

WOW Grants

turning dreams into vibrant, mission-centred ministries

Applications are invited for the Walking on Water (WOW) grants program. One-time grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded in January 2020 for new ministry initiatives or 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. While large grants may be awarded, most grants will be in the \$5,000 range to primarily fund program expenses or new staffing costs; project-related capital costs may also be funded as part of an overall grant.

Successful applications will describe initiatives that:

- creatively respond to God's mission and innovatively foster discipleship and renewal
- initiate a new and inspiring ministry or help renew existing ministries by taking them to the next level
- 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 provide a clear and detailed description of the dream/project.
- 2) How is your ministry dream missional as well as responsive to where God is at work in your community?
- 3) How do you know this program will be of interest to or engage your community?
- 4) What volunteer and/or staff 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 is the project intended to transform individuals, the ministry and/or 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. 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 18, 2020 (snow date: January 25)**. Please keep these dates free; there is no alternate date for presentations.

Previously funded WOW Grants have supported initiatives that

- Create program/services for those who have had limited or no contact with the Church
- Respond to emerging community needs for care and compassion
- Add capacity for a parish or ministry to better engage God's mission in their community

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 substantially underway or 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 11, 2019 @ 5:00pm
Please submit applications to jane.wyse@niagaraanglican.ca