Understanding Nonprofit and For-Profit Cultures

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Goals

- Review both the 501(c) non-profit and agency persona and their individual drivers.
- Understand what non-profits look for in partnerships
- Examine ways to utilize and integrate strengths of partners
- Understand how non-profit partners can provide advocacy/lobbying
- Learn why for-profit corporations and private individuals give



501 (c)(3) Growth

 There are 50,000+ new nonprofit organizations each year = 150/day = 6/hour

Large growth between 2001 – 2004 (1.6 million new nonprofits)

45,000 military nonprofits



Non-Profit vs. USACE

Non-Profit

- Vision
- Mission
- Values
- Goals & Strategies

- Law
- Agency Authority & Regs
- Agency Programs
- Goals & Strategies





Non-Profit Culture vs. USACE

Non-Profit

- Articles, By-laws
- Strategic Plan
- Initiatives Plan
- Funding Plan
- Impact

- Regulations
- Operations Plan (OMP)
- Implementation Strategy
- Budget
- Execution





Make-up of Non-Profit vs. USACE

Non-Profit

- Board of Directors
- Executive Director
- Staff
- Members
- Volunteers
- Donors & Funders

- Division/District Commander
- Park Manager
- Rangers
- Visitors
- Volunteers
- Donors & Funders





Funding for Non-Profit vs. USACE

Non-Profit

- Contributions donations; grants
- Time, Treasure & Talent
- Earned Revenue sales; service fees

- Congress- Appropriations
- Contributions





What does the Non-Profit Want?

- Mission fulfillment For Impact!
- Opportunity to expand its resources
- Respect: 2 way partnership not your ATM
- Community recognition
- Long term relationship





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Non-Profit Common Myths

- Non-profits are not accountable
- Non-profits are not businesses
- Non-profits cannot make a profit (It's not really not-for-profit, but instead = For impact)
- Non-profits can't lobby



Holsinger Memorial

at Big Hill Lake, Parsons, KS

Both courses are Open to the Public

during regular Park Hours. There is no charge to play. Two courses situated on 160 acres

wrapped around Big Hill Lake.

Brochure made by chamber of commerce partner to stimulate tourism in the local community

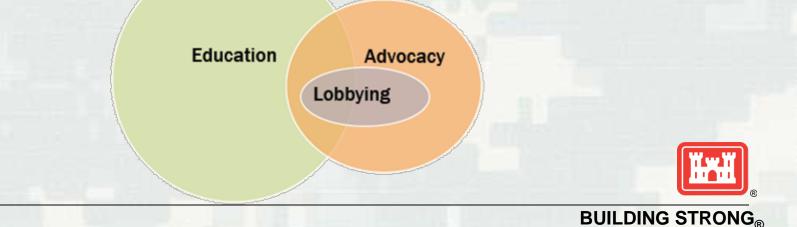
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Non-Profit Advocacy/Lobbying

- Public lands and non-profits have opportunities and needs that are affected by the choices of legislators and policy makers.
- 501 (c)(3) organizations <u>can</u> engage in education, advocacy, and lobbying (in limited quantities... 20% of a non-profit's \$ and time can go to lobbying) that furthers their charitable purpose
- Government employees may NOT engage in lobbying as part of their professional lives, but can as private citizens**
 **(Caution: Be careful to avoid the appearance of impropriety.)



Benefits of Non-Profit Advocacy

- Enhance agency reputation
- Attract partners
- Support agency priorities
- Leverage federal funding with other sources and volunteers
- Inform public
- Carry out stewardship

NOTE: Local advocacy is very important! Elected officials pay more attention to what's written in their local/state papers than what's in the Washington Post. New authorities rise from the constituents.



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Non-Profit Advocacy/Lobbying

- Education: Providing unbiased info to the government or public
 - Ex: "The Corps legal decision to terminate cooperative joint management agreements affected operations of 8 coop associations, 34 parks and 4 visitor centers."
- <u>Advocacy</u>: Sharing info with legislators, executive branch or the public to **influence** them, but not a specific legislation or call to action
 - Ex: "The Corps really needs to have the ability and legal authority to have cooperative joint management agreements to benefit the public and its partners."
- <u>Lobbying</u>: Attempts to influence specific government decisions or actions. Reflects a viewpoint and is a call to action.
 - Ex: "Please support /vote "Yes" on HR 4100 LOCAL Act and the S 2055 Corps of Engineers Cooperative Joint Management Restoration Act"



Partnering with For-Profit Organizations

□ What beliefs do we hold about partnering with Corporations?

□ What questions do we have about partnering with Corporations?

□ What barriers have we encountered?



Corporate Giving Impact

\$24.5 billion annually

- www.corporatephilanthropy.org
- 49% direct cash; 33% foundation cash; 18% non-cash
- 3% to environmental causes and programs
- 81% have a corporate foundation
- ☐ 56% have formal paid-release time volunteer programs
- Corporate giving continues to rise
- Trends
 - More focused giving (cause and trust)
 - High priority on matching gift and employee engagement programs
 - International giving is on the rise (lead by manufacturing companies)



What do corporations give?

