and embrace a culture of reading. Moreover, by immersing the children into a world of literacy, it will ignite their imagination and reading confidence for a prosperous future, regardless of their economic status or personal capabilities.

In the same way, the health education materials will build health knowledge and skills of the participants, in an effort to prepare and empower them to value and engage in life-long lifestyles which will allow them to become health-conscious citizens. With the ever increasing number of children with poor nutritional values, lack of knowledge and health issues (i.e., obesity, Type 1 diabetes, etc...) it is our goal to reduce risk behaviors and increase healthy habits that will promote healthy living (through proper diet and exercise). These efforts will be achieved through health literacy, advocacy of healthy behavioral practices, on-site doctor(s) and

nurse practitioner engagements, and the development of (kid-friendly) healthy self-management skills.

Still further, educational excursions that reflect approaches to communication and health and wellness will serve as an extension of the program.

**5. Total estimated cost of the project: \$7,707.13**

**6. Amount requested: \$5,000.00**

**7. Other funding sources:**

- St. Paul's Baptist Church (In-kind gifts from our church ministries and administrative offices for teaching, copying, transporting to and from site, host site, etc...)
- DeBaptiste Funeral Home