

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

FY2012 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant Name: Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky	Application ID: 12C133410
Program Name: Build Corps	

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. This feedback is provided on a restricted basis and cannot be shared or distributed outside of your organization. We hope you will find this information helpful in completing applications to our future grant competitions. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of your application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory.

Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- The applicant makes a deliberate and strategic effort toward diversity in its recruitment of AmeriCorps members. Members come from poverty, homelessness, addiction and domestic violence, which make them able to relate uniquely to the at-risk population they serve.
- The applicant understands the need for the Members to understand the history of national service and the need for networking with other national service programs. To this end, the program promotes cross stream events such as Make a Difference Day Food Drive, as an opportunity for BuildCorps to work with VISTA members.
- The applicant has been honest about past outcomes falling short of anticipation, while gladly finding other areas exceeding their outcome anticipation. The applicant has used this information to fine tune its anticipated outcomes for this application.
- Community needs are well described and substantiated by the applicant. The applicant demonstrates a well thought out approach to impacting community needs. It seems likely that community impact goals will be met. The applicant demonstrates a strong recruitment, training and supervision model and has demonstrated success in the past. While the applicant did not meet all of its stated services goals in the past year, it provided sound reasoning for the minimal under achievement experienced and made adjustments to its program plan to address the issues of not achieving past goals.
- The applicant demonstrates effectively why Kentuckians are in greater need of housing and disaster preparedness training and services than others throughout the country.
- The program recruits Members that have experienced poverty and/or homelessness, which allows them to have a special connection to those receiving services.
- One of the applicant's goals is to recruit volunteers, which make the program more sustainable.
- The applicant referenced several annual successes and milestones that have been achieved in the target areas of

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homelessness prevention, construction and repair of low-income housing and skill and asset building. The applicant provides experiences and supporting evidence from recipients who have been beneficiaries of the HHCK's program.

- The outcomes identified by the program are mostly specific to housing services. Only one approach was highlighted to measure the impact of AmeriCorps members on the community from disaster preparedness and disaster recovery components.