

MINISTRY GRANT REPORT

Name of organization: VU VI VO Ministries

Date of report submission: September 30, 2024

In fulfillment of September OR Final Report (include year): September 30, 2024

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Date Grant funds were received: April 26, 2024

Grant amount received: \$42,082.40

Total grant amount spent to date: `

Grant amount remaining:

Purpose of Grant (Please copy and paste from Page 1 of Grant Application submitted):

To provide funding for evangelism and discipleship through our Future Initiative focused on reaching de-churched and un-churched 18-30 year olds in the Tampa Bay area.

GRANT USE SUMMARY

Please answer all questions below as they pertain to your ministry and grant request. If a question does not apply, please enter "N/A" rather than deleting the question.

1. Compare original objectives/timeframes with actual results. Explain any variances.

On target – This initiative is unfolding as planned and on target for timelines.

Room for improvement – Not at this time.

2. Explain the specific ways that this grant has helped you to expand significantly or propelled your ministry forward. Please include specific examples.

First, with support from the 100 shares grant, we were able to immediately invest in critically needed equipment and technology in order to produce our podcast content.

Second, we were able to immediately schedule our monthly public gathering events at Buddy Brew on Kennedy. The first of which has already been hosted in September and was a tremendous success reaching new 18-30s year olds and expanding our ministry reach.

3. Based on the measurable project goals and methods of evaluation on your original grant application (Question #12 on the Grant Application), how has this project measurably expanded an existing initiative or established a new initiative?

This grant has measurably expanded our ministry to 18-30 year olds by opening the door for us to extend a broader invitation to young adults in the Tampa Bay Area. Prior to the grant, we were unable to host our monthly gatherings in public venues making these events accessible to new guests. In addition, we did not have the marketing resources to extend invitations digitally to more young adults in our area. In our first event in September, we already saw an increase in young adults who had never connected with our ministry before. We look forward to continuing and measuring the expansion of our ministry as these events and our Chapel Worship gatherings continue. Finally, we are

already recording a new season of the Wayfarer Podcast and the first episode has been released and due to the catalytic funding from 100 shares, our entire Wayfarer cast was able to host and curate our first Wayfarer Tampa event.

4. How have the grant funds furthered evangelism and discipleship in your local community?

These grant funds are connecting our ministry with young adults who are open spiritually and seeking but may have never connected with our ministry or a local church before. At our first event, we had young adults represented from USF and UT as well as young adults already in their careers in businesses and organizations throughout Tampa Bay.

5. What impact has the grant had on the population you serve? Your staff? The community?

This grant has facilitated a much broader reach and greater access to the demographic we serve and has greatly encouraged our staff by bringing new young adults into the ministry immediately.

6. What were the primary lessons that you and your staff learned from this grant project?

This grant helped to provide greater clarity, cohesiveness and therefore, confidence, in our ministry's overall objective to express the life and beauty of the gospel with a particular emphasis on reaching young adults. In addition, this grant helped us carefully think through the greatest barriers to reaching young adults moving away from Christianity and identify friction points where we could improve our ministry.

7. Based upon current conditions, are there things that you would do differently in utilizing the grant award? If so, what?

Early indications signal that there is an even greater hunger for live, in person events than we anticipated. These events are attractive to young adults but require significant funding to secure public venue spaces. We will watch the growth of our monthly events to

determine if utilizing more grant resources to expand the monthly ongoing events would have greater impact than allocating some of the grant resources for special event outreach.

8. If the grant project is part of a larger campaign, please provide a status report on the campaign.

NA

9. If the project involved collaboration with other organizations, please comment on its effect on the project.

NA

Dear 100 Shares Grant Members,

One of our goals was to curate a fresh opportunity for young adults in the Tampa Bay Area to gather monthly at Buddy Brew on Kennedy and to carry the Wayfarer Podcast conversations into this live context. We are excited to report that these gatherings have launched, in fact October's is just around the corner. One young woman who attended our Wayfarer gathering had this say..."Thank you so much to you and your team for creating such a special and unique place for young travelers to gather. I found the words you shared to be encouraging and relatable. I am grateful someone recognizes the barriers the modern day holds in getting people together, V3 levels the playing field."

Thank you for including VU VI VO Ministries as recipients and we look forward to sharing more of these stories with you.

In His Service,
Zach, Cammie and the V3 team