



Walking on Water Grants Cover Page

Turning dreams into vibrant mission-centred 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 **January 27th**. 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.

NEW THIS YEAR

- 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

1. Attached Covering 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.
4. Attach a 250-500-word summary of the project, program or ministry that includes:
 - a short explanation of the program, project, or ministry;
 - a description of what sparked the passion for it;
 - a statement on the plan of action and how the grant fits in;
 - what volunteers and/or staff will the project utilize;
 - details about any partner organization(s) (if you have any) who will be involved in the project (what roles and responsibilities will they be taking on)?





5. Attach a 250-500-word summary of how the WOW grant project is missionally focused. Below you will find a few questions to help guide you in articulating the missional focus of your project. You do not need to answer them all.

- How does your project respond to God's mission, and, in particular, the ministry needs of the "Nones" (people who have never attended church and were never Christian) or "Dones" (left churches and Christianity)?
- How does your project create a pathway for people to enter or grow in their relationship with Jesus?
- What elements of faith formation (prayer, study, spiritual practices) are part of your proposed project?
- How will this initiative give members of your congregation or ministry the confidence and opportunity to connect with neighbours?
- How is this project shaped by the particular context of your parish / ministry and the unique needs of your neighbourhood or community?
- How does it build on / grow / or go deeper with the MAP goals your parish has chosen?
- How does it acknowledge where God is already at work in the community and come alongside what is already going on (e.g. through partnerships with community organizations, service groups, entrepreneurs, and other churches)?

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 ministry, program or project with the Diocese and beyond through the Niagara Anglican, Anglican Journal, etc.

* 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: November 30, 2023 @ 5:00pm
Please submit applications to hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca

