

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 United Baptist Church (John Clarke Memorial)
Affiliation with ABCUSA American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island
Address 30 Spring Street Newport Rhode Island 02840
Phone 401-847-3210 Federal Tax ID #05-0264670
Contact person Rev. Dr. Paul M Hanson email ubcnpt@verizon.net

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 \$31,046.82

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) To date United Baptist Church John Clarke Memorial Congregation and other participating faith communities \$3520.00. We are also seeking additional grant funds locally to assist offsetting the cost.

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 Paul M Hanson Date March 1, 2016

Printed Name/Title Rev Paul M. Hanson, Pastor

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



Mission Statement for the United Baptist Church John Clarke Memorial's Community Meal Ministry:
In conjunction with other faith communities on Aquidneck Island to provide a hot, nutritious meal daily to homeless and working poor individuals and families.

**United Baptist Church
Community Meal Ministry
Projected Budget/Expenses
May 1, 2016-April 30, 2017**

Food:

(Cost of food and beverage per UBC Community Meal)

\$250*4=\$1000.00

Supply

(Cost of cups, napkins, plates, silverware, placemats per UBC Community Meal)

\$50*4=\$200.00

Utilities/Upkeep

(Gas, Electricity, Oil, and Cleaning)

\$85.29 per community meal *58=\$4,946.82

Fire Suppression system

(Cleaning, Upkeep, and Inspection)

\$900 yearly

Installing a new door to handicap entrance

\$2000.00

Refurbishing back hall Community Meal storage and worker entrance

\$12,000.00

Installing a handicap men's bathroom

\$10,000.00

Total Cost of the Community Meal Ministry =\$31,046.82

The United Baptist Church is committed to funding our own food and supply cost via donations of money, food and time from our congregation at a cost of \$1200.00. Each faith group that uses the building also maintains a donation of \$40 per community meal they hold in our facility at a yearly total of \$3520.00

We are seeking assistance from the Matthew 25 grant to help offset the cost of the utilities, fire suppression system and some much needed handicap accessible updates to allow access to all to the community meal ministry. The total requested amount is \$5000.00

How Funds Requested Will Be Used

The United Baptist Church covenanted with other faith communities in 1983 to provide the poor of our community with a daily hot meal. Our congregation prepares and serves 4-5 meals per year. Because of our proximity to the homeless shelter and access to the downtown community, our church is able to facilitate this ministry by providing kitchen and dining area to a local temple and four churches in this shared endeavor. Community Meals are held in our church building approximately 58 times a year. Each community meal serves approximately 100 individuals each meal totaling 5800 meals a year.

In applying for the Matthew 25 grant, we are requesting support for the following challenges that we are facing. Although each participating congregation gives a token amount towards the building use, the cost of gas and heating oil are primarily the responsibility of our congregation. We maintain a commercial 10-burner stove and fire suppression system. We provide a freezer and refrigerator as well as tables and chairs. It is also our responsibility to maintain the upkeep on our physical structure and maintain accessibility to the handicap. At this time the handicap entrance needs a new door that will allow easier access for wheelchairs and walkers and we need to upgrade the men's bathroom to make it handicap accessible. Currently we only have one handicap stall in the women's bathroom.

Our small congregation has been faithful in donating requested food items to help "defray" some of the expense of the meal. The meal is prepared and served by church members. This has been an ongoing commitment for young and old to participate any way they can in this ministry of service.

The ongoing witness of this ministry in our community is a consistent calendar of meals served in a warm and welcoming environment. No identification or show of need is required to come partake in a meal. Individuals and families are treated with respect and full of expression of God's love by all participating congregations. Other ministries have developed through this meal such as the distribution of donated hats, mittens, bath products, and holiday gifts.

The requested funds will allow us to continue providing a critical resource to the needy individuals in our community.

