

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: Interval House Crisis Shelters

Application ID: 13ED145965

Program Name: Interval House AmeriCorps EAP

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 provides programmatic, local, and national data which clearly documents the extent and severity of the problems in the two targeted service areas in Southern California and Molokai, Hawaii. These include academic failure, food insecurity, domestic violence and abuse, and specifically in Molokai, Hawaii, rural isolation resulting in limited access to services.
- (+) The applicant includes a thorough explanation of the mentoring services, parent education activities, provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate hotline coverage and the facilitation of bi-weekly workshops on community gardening as specific examples of what the organization will accomplish that it would not otherwise accomplish through existing staff and volunteers.
- (+) The applicant includes a thorough discussion of several evidenced-based and evidenced-informed interventions the AmeriCorps members and volunteers will be engaged in with clear citations of the referenced studies for the mentoring component of the proposed project.
- (-) It is unclear how 150 AmeriCorps MSYs will be adequate to provide sufficient coverage for the wide range of activities (mentoring, parent education and training, 24-hour youth hotline, community gardening, and community education and development, including educating 25,000 community members annually) described in the application. Nor is it clear how the AmeriCorps members will be assigned to either full-time, half-time, or other slot types.
- (-) There is no information provided for measuring outputs and outcomes for the parent education and training, the 24-hour youth hotline, and the community education and development components of service activities.