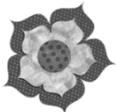


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PART 1. Building Partnerships

Small and Informal



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How do you go from “I have this great idea” to....



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....your goal?



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And, you have no BLM funding.

- Lack of operational project funds is the new normal
- It is not a project killer
- Your labor can go a long ways toward making a Take it Outside event happen
- **Grants and partners are out there** waiting to cover your operational needs

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Two examples of small and informal project partnerships for teaching gardens

Roosevelt Elementary Outdoor Classroom

* No BLM funds



Bruneau Elementary Wilderness Garden

* No BLM Funds



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Articulate Your Goals

Example:

- Exposing students to hands on environmental education
- Enhancing the curriculum by connecting it to the natural world
- Providing students with the opportunity to grow and eat fresh produce
- Building a school based ecosystem
- Offering the community an opportunity to engage with the school and learn sustainability from our example
- Developing a program that will sustain itself from year to year
- Making the school site more attractive and welcoming to all

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First Steps

- Identify internal skill set
- Know your needs (know your limitations - BE REALISTIC)
- Find overlap with your partners' vision

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Internal Skill Set

Myself: Botany skills. Experience gardening with native plants. Some experience with garden layout and design. *Communication and group organizing skills.*



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Example 1: Needs and Vision Overlap

Roosevelt Outdoor Classroom

What I Need	Who Can Help	Why They Care
Funds	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Schoolyard Habitat Project
	Micron Technology	Supportive of STEM-based learning
	Idaho Native Plant Society	Promotes use and knowledge of Idaho native plants
	Boise Public Schools Education Foundation	Supports public school facilities and education
	School community – T shirt sale and direct donations	Parents want outdoor education options for their children

* You cannot directly solicit funds or donations from your partners.

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Needs and Vision Overlap

Roosevelt Outdoor Classroom

What I Need	Who Can Help	Why They Care
Landscape design	College of Western Idaho Horticulture Department	Gives students intern experience
Garden art	Boise State University Metals Department	Opportunity for students to be involved in community
Garden sign and animals	Derhyl Dennis Vocational Technical School	Welding experience
Logo	Parent/graphic designer	Benefits school and neighborhood
Weather station and Kiosk	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Supports Schoolyard Habitat Program

