

## **Supporting your Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Projects**

### **A Guide to Mini-Grants**

Multiple organizations now support the work youth do to Take Action in their communities through mini-grant opportunities. Girl Scouts Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho has reviewed these opportunities and identified the following guidelines enabling girls to access funding to support their projects.

#### **Examples of such opportunities are:**

Youth Service America - a clearinghouse for grant opportunities. [www.ysa.org](http://www.ysa.org)

Disney Friends for Change Grants - <http://www.ysa.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants>

Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants - <http://www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth>

Do Something - <http://www.dosomething.org>

Generation On – [www.generationon.org](http://www.generationon.org)

#### **What are mini-grants:**

Mini-Grants are funding opportunities less than \$1,000 specifically directed toward individual youth and youth groups working to change the landscape of their community through Take Action Projects.

#### **Who is eligible to apply:**

Girls and Troops working on their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award projects AND have council approval for their projects may apply.

#### **What to do if you wish to apply:**

- Your Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award project proposal must be approved by the appropriate GSEWNI staff person or committee
- Thoroughly read the application instructions and materials for the program to which you are applying for funding
- Meet with a member of the GSEWNI Fund Development staff to provide your plan for funding proposal and explain how it meets the needs of your program
- Complete funding materials and have them approved by GSEWNI Fund Development staff prior to submission – *\*\*This step may only occur if the previous three (3) steps have been completed.*

#### **If Awarded:**

- Supply a copy of award materials to your contact at GSEWNI in the Fund Development Department as well as the council staff person overseeing your project
- Keep detailed records regarding use of the funds including all original receipts
- Identify reporting needs specified by the funder
- Have funder reports approved by GSEWNI Fund Development staff prior to submission to funder
- Provide a copy of funds expense sheet and receipts to GSEWNI Fund Development staff