

Take Action Projects

What is Take Action?

Girls will create and carry out a Take Action project with every Journey they complete. Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards all require Take Action projects.

Overview of Take Action

Take Action projects are different from community service projects. Take Action elevates projects.

A Take Action project is a chance for girls to partner with others in their community to solve a problem. They learn about getting to the root causes of issues, mobilizing and engaging community members and volunteers, and striving toward creating lasting change in their world. An important component is to understand & address the cause of a problem.

Girls must also make sure each project is sustainable and that the impact is measurable.

- **Measurable:** The success of the project can be determine based on the number of people the project helped, the number of people who were involved, any reduction in the community’s need, and other concrete numbers.
- **Sustainable:** Girls must make arrangements (such as collaborating with community leaders and/or organizations; building alliances with mentors) to ensure that the project creates lasting change and is not a one-time event.

Service Project	Take Action Project
Make first aid kits.	<i>Promoting healthy living through a community health fair.</i>
Hold a food drive.	<i>Start a community garden that can provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the homeless.</i>
Start a recycling project.	<i>Create a workshop to teach others about water conservation and have everyone make a rain garden or barrel.</i>
Donate items to a local shelter.	<i>Organize a volunteer recruitment & supply drive for a local animal shelter at your school, community center or church.</i>
Donate books to a local school.	<i>Organize a tutoring session at a local elementary school with senior citizens to help students learn to read.</i>

Take Action Mini Grants

What: GSKMO will be offering up to twenty (20) grants of up to \$100.00 for Take Action projects.

Who May Apply? Any Girl Scout troop or individual Girl Scout completing a Take Action Project including a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Project.

How to Apply: Submit the following information by email to program@gksmo.org.

1. Contact Person
 - a. Troop Number
 - b. Address
 - c. Telephone
 - d. Email
2. Amount of Request (can request up to \$100.00)
3. Estimated Itemized Budget
4. Description of planned projects and people/community impacted

Grant Requirements: Recipients of funding agree to submit a short video (1-2 minutes) or photos that highlight the impact of their project. Videos and slide shows may be highlighted and shared through the council's website or other social media sites.

Questions: Email program@gksmo.org.

Steps of a Good Take Action Project:

1. Girls identify assets and needs in a community.
2. Girls reach out beyond their circle to meet others. Try to meet people affected by your issue and people who are trying to solve it.
3. Girls make a team decision about what they will take action on.
4. Girls learn the steps needed to carry out an action plan.
5. Girls assist with project logistics
6. Girls take action alongside community members.
7. Girls reflect on their action and assess what they gained from it.
8. Girls celebrate their community accomplishments.