

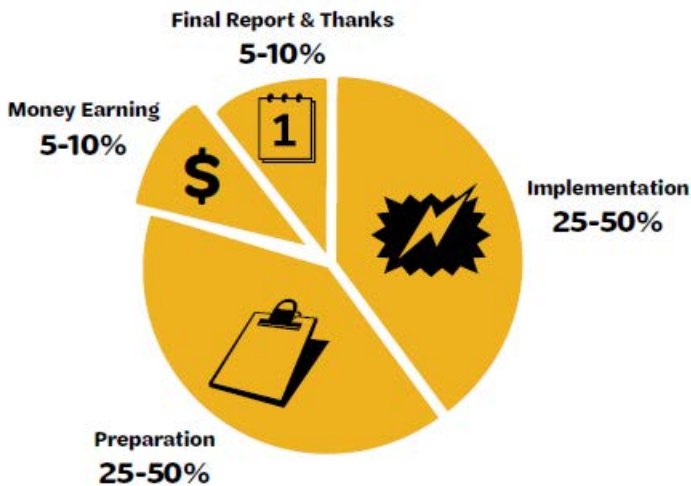
## How Much Time Does it Take?

Plan to spend at least 80 hours on the Gold Award project—that's the minimum. You'll keep track of your time in a log, making note each time you work on your project. You can track your time on *GoGold Online*, or use an app, spreadsheet, or simply a notebook.



**Something to remember:** Your time log should include a short description of how you spent your time and the *actual time spent on the project*. Time spent driving, getting gas, picking up volunteers, attending training, and other secondary activities doesn't count.

Use this chart to guide you in how you spend project time.



**Implementation** is the process of leading and performing the work you defined in your project proposal and making changes, when necessary, to achieve the project's goal.

**Note:** You can start preparing for your project before your proposal is approved. Get started on research, contacting possible venues or community partners, and finding potential volunteers. But don't start implementing your project until it's been approved. You can log up to 20 percent of your total project hours before approval.