# **Bridging Agency and Nonprofit Culture**

PROSPECT NRM Partnership Class





### Goals of This Session

- 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 partner
- Understand how non-profit partners can provide advocacy/lobbying



### **Establish Common Ground**

- Focus on important needs
- Adopt a shared vision
- Understand each other's mission and organizational culture
- Utilize and integrate each other's strengths
- Make sure you have a good cross section from each



### Non-Profit vs. USACE

#### **Non-Profit**

- Vision
- Mission
- Values
- Goals & Strategies

#### **USACE**

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



### Non-Profit Culture vs. USACE

#### **Non-Profit**

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

#### **USACE**

- 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

#### **USACE**

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



### Blood of Non-Profit vs. USACE

#### **Non-Profit**

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

#### **USACE**

Congress- Appropriations



### 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





# Common Myths

- Non-profits are not accountable
- Non-profits are not businesses
- Non-profits cannot make a profit (Non-profit = For impact)
- Non-profits can't lobby



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5-10)

Professional fundraising fees (Part IX column (A.) line 11e)

68,189

238,106

# Creating that Bridge: Avoiding Pitfalls

- Set-expectations, roles, responsibilities, results and evaluations measures at the beginning
- Find effective ways to/and <u>communicate</u> <u>often</u>
- Get your staffs involved
- Don't view each other as just a funder or an ATM



# Creating that Bridge: Avoiding Pitfalls

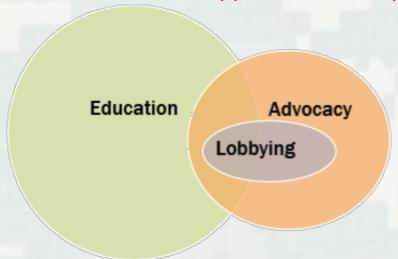
- Provide recognition to your partner
- Develop a marketing plan together
- Introduce your partner to Corps leaders and other partners
- Go to public events with each other not a 9am-5pm day sometimes
- Focus on the long term relationship, although the project maybe short term



# 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) 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.)





# 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."
- Advocacy: Sharing info with legislators, executive branch or the public to influence them
  - ► 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."
- Lobbying: Attempts to influence specific government decisions or actions.
  - ► Ex: "Please support /vote "Yes" on HR 4100 LOCAL Act and the S 2055 Corps of Engineers Cooperative Joint Management Restoration Act"



### **Best Practices**

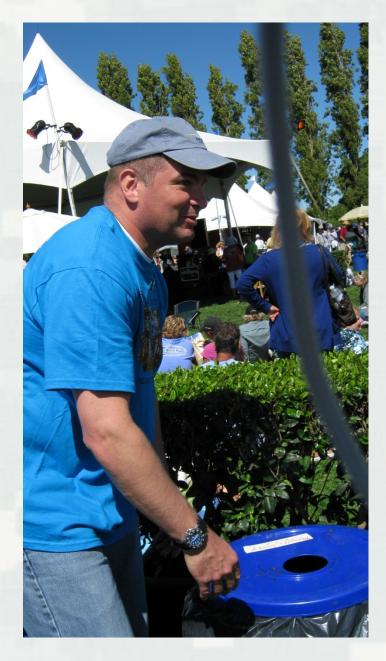
- Focus on clear mission goals and and continue to revisit them.
- Look for opportunities for sustainable earned revenue.
- Pick some easy projects in the beginning for quick results and recognition.
- Communicate often with your non-profit partners and educate them on current program issues and needs.
- Continue to work and educate your agency leaders on latest regulations.



Invite agency leaders to participate in partner events.

SPN Commander LTC Torrey DiCiro picking up trash at the Sausalito Art Festival – Labor Day Weekend. (pictured on the right)

Agency leaders tend to move, and continuity is key. Make sure to educate agency leaders as soon as they come on board, as well as staff.







### **Grand Re-Opening of Bay Model**

Pictured left to right - Mayor of Sausalito - Mike Kelly, Supervisor for So.Marin County- Kate Sears, Park Manager- Chris Gallagher, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, General Contractor - Hal Hays, Sausalito Police Chief Tejada, LTC DiCiro - SPN Commander

