

Building Powerful Partnerships Connecting with Government & Community to Grow Adaptive Recreation

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Quick show of hands...

Who has worked with a
government partner before?

Who has been awarded a
major grant or donation?
(\$50k+)

Who feels like there are
opportunities you're missing?

Access exists.
Opportunity
doesn't.



Parks exist



Funding exists



People exist



But they're not connected

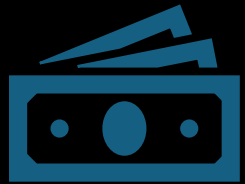
Some voices aren't being heard

- Individuals with quadriplegia
- Severe mobility limitations
- Often overlooked in programming

If we don't advocate, who will?



**No one organization can
solve accessibility alone**



What We've Seen

- Partnered with 100+ parks nationwide
- Helped secure \$1M+ in funding in 2025
- Programs grow faster through partnerships



The Momentum is NOW

This is bigger than any one organization

- Meetings with Senators & Congressional staff
- Work with Action Foundation & National Access Network
- Advocacy for rural funding & access

Veterans Outdoor Rehabilitation Act

- Supporting outdoor-based rehabilitation programs
- Expanding funding pathways

The direction is clear: partnerships + access



Utah Case Study

What partnerships can actually do

- Utah Dept. of Outdoor Recreation
- Utah State Parks
- Collaboration across organizations

Result:

Legislation passed allowing funding for:

- Adaptive equipment
- Accessibility improvements

This started with relationships, not policy





The Framework

How this actually works

1. Find Alignment

What do THEY care about?

2. Build Trust

Show up. Follow through.

3. Leverage Funding

Grants, sponsorships, public funding



Camp Korey

- **From 2 chairs → \$300,000+ impact**
- Started with a conversation
- Reeve Foundation grant (2 chairs)
- Saw the impact
- Expanded partnerships
- Secured \$300K+ in funding & support
- **The opportunity was already there
It just needed to be connected**



The Real Lesson

**You don't
need more
resources**

**You need
more
connections**

Your Turn

Take 2–3 minutes

- Write down 3 potential partners:
- Government
- Nonprofit
- Business
- Ask yourself:
What do THEY need?



Partnerships = Access

- More funding
- More reach
- More inclusion

This is how programs grow

Wrap Up

- **Start one conversation**
- You don't need a perfect plan
You just need to start
- **Let's build something together**

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