

## WOW Grants

*turning dreams into vibrant, vital, vision-centred ministries*

Preliminary applications are invited for the Walking on Water (WOW) grants program. One-time grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded in January 2017 for new ministry initiatives or initiatives that deepen or broaden the scope of current ministry. Grants are available to parishes, chaplaincies, missions and other related affiliates of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara. While large grants may be awarded, the expectation is that most grants will be in the \$5,000 range. Initiatives may include program expenses, salary for a new position and/or capital costs.

Successful applications will describe initiatives that:

- launch transformational, creative, innovative and inspiring ministries
- relate directly to living our diocesan vision
- initiate a new ministry or help take existing ministries to the next level
- foster discipleship and respond to God's mission
- demonstrate passionate engagement with broad-based support for the project
- arise from vital parishes/organizations exhibiting financial health and a capacity to undertake the project

Applicants are asked to fully articulate their project on organizational letterhead in no more than two single-spaced pages by responding to the following questions:

- 1) Name your project and describe the dream /project you are proposing?
- 2) How does it connect to our diocesan vision?
- 3) Describe the support received and/or anticipated from those you serve within your ministry and in the wider community you serve?
- 4) Who will the project engage in ministry and what roles will they play? Describe in detail the role and responsibilities any partner organization(s) will undertake.
- 5) In what ways will the project transform individuals, the ministry, the wider community?
- 6) How, if at all, would your project move forward if it received only partial funding?

Please also enclose a detailed timeline and budget (income and expenses) as an addendum to the application. You may wish to refer the samples available on the grants webpage to help prepare these documents.

Applications must have two signatures and contact information; normally the primary contact for the project and an officer of the organization (Incumbent, Executive Director, Warden, Director, etc.)

Written applications will be screened. Applicants of projects that meet the criteria will be invited to make a short presentation (10-15 minutes) to the WOW grants review panel on **January 14, 2017 (snow date: January 28)**. Please keep these dates free; there is no alternate date for presentations.

Additional notes:

- Grants will not be awarded to projects that are underway or have already been completed
- Funding cannot be used to cover existing ministry costs (including salaries or building maintenance/repair)
- Grants to projects with multiple funding sources are conditional until all funding is secured
- Projects must be initiated within 12 months of the approval date
- Vestry and annual general meeting reports may be accessed to assist in the grant discernment process
- New projects will not be funded unless previous projects are completed
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a financial accounting of their project and unspent funds must be returned to the Diocese of Niagara
- Grantees may be asked to share their ministry story with the diocese

**Application Deadline: November 14, 2016 @ 5:00pm**  
**Please submit applications to [jane.wyse@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:jane.wyse@niagaraanglican.ca)**