



## WALKING ON WATER GRANTS

*turning dreams into vibrant mission-centered ministries*

As a people of Christian faith in the Anglican Diocese of Niagara we are called to life and compelled to love. With this call to action in mind, applications are invited for the Walking on Water (WOW) grants program. The people of our parishes and ancillary ministries and programs have initiated and developed numerous programs, projects, and ministries with the support of WOW Grants. Since 2014 grants have been given to provide support and encouragement for new ministry initiatives that renew or deepen the scope of current ministry.

Grants are available to parishes, chaplaincies, missions, and other related affiliates of the Diocese of Niagara. One-time grants of up to \$20,000 can be applied for a new ministry program or project or for an existing ministry to take it to the next level.

The written portion of the application will be reviewed by the WOW Grant Discernment Team. This team consists of the Diocese's Parish Development Missioner, the Community Missioner, and several volunteers from across the diocese. Applications that meet the requirements of the WOW Grant including connecting well with the Parish MAP (for parishes) and Diocesan MAP (for other ministries affiliated with the diocese) will be invited to make a presentation on **February 8, 2025**. Applicants, please keep this date free as there are no alternate presentation dates. The presentation will be 15 minutes or less, followed by a time of question and answers with the WOW Grant Discernment Team.

### IMPORTANT

- To qualify for a WOW grant, parishes must have completed their Parish Mission Action Plan and be able to articulate how the project relates to their MAP goals.
- Chaplaincies, missions, and other related affiliates of the Diocese of Niagara (that are not parishes) must be able to demonstrate how their project aligns with the Diocesan Mission Action Plan.

### **The Application**

For the 2025 Walking on Water grants program, applications will be submitted through an [online application form](#). To apply for a WOW grant, you must provide the following:

- 1) Contact information for your parish and project, including the approval of a signing officer.
- 2) A detailed timeline of your ministry.
- 3) A detailed budget outlining **all** costs and expenses, how these will be met by your proposed WOW Grant application, and how any other additional funds needed will be met. No detail is too small.
- 4) Please provide an overview of the project, initiative of ministry by answering the following questions:
  - **Summary:** Provide a one-paragraph summary of the project.
  - **Purpose:** What is the primary goal of the project?
  - **Participants:** Who will participate in and benefit from this project?
  - **Leadership:** Who will lead this project? How will staff and volunteers be utilized?
  - **Partnerships:** Will you be collaborating with partner organizations? How will they be involved in the project?

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- 5) Please provide answers to the following questions about how your WOW grant project is missionally focused:
- What have you done to listen to those outside of your church before planning this project, initiative, or ministry? What did you hear that helped you shape this proposal?
  - How have you actively sought and listened for God's guidance in shaping this project? Please describe any specific practices, prayerful reflections, or discernment discussions that have influenced your planning process.
  - How will this project engage with those who have never belonged to a church or who have left the church? If it will focus primarily on supporting parish members, how will it help deepen their faith and discipleship? If it aims to do both, please describe how these goals will work together.
  - How does this project build on, grow, or go deeper with the MAP goals your parish has chosen?

**Please note:** You'll be answering the questions from requirements 4 & 5 directly in an online form. We recommend you prepare them ahead of time and then copy and paste them in.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Funding cannot be used to cover existing ministry costs (including salaries, rental fees of space, building maintenance or repair of any kind *unless* for environmental sustainability projects that meet the additional requirements of this Grant \*).
- A WOW Grant for a project that is reliant on multiple funding sources is conditional until all funding is secured.
- The project, program or ministry must be initiated within 12 months of the approval date.
- Additional materials, such as meeting or Vestry reports, may be requested to assist in the grant discernment process.
- New projects will not be considered unless previous projects are substantially under way or completed.
- Successful applicants will submit a financial accounting of their project and return unspent funds to the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.
- Grantees may be asked to share the story of their grant-receiving project for publication.

*\* Only new environmentally sustainable capital-building projects may be applied for as a component of a WOW Grant application focused on the care of God's creation. Included with this type of project must be evidence to support the expected carbon footprint reduction or sustainability impacts. For instance, purchasing and installing solar panels as part of a demonstration and education project for the community.*

**Application Deadline: December 20, 2024 @ 5:00pm**

For assistance in submitting your application online, please contact Hannah Keller  
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