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American Baptist Churches Rochester/Genesee Region Request for Proposals –Palmer Grant: Ending Poverty through Discipleship Grant 2018

Who can apply...

The ABCRGR accepts Letters of Inquiry (LOI) through an open but competitive grant process. Please make sure you review our guidelines and grant making priorities to determine whether your church's proposed project is aligned with this opportunity.

Congregations that have not received funding from the ABCRGR for the past three or more consecutive years, or three or more non-consecutive times over the past five years, will be given preference for funding.

ABCRGR generally awards grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000. ABCRGR holds one grant making cycle for this grant.

Requests for Proposals (RFP) must be **received** by ABCRGR by January 31, 2018. Late applications will be automatically disregarded. Determinations are made within one month and grants monies are provided upon notification.

Congregations must be "in good standing" for 2016 and 2017 to be considered. Good standing means: participation in a regional and/or ABCUSA meeting, Completed Annual Report, and a contribution to United Mission and/or ABCRGR.

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Must arrive on or before Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Letters of Inquiry

Letters of Inquiry consist of two components: a "Cover Sheet" section that requests basic information about your congregation and a Narrative section of no more than 2 pages. Please be sure that you have reviewed the grant priorities before submitting a Letter of Inquiry.

Narrative section guidelines: Your narrative should address the following questions:

- What were your congregation's accomplishments of the past year and, more generally, what impact has your congregation made based on your mission? What are your congregation's goals and plans for the coming year?
- Describe your project detailing how you believe it will achieve the intentions of this project. Describe how you plan to measure impact of this project.
- Briefly describe the makeup of both your congregation and your community. (Please include all information relevant to your congregation.) What mechanisms exist to ensure that your programs are responsive and relevant to your congregation and community?
- What is the financial condition of your congregation? Please briefly describe the diversity and stability of your revenue base. Describe how your church will be contributing to the project.

Grantmaking Priorities

Through its grantmaking activities, **ABCGR** supports projects that are intended to strengthen or enhance the outreach and discipleship efforts of region churches. The request for proposals RFP is available on the region website (www.abcgr.org) for a new grant to encourage region churches to move from **charity efforts to longer term sustained relationships**. This grant requires participation in a learning community through the CRCDS Continuing Education platform.

- Projects must demonstrate an on-going relationship with persons who are living without the resources for self-sufficiency from government assistance.

This grant opportunity is designed to move charity work to the next level through the development of long-term relationships with persons served, therefore, projects external to the church must provide indication how individuals from the congregation will be engaged in meaningful relationships with the persons served. For example: a church that has a meal program or a food pantry would increase the contacts so that a relationship develops where persons assisted might develop a curiosity about the Christian faith. (This is about relational evangelism patterned after 1 Peter 3:15-16 "*In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.*")

The more fully a congregation is involved in the project and/or benefits from the project, the higher the grant score.

Cover Sheet:

Congregation Name:

Director:

Contact person:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Fax:

Email Address:

Web site:

Year founded:

Amount requested:

Project name:

Project budget:

Year Project established:

EIN#

Number of Staff:

Paid Full-time:

Paid Part-time:

Volunteers, Full-time:

Volunteers, Part-time:

Grant Purpose Description [250 word minimum]

Who are your constituents?

Narrative: (See instructions above for content)