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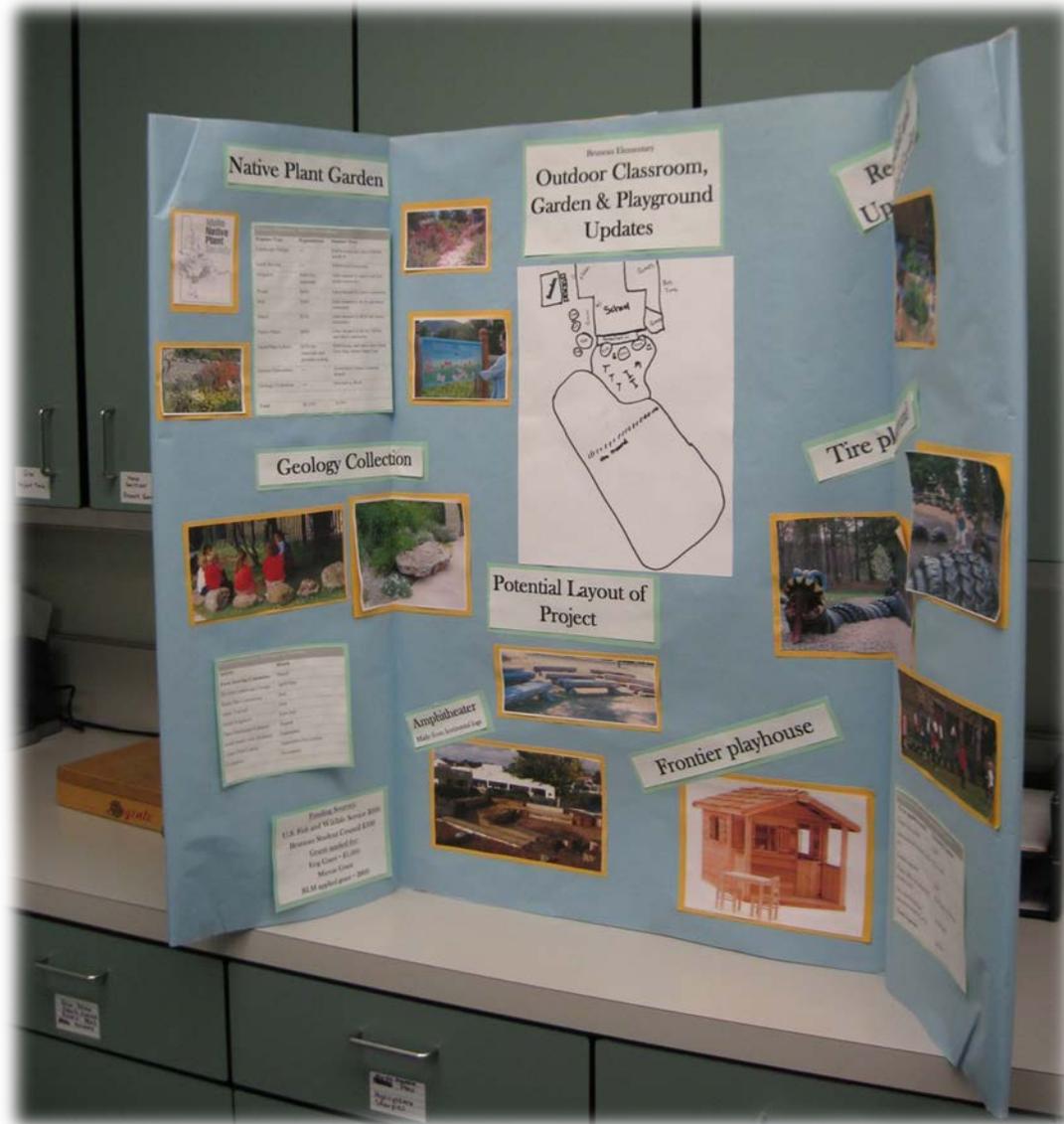
Example 2: Needs and Vision Overlap

Bruneau Wilderness Garden

What I Need	Who Can Help	Why They Care
Funds	Idaho Botanic Garden	Fulfills mission of botany education
	Idaho Native Plant Society	Promotes use and knowledge of Idaho native plants
	Bruneau Boosters	Supports school and provides community garden
	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Schoolyard Habitat Project

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Needs and Vision Overlap

Bruneau Wilderness Garden

What I Need	Who Can Help	Why They Care
Labor to install garden	BLM firefighters at local guard station, US Fish and Wildlife Service	Support community relations, children attend the school
Labor and heavy equipment to drill holes	Idaho Power Company	Office and wildlife management area near town, community involvement
Large boulders and gravel	Local livestock operator	Community support
Labor to plant	Students, teachers, neighbors	It's for them!
Bridge	Local cabinet maker	Retired teacher and community supporter
Garden sign and outdoor sink	Rimrock High School	Experience for shop students

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Benefits of Small and Informal Partnerships

- Less paperwork
- Agreements not usually necessary, especially if you are not managing funds to be spent over time
- Can be more spontaneous and adaptive
- Allows work to be completed quickly

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Don't forget to show your appreciation!



* Hugs are great but hand written thank you notes to all your helpers and funders is a very good idea too. (Your mother would agree.)

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Summary

- Don't let lack of funds slow you down
- Articulate your goals
- Know your skills and needs
- Be aware of partners' vision and how they can benefit from your project
- The more you communicate your passion for the project, the more partners will emerge
- Be creative when thinking about who your partners might be

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Thank You!

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