

## **APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY**

### **2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition**

**Legal Applicant:** Mile High Youth Corp (Year One, Inc)

**Application ID:** 13AC145013

**Program Name:** Job Training and Environmental Conservation Initiative

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. 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 the 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. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

#### **Reviewers' Summary Comments:**

(+) The applicant cites support for environmental need from reliable, recent sources, specifically the Colorado State Forest Service and the U.S Natural Resources and Conservation Services.

(+) The applicant clearly states that Members will participate in teams and complete projects that include fire fuel mitigation, trail rehabilitation, environmental restoration, and other projects to improve and protect wildlife habitat and outdoor recreations facilities.

(+) The number of Members requested and slot types needed are clearly stated and appropriate for the program design.

(+) The applicant explains the impact of the AmeriCorps investment in terms of the number of youth recruited and the acres of land and miles of trails and/or rivers improved.

(+) The applicant has a clear understanding of the measurements and reports required by the program and the capacity to adhere to these requirements while reaching performance targets.

(-) The need for the target community and its economic disadvantages is supported only by Census Bureau data for economic/employment issues. This data did not focus on the other issues identified in the target community that were specific to the community, but was national in scope.

(-) The applicant does not clearly address what it will accomplish with AmeriCorps members that it could not otherwise accomplish through existing staff and volunteers.

(-) The applicant specifies the number of acres and miles of trail rehabilitated but do not detail environmental improvement or economic self-sufficiency.