Air Force Community Partnership Process

The Air Force Community Partnership Initiative is a process to leverage military installation and local government capabilities and resources to reduce operating and service costs, or reduce risks, in support of the Air Force mission. Reduced budgets present challenges that require new approaches and new ways of thinking about partnerships. The Air Force Community Partnership Initiative provides leadership resources to installation and community leaders as they develop, prioritize, and implement partnership initiatives.

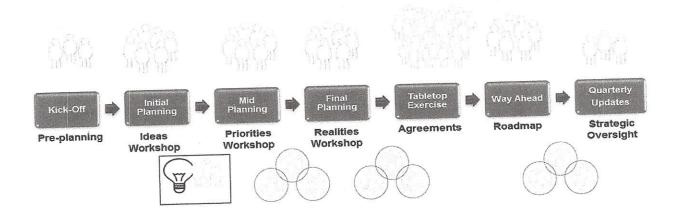
Process Overview

This initiative is focused around a proven process for exploring mutually beneficial partnerships between Air Force installations and their local communities. Potential community participants include the public and private sector, both for-profit and not-for-profit entities. The process leverages effective tools and techniques for developing shared understanding. The Air Force Community Partnership process addresses both the technical and social challenges associated with partnering by bringing the right individuals together and creating a sense of ownership in the outcomes.

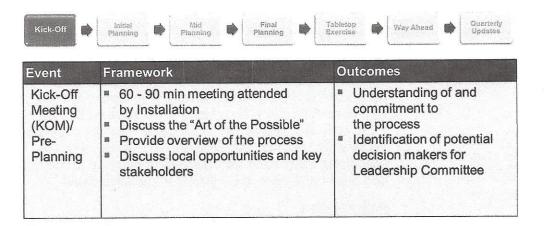
Authorities – What can be done?
 Feasibility – What opportunities exist?
 Mechanisms – How can it be done?

Perspectives – Who should be involved?
 Forum – How should we engage?
 Time and resources – Where to begin?

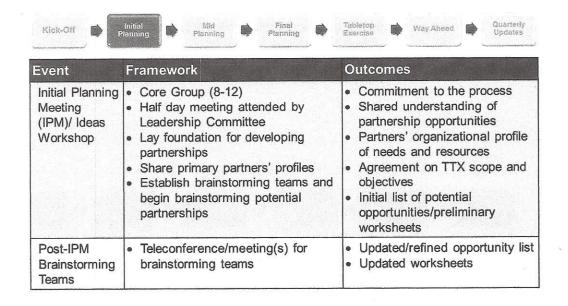
The Air Force Community Partnership process consists of seven (7) meetings including a two-hour kick-off meeting and three half-day planning workshops with smaller group meetings after each. These meetings lead up to a tabletop exercise (TTX). A meeting to chart the way ahead and quarterly update meetings help sustain the benefits and momentum gained during the 6-8 month initial process.



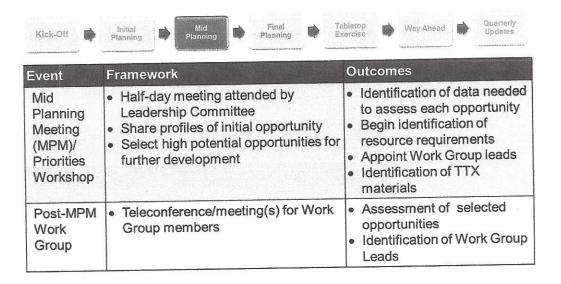
Kick-off Meeting/ "Pre-planning" The Kick-off Meeting (KOM) provides the installation leadership with an overview of Public-Public and Public-Private (P4) partnerships and the Air Force Community Partnership process. During the Kick-off Meeting, key stakeholders are identified to participate as members of the Leadership Committee.



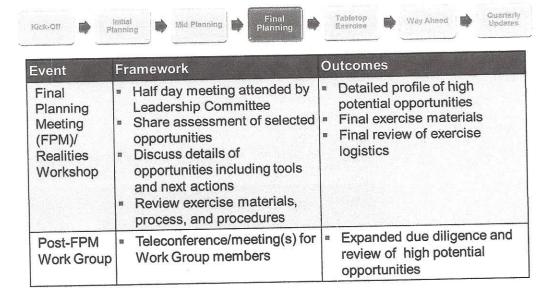
Initial Planning Meeting/ "Ideas Workshop" The Initial Planning Meeting (IPM), known as the Ideas Workshop, lays the foundation for the Tabletop Exercise and gives primary partners an opportunity to provide a profile of each organization's mission and activities. After the IPM, Brainstorming teams identify potential partnership opportunities based on partners' profiles.



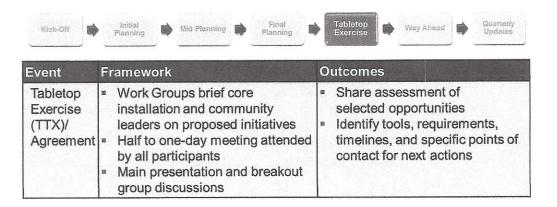
Mid Planning Meeting/ "Priorities Workshop" At the Mid Planning Meeting (MPM), known as the Priorities Workshop, partners will share initial opportunities and identify data needs to assess each opportunity. Post-MPM Work Groups analyze the factors of each opportunity and identify potential courses of action.



Final Planning Meeting/ "Realities Workshop" During the Final Planning Meeting (FPM), known as the Realities Workshop, partners discuss the details of each high potential opportunity, including tools and actions required for implementation. After the FPM, Work Groups finalize all opportunity profiles in preparation for the TTX.

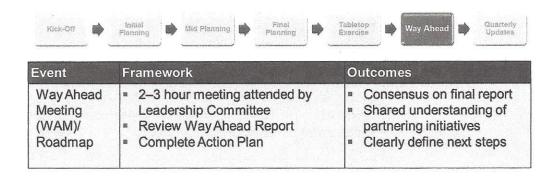


Tabletop Exercise/ "Agreement" The TTX brings together a larger group of installation and community stakeholders to discuss partnership opportunities. The Partnership Broker and facilitation team introduce the community partnership concept and facilitate work group dialogue on select partnership opportunities, as prioritized by the Leadership Committee. By the conclusion of the event, participants have identified the next steps to implement the priority partnerships and discussed additional partnerships for short- and long-term implementation.



Way Ahead Meeting/ "Road Map"

The Way Ahead Meeting provides the roadmap for sustaining focus on the identified partnerships and exploring and identifying new opportunities for partnership. The Way Ahead Report fosters a shared understanding of partnering initiatives and summarizes TTX outcomes, key discussions, lessons learned, and opportunities. This report, which includes a milestone-driven Action Plan, is reviewed and adopted by the Leadership Committee.



Quarterly Updates/ "Strategic Oversight" After the Way Ahead Meeting, the Leadership Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to ensure they are able to continue leveraging mutual value through partnerships. The Partnership Broker attends these meetings to provide updates, share lessons learned and gain insight into benefits and/or challenges of current and emerging partnership initiatives.

