



## 2025 Pre-Packaged Grant Application

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Which track are you applying under?**

Individual Congregation

Group of Congregations

Organization

**Name of Congregation/Lead Congregation/Organization:**

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**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 2026**
- Determine location and other parameters for dinners – **Jan-March 2026**
- Plan initial dinner and programming, and recruit volunteers for implementation – **Jan-March 2026**
- Launch a marketing team for advertising the dinner church – **January 2026**
- Commence advertising in community – **March 2026**
- Advertising for Dinner Church – **April-June 2026**
- Launch first dinner – **April 2026, to be continued on monthly basis**
- Planning team continues to meet, evaluate, make adjustments based on experience – **April-June 2026**
- Coaching session I - **Held after a couple of dinners**
- Planning team continues to meet, evaluate, make adjustments based on experience – **July-Sept 2026**
- 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 2026**

Category/Item	Amount
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

## **BUILDING BRIDGES – LATINO MINISTRY**

- Form planning team that meets regularly to organize and launch Latino ministry – **Jan 2026**
- Order language books, recruit teacher as needed, secure space and obtain supplies – **Jan-March 2026**
- Develop marketing materials and recruit participants for language classes – **Jan-March 2026**
- Develop strategy for worship services; plan meals and activities for social gatherings to mix the different groups of learners – **Jan-March 2026**
- Launch first ten-week language class series in English and Spanish – **April 2026**
- Host meals and social exchange as part of the classes – **April-June 2026**
- Hold monthly worship experiences – **April-June 2026**
- Leadership Team meet as needed to assess progress and adapt – **April-June 2026**
- Strategize on how to build a sustainable faith community with the newly formed learning groups – **April-June 2026**
- Leadership Team to meet with Executive Coach – **April-June 2026**
- Leadership Team continues meeting, with Executive Coach and on its own – **July-Sept 2026**
- Evaluate first semester and adapt/finetune – **July-Sept 2026**
- Market second semester and take registrations – **July-Sept 2026**
- Plan worship, meals, and social events for second semester; recruit teacher as needed – **July-Sept 2026**
- Brainstorm how to continue engaging first semester participants; make plans to implement strategies – **July-Sept 2026**
- Launch second semester—10 weeks of classes, plus meals/social time and monthly (or periodic) worship – **Late September 2026**
- Launch campaign and efforts to maintain the community that formed in the first semester – **September 2026**
- Leadership Team continue meeting with Executive Coach – **Oct-Dec 2026**
- Complete second semester and evaluate – **Oct-Dec 2026**
- Establish a plan to continue the classes—consider financial needs and how to make it sustainable beyond life of grant – **Oct-Dec 2026**
- 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 2026**

Category/Item	Amount
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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

Income sources:

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

### 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