

Walking on Water Grants *turning dreams into vibrant mission-centered ministries*

As the hands and feet of Christ the people of the Diocese of Niagara 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. All grant applications must connect well with the Diocesan Mission Action Plan.

The written portion of the application will be reviewed by the WOW Grant Discernment Team. This team consists of two diocesan staff members and several volunteers from across the diocese. Applications that meet the WOW Grant requirements, including connecting well with the Diocesan Mission Action Plan, will be invited to make a presentation. The presentation will be 15 minutes or less, followed by a time of question and answers with the WOW Grant Discernment Team.

The Application

1. Attach WOW Grant Application Cover Page, completed in its entirety.
2. Attach a detailed timeline of your ministry.
3. Attach a detailed budget outlining **all** costs and expenses and 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. Note that WOW Grants will not be given to fund building maintenance or repairs, utilities, rent for space, or for the salary of a current employee.
4. A 250-500-word summary of the project, program or ministry that includes:
 - a brief overview of your organization's or parish's current mission.
 - a short explanation on how the ministry, program, or project came about.
 - a statement on the plan of action and how the grant fits in.
 - how the proposed program is important to the community and the impact the program is expected to have (the objectives and goals).
 - a clear sense of passion for the proposed project is conveyed.
 - possible problems with concrete alternate strategies for accomplishing the ministry's objectives and goals should such a problem arise.

Please also address the following in detail. Each response should not exceed 350 words.

1. Indicate how the WOW Grant focus along with the Diocesan Mission Action Plan connects well with the objective and goals of the ministry, project or program. For instance, how is the ministry, program or project missional, creative and inspiring? How will you engage the community? How will the project potentially transform individuals, the church community, or the community at large? How does the ministry demonstrate the diocesan call to action, Called to Life - Compelled to Love?

2. Share how you know this program, project or ministry will be of interest to or will engage your community?
3. What volunteers and/or staff will the project utilize? What roles will they play in this ministry? If there is one or more partner organization involved give the name of the organization, indicate if it's a charitable organization/ not-for-profit or otherwise, and describe the role and responsibility the partner organization(s) will undertake.

Important:

- Funding cannot be used to cover existing ministry costs (including salaries, building maintenance or repair unless for environmental sustainability*, or rental fees of space).
- Grants to projects with multiple funding sources are 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 ministry, program or project with the Diocese and beyond through the Niagara Anglican, Anglican Journal, etc.

** Only environmentally sustainable building maintenance or repair projects may be applied for. Included with this type of project must be a certified review of the sustainability of the project. It must also be a complete retrofit and not an upgrade. For instance, purchasing and installing solar panels and battery storage – not upgrading solar panels or batteries.*

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