

## 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 District of Columbia Baptist Convention  
Affiliation with ABCUSA ABC Region  
Address 1628 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington DC 20009  
Phone 202-265-1526 Federal Tax ID# EIN 53-0196592  
Contact person Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director  
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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 \$15,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Edes Home Foundation Grant and DC Baptist Convention Foundation Grant

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) Robert D. Cochran Date 8/27/13

Printed Name/Title Robert D. Cochran, Associate Executive Director, DC Baptist Convention

**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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



### **DC Baptist Convention Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Convention shall be to develop and support a Baptist expression of the Christian mission in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area, seeking to strengthen and expand God's Kingdom through the individual and united ministries of its member churches.

The object of the Convention shall be to strengthen the individual churches through training and education; to act as an extension of the churches' mission, seeking to encourage, coordinate and initiate ministry to the community and the world; to seek to foster fellowship among the member churches; to promote support for and participation in the work of the national bodies with which it cooperates—the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and the Southern Baptist Convention; to promote harmony of feeling and concert of action on the part of all the Baptists throughout the nation; and to foster Christian goodwill throughout the world.

### **Project Restoration Proposed 2014 Budget**

#### **Income**

Edes Home Foundation	\$5,000	
DC Baptist Convention Foundation	\$5,000	
Matthew 25 Grant	<u>\$5,000</u>	
Total		\$15,000

Additionally, we anticipate more than seven teams made up of deacons and youths from DCBC-related congregations giving multiple hours of volunteer time to make the repairs needed for the restoration of the residences of Low-income older adults.

#### **Expenses**

Supplies to repair 30 homes, securing permits as necessary	\$15,000
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## **Older Adult Ministries Project Restoration**

The Older Adult Ministries Team has found that one important factor in the quality of life for seniors is housing. Seniors who desire to stay in their long-term residences are often forced to consider moving because of the difficulty of maintaining their homes. These repairs become too much for those advanced in age, widowed, or without finances.

Project Restoration seeks to link deacons, other church leaders and church youth to help senior adults in need of basic home maintenance, focusing on Ward 7 and 8, two of the most impoverished areas of Washington DC. At a conference in April 2013, two DCBC churches which have ministries which provide light home repair in residences owned by seniors, presented these ministries and discussed these with members of other interested churches. These congregations solicited projects from both DCBC seniors and the general community. This past summer, Older Adult Ministries provided funds for supplies; Mission Serve personnel secured permits and supervised youth groups who completed work on 13 residences.

There are still projects to be done in 2013 and 2014. The OAM Team has assessed the residences and listed the work needed. DCBC congregations are catching the vision of this ministry, and DCBC will link churches with the houses to be worked on. Churches will enlist volunteers to take on these restoration projects. Matthew 25 funds along with other monies will be used to purchase necessary supplies for the restoration projects. The funds, channeled through the offices of the DC Baptist Convention will be granted to the churches responsible for the restoration projects. Once the projects are completed, churches will be asked to give an accounting of the funds received and used, reporting back to the Older Adult Ministries Team and the DC Baptist Convention.

Project Restoration is a long-term project, addressing the ills of poverty and its effects. We anticipate that as the older adult population grows, a growing ministry effort in this area will continue to help low-income seniors to have improved living conditions in their own homes.

Older Adults who are impoverished often find themselves living in houses with deteriorating conditions which they are unable, either physically or financially, to repair. The use of these funds will address these needs for better living conditions, allowing these seniors to stay longer in their own residences, in neighborhoods which they know and in places where they have the support of family, church members and friends.

Secondly, these funds are encouraging the development of a long-term ministry among the churches of the DC Baptist Convention. As the senior adult population grows with the aging of the "Baby Boom" (1946-1964), the development of this ministry will provide a strong witness to members of this cohort long into the future, as well as to those who follow them into retirement.

Thirdly, youth will be involved in these projects, being guided by both professional workers and deacons of their churches. Some of these youth will experience the affirmation of service with their own hands, and may then choose to continue this type of service through employment or as volunteers. The effect of that involvement in this project by youth will also help to battle poverty and its effects long into the future.