



GFWC PENNSYLVANIA
Sandy Hauenstein, President



COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM AWARD

The GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC Clubs financial incentive to implement projects designed to impact a specific problem in their community.

Introduced in 1949 as the “Build a Better Community Contest,” and later known as the “Community Improvement Program Award,” this program has provided GFWC clubs with a platform for developing and implementing projects that meet the varying and changing needs of their communities. As GFWC’s longest standing project, it has also presented opportunities for growing club membership, enhancing leadership skills, building relationships with individuals and groups, and creating public awareness of club activities and GFWC.

Just as communities change, so do clubs. The newly updated Community Impact Program is designed to accommodate the many ways that clubs currently function and to provide added flexibility in the implementation to up to three projects that have a meaningful impact on a particular problem, from “done in a day” efforts to those that could require more rigorous planning and implementation. Additionally, the award entry process has been streamlined and monetary awards have been modified to encourage every club to engage with the program. The goal of this award, however, remains the same – to encourage and recognize the positive impact that a club can have on a specific need in the community.

PROJECT CONSIDERATION

When considering ways to impact the community, take time to discover and carefully consider community needs and then select and connect a need with your GFWC volunteer projects. Consider implementing partnerships within your community to address the issue and assist with project development, which can raise the profile of your club and GFWC at the grassroots level.

GFWC’s scope of work, as outlined in the two Special Programs and the five Community Service Programs can stimulate project ideas. Look to GFWC’s Advancement Programs for guidance on leadership, fundraising, communication, and other project essentials.

For Community Impact Program Award entry forms and full description, please visit our website at: GFWCPennsylvania.org under the OUR PROJECTS tab and FORMS/DOWNLOADS under the REPORTING tab. Information can also be downloaded from the GFWC Club Manual at the Member Portal (GFWC.org).

AWARD PERIOD

Jan 1, 2020 to Dec 31, 2021

ENTRY DEADLINE

March 1, 2022

All entries must be sent via mail and postmarked no later than this date to:

Donna Malone, GFWC PA
Community Impact Program
Award Chairman
500 Belair Road
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

AWARDS

GFWC STATE AWARDS:

First Place: \$ 50
Second Place: \$ 35
Total per State: \$ 85

Total for 51 State Federations:
\$ 4,335

GFWC NATIONAL AWARDS:

Category 1: \$2,500
Category 2: \$2,500
Category 3: \$2,500
Category 4: \$2,500
Category 5: \$2,500
Category 6: \$2,500
International Affiliate: \$1,000

Total National Awards: \$16,000

