

NACW has traditionally recognized outstanding projects produced by commissions across the country. Commissions are encouraged to reach those contacts that can provide details on projects that might work in your city, county or state. Divided by commission budget categories, the 2011 Achievement Awards were presented to:

Budget of \$10,000 or less

Contra Costa County (CA) Women's Commission

Project Title: Girl on Girl Violence Report - The Commission conducted a study to learn about the nature of girl-on girl violence in the Contra Costa County Schools. Through collecting and compiling data, a report was developed to be followed up with forums and workshops on the issues.

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Pima County/Tucson (AZ) Women's Commission

Project Title: Recognizing Women in Government - The Commission established an event to recognize the contributions of women in local government both on the job and in the community. The event both honored women's contributions and also created greater visibility for the Commission.

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Budget of \$100,000 or less

Marin County (CA) Women's Commission

Project Title: Marin Teen Girl Conference - The mission of the conference was to create a safe forum for Marin County's teenage girls to explore their pace in the world, gain skills to create positive relationships, learn to make good choices, and experience local community support and mentoring. Follow up included a forum for parents.

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Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

Project Title: Women of the Oklahoma Legislature Oral History Project - The Commission worked with the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program at Oklahoma State University to document contributions women had made through their service as elected members of the Oklahoma Legislature. Posters, a downloadable curriculum, and newspaper articles were developed.

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Budget of \$250,000 - \$500,000

Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women

Project Title: The Connecticut Government Appointments Project (ConnGAP) - The Commission worked with Political Parity, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, and served as the lead in Connecticut role in a national project to ensure that women have access to executive-level government positions. Several women were appointed by the Governor to top-level positions.

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Florida Commission on the Status of Women

Project Title: "Gender Bias in the Media" Roundtable Discussion - The Commission convened a panel of highly recognized elected officials, community leaders and representatives from media, academia, women's groups and students. They shared their perspectives and experiences in dealing with gender bias or stereotyping in the media, particularly political coverage.

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CA Commission on the Status of Women

Project Title: California Women's State Appointment Project - The Commission was a collaborator and co-leader of six statewide women's organizations to encourage and recruit women to apply for appointments on boards, commissions, or in agencies under the new governor. More than 1500 women responded and Governor Brown was presented with 1,059 names to consider.

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