- □ Funding
- In-kind goods and services
- Volunteers
- Industry expertise
- Promotion and communication





Why do corporations give?

Social responsibility

- Care about the cause
- To be citizens, not just residents

Marketing

- Internal and external customers
- Employees involved in something "greater"
- Market share or competitive advantage

Public Relations

- Key leaders have tie to the cause
- Industry experience sharing
- ✤ Influence





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Why would corporations give to Corps projects?

- Think broader than Corps
 - Our friends groups and cooperating associations
 - Our established MOU partners
- Match between the land's needs and corporate interests
- Variety of volunteer opportunities
- Testing of products
- We manage areas that impact their industry
 - Tourism
 - Outdoor recreation
- Government connection
- Employee retention (lifestyle/community building)
- Past success trust



Risks for the Corps

- Perception of commercialization
- Implied endorsement
- Direct contact with the visitor
- □ Corporate image
- Contracting and/or litigation conflict
- □ Loss of trust unable to keep our end of agreement
 - Budget changes
 - Regulation or law changes





Where to Meet Corporate Donors

Partners of current partners



- □ Chambers, economic development and civic groups
- Look at which corporations are within 100 miles of your project
- Internet NRM Gateway & corporations with common goals
- Current State partnerships with corporations
- □ Topical conferences/trainings (conservation, tourism...)







How to Approach a Corporation

- Research and understand the corporation before approaching
 - What is their mission and future goals
 - Social responsibility and community engagement
 - Past giving
 - Bring friends that already have a relationship to the table
- Personal contact
 - Set up a meeting w/foundation director or community outreach point of contact
 - First meeting is getting to know each other follow their lead based on interest
 - If mutual interest, set up second meeting and offer to bring proposal
- □ Simple, to the point partnership proposal
 - Don't lead with a bunch of policy and paperwork
 - Benefits to them and for the public (Corps)
 - What we can offer to the partnership and what we need
 - Plan for recognition and public relations



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Private Donors

- □ 72% of private sector giving is from individuals (~\$228 Billion)
 - ✤ 3% to the environment (~\$9.5B)
- Types of donors
 - "Why should I give a damn?" = show how they profit from your lake
 - "Save the puppies" = emotional donors
 - "I'm kind of a big deal" = donors who want prestige/network
- Why do they give?
 - Because they <u>can</u>: They have the \$ and ability to donate
 - ✤ Because they <u>should</u>: Sense of community
 - Because they <u>must</u>: The money isn't coming from other sources





How to Approach Private Donors

- Provide the opportunity to make them feel good
- Look at what they've donated to in the past
- □ LISTEN to the donor's needs/desires
- Donors want to see measurable impacts on the local level/ improvements made in their community
- Know what your vision is and what impact it will have on the community.
- □ Articulate your vision and tell the donor how they can help.
- People lose excitement over time. Strike while the iron is hot.



Resources

http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml - grant opportunities/foundations by state

<u>http://foundationcenter.org</u> – 990 information on foundations

<u>http://philanthropy.com</u> – go to corporate giving

http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/topfunders/top50giving.html

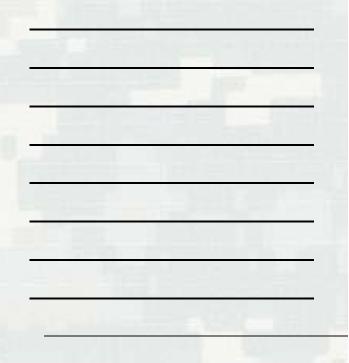


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Elements for Corporate Help

Corporate Partnership Development Tool

Describe a project to accomplish with a corporate partner:



	Element of Project
Volunteers	
Loaned expertise	
In-kind goods and services	
Marketing, promotion, media	
Funding	

Benefits for Corporation - Building Your Case

	Audience (s)	Method (s)
Reputation		
Public Trust		
Match to corporate interests		
Quality of volunteer opportunities		
Government connection		

Finding Corporate Partners

	Local	Regional	National
Good corporate			
citizen			
Affinity			
Audience			
Mutual business			
purpose			

Reviewing Our Donor Targets

Perception of commercialization		
Corporate image		
Direct contact with the visitor		
Implied endorsement		
Current contracting and/or litigation conflict		

Partnership Plan – Cost Sharing and Recognition

	Audience (s)	Method (s)
Physical components/goods		
Volunteers		
Volunteer training & management		
Expertise		
Recognition		
Funds		
Reporting		
Media		
Authorities		
Other agreement elements		

Proposal Letter Outline

	Points to Communicate
Introduction – must mention	
need and summarize request	
USACE project site and the	
community	
The need – what makes this	
an important investment?	
Why would the corporation	
invest? Community	
benefits? Donor benefits?	
What results will occur?	
What are the project	
elements and timeline?	
What are the matching gifts?	
How will the project	
continue? What sustains	
results?	
Conclusion – why	
summarize benefits	
Ask for opportunity to meet	
to discuss further, invite to	
the site, thank for time	

Describe the type of partnership agreement, and start drafting!



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