The GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC clubs’ financial incentive to implement one project designed to impact a specific need in their community. This project should make a visual, physical or emotional impact at the grassroots level and bring awareness to what GFWC volunteering is all about. Clubs are encouraged to consider the Community Connection Initiatives when deciding on the large project they enter.

**GFWC Awards to Clubs:**
- First Place $50.00
- Second Place $35.00

**GFWC National Awards:**
- Category 1 - 6: $2,500 for each Category

**What project impacts the community most positively, extensively and permanently? What are you most proud of?**
- Projects are judged on development, planning, collaboration, execution and results.
- Select a project to impact your community most comprehensively, work out a plan, involve lots of folks, even other organizations, and see it through.
- We all do good works all the time. This doesn’t need to be different than what you are already doing, it just needs to be specially written up and submitted for consideration.

A Massachusetts club was a 2nd place winner at 2014 GFWC International Convention for their polystyrene recycling initiative. The project notebook is now housed in the GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center. Your club could be next!

**Judging Criteria:**
- **Project Development** – 25 Points
  - Procedures, plan of action, and input in choosing project
  - Plan details, execution, effort; community collaboration
- **Project Completion** – 50 Points
  - Project completed within timeframe
  - Financial support obtained; obstacles overcome
- **Project Change** – 25 Points
  - Increase in community awareness
  - Degree of success of projects and their measurable impacts; viability of long-term efforts

**Award Rules:**
- Projects MUST be accomplished during the program period: January 1, 2022-December 31, 2023.
- **Club entries must be sent to this State Community Impact Program Award chairmen, postmarked no later March 1, 2024.**
- All entries must include completed Community Improvement Contest Entry Form.

For many more ideas check out the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual pages on the GFWC Massachusetts website by going to the ABOUT tab and click on What Do We Do?