

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 February 2015 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 ministries to the next level
- foster discipleship and respond to God's mission
- demonstrate passionate engagement with a broad-based support for the project
- arise from parishes or affiliated ministries exhibiting health and a capacity to undertake the project

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

- 1) What is the dream/ project you are proposing?
- 2) How does it connect to the diocesan vision?
- 3) Who will the project engage in ministry and what roles will they play? Describe the role any partner organization(s) will play.
- 4) In what ways will the project transform individuals, the ministry, the wider community?
- 5) 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; 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 17, 2015 (snow date: January 24)**. 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
- Funds cannot be used to cover a salary shortfall or to supplement a salary within an existing position
- Funding cannot be used to cover existing ministry costs or building maintenance and 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 make a short presentation to Synod to share their ministry story
- Any unspent funds must be returned to the Diocese of Niagara WOW program

Application Deadline: November 21, 2014

Please submit applications to jane.wyse@niagaraanglican.ca