



2024 Pre-Packaged Grant Application

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Which track are you applying under?

Individual Congregation

Group of Congregations

Organization

Name of Congregation/Lead Congregation/Organization:

Congregation/Lead Congregation/Organization Mailing Address:

Primary Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Website: _____

Pastor/Organizational Leader: _____

Project Package Applying For:

Dinner Church

Building Bridges – Latino Ministry

QUESTIONS (Word counts are guidelines):

How did you discern this project was the best one for your congregation or organization to pursue? In your narrative, be sure to indicate why you should be the recipient of a pre-packaged grant. In other words, why is your congregation/organization particularly well-suited to be successful and form new communities of faith through this project idea?

Indicate which V2A goal(s) your project addresses, and how. (100-150 words)

Sharing Christ: Focusing on creating community

Vital Congregations: Developing congregations and organizations as innovation centers

Making Disciples: Re-focusing congregational practices on discipleship and lifelong learning rather than membership

Doing Justice: Identifying community organizations for partnerships

Intentional Diversity: Growing churches and organizations that are active in their communities

Briefly describe how you chose the project. What was your discernment process? How did you determine this project was the best one for your congregation or organization to pursue? (100 words)

If this is a group application, please list all congregations/organizations collaborating in the project. How did you decide to work together? (100 words)

Tell us about your communication plan. How will you develop congregational and community buy-in, and what avenues will you use to invite the larger community? (100 words)

Describe the impact you hope to have. How will you identify it? Along with any numerical goals, please describe at least one qualitative sign of impact or success. (100 words)

Name challenges or obstacles you can foresee/imagine. How might you address them? (100 words)

What if you are not awarded a V2A grant...will you still pursue the project? Why, or why not? What would you change about the project—either leave out, or achieve in another way? (100 words)

Please list the roles of those involved in the leadership of this project. Beyond the leadership team, how many in your congregation or organization are involved?

Are you engaging any community partners in your project? If so, please identify them and describe their role and how you will work together. (100 words)

What is your congregation or organization's investment in this project? Bear in mind this can involve time, talent, and/or treasure. (100 words)

How will you sustain the project beyond the life of the grant? Consider both financial and non-financial resources needed. (100 words)

TIMELINES & BUDGETS

Below are the timelines for launching a Dinner Church ministry and a Latino ministry.

DINNER CHURCH

- Form planning team that meets weekly to review and discuss handbooks and background materials; receive training – **Jan/Feb 2025**
- Determine location and other parameters for dinners – **Jan-March 2025**
- Plan initial dinner and programming, and recruit volunteers for implementation – **Jan-March 2025**
- Launch a marketing team for advertising the dinner church – **January 2025**
- Commence advertising in community – **March 2025**
- Advertising for Dinner Church – **April-June 2025**
- Launch first dinner – **April 2025, to be continued on monthly basis**
- Planning team continues to meet, evaluate, make adjustments based on experience – **April-June 2025**
- Coaching session I - **Held after a couple of dinners**
- Planning team continues to meet, evaluate, make adjustments based on experience – **July-Sept 2025**
- Coaching session II - **End of third quarter**
- Dinner church events and related marketing continues – **Monthly**
- Coaching session III – **End of fourth quarter**
- Dinner church events and related marketing continues – **Monthly**
- Planning team continues to meet, evaluate the year, determine how Dinner Church can be sustained and implement strategies for its ongoing success and growth - **Oct-December 2025**

| Category/Item | Amount |
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| Project Development Resources (Training event; Coaching; Dinner Church handbooks) | \$1,200 |
| Food costs (assuming three months project preparation and nine months' worth of dinners) | \$3,000 |
| Dinner supplies (paper products, table supplies, cleaning supplies) | \$1,200 |
| Marketing and mailing costs | \$1,500 |
| Program costs (music, discussion group supplies) | \$600 |
| Miscellaneous expenses, including possible facility rental | \$2,500 |
| TOTAL | \$10,000 |

BUILDING BRIDGES – LATINO MINISTRY

- Form planning team that meets regularly to organize and launch Latino ministry – **Jan 2025**
- Order language books, recruit teacher as needed, secure space and obtain supplies – **Jan-March 2025**
- Develop marketing materials and recruit participants for language classes – **Jan-March 2025**
- Develop strategy for worship services; plan meals and activities for social gatherings to mix the different groups of learners – **Jan-March 2025**
- Launch first ten-week language class series in English and Spanish – **April 2025**
- Host meals and social exchange as part of the classes – **April-June 2025**
- Hold monthly worship experiences – **April-June 2025**
- Leadership Team meet as needed to assess progress and adapt – **April-June 2025**
- Strategize on how to build a sustainable faith community with the newly formed learning groups – **April-June 2025**
- Leadership Team to meet with Executive Coach – **April-June 2025**
- Leadership Team continues meeting, with Executive Coach and on its own – **July-Sept 2025**
- Evaluate first semester and adapt/finetune – **July-Sept 2025**
- Market second semester and take registrations – **July-Sept 2025**
- Plan worship, meals, and social events for second semester; recruit teacher as needed – **July-Sept 2025**
- Brainstorm how to continue engaging first semester participants; make plans to implement strategies – **July-Sept 2025**
- Launch second semester—10 weeks of classes, plus meals/social time and monthly (or periodic) worship – **Late September 2025**
- Launch campaign and efforts to maintain the community that formed in the first semester – **September 2025**
- Leadership Team continue meeting with Executive Coach – **Oct-Dec 2025**
- Complete second semester and evaluate – **Oct-Dec 2025**
- Establish a plan to continue the classes—consider financial needs and how to make it sustainable beyond life of grant – **Oct-Dec 2025**
- Brainstorm and establish a plan for developing the Latino ministry and supporting it financially—along with continued classes, perhaps add Bible study, continued worship, or other faith-based activities – **Oct-Dec 2025**

| Category/Item | Amount |
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| ESL books x 2 semesters— (\$11/book; assume 20 learners each semester) | \$440 |
| Spanish Learning Books— (\$21/book; assume 8 learners each semester) | \$336 |
| Coach for congregation/organization (\$150/month for 9 months) | \$1,350 |
| Shared meals at \$200 per class night (20 in total) | \$4,000 |
| Worship—music, supplies, bilingual supply preacher as needed | \$2,000 |
| Marketing—flyers, advertising, registration | \$1,000 |
| Miscellaneous supplies, expenses; stipend for teacher | \$874 |
| TOTAL | \$10,000 |

List the income sources you plan to devote to the project:

Income sources:

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| V2A Grant | \$10,000 |
| Congregation or Organization Contributions | |
| Other Income sources (list name of source and dollar amount below:) | |
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| TOTAL INCOME | |

Supporting Documentation:

You must submit the following additional documents with your application:

- **Financial Information:** Please provide your most recent actual Balance Sheet as well as the actual Income and Expense Statements of your congregation or organization for the past three years.
- **Signature Pages:** you must submit the appropriate signature page for your organization type.
 - **Individual Congregation/Organization/Ministry:** Standard Signature Page
 - **Groups of Congregations:** Group Covenant Signature Page