

## **APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY**

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

**Legal Applicant:** National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.

**Application ID:** 13ED147623

**Program Name:** National Association of Community Health Centers

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 presents a comprehensive picture of the target population – economically disadvantaged residents of communities served by Federally Qualified Health Centers – with a detailed description of the income, languages, access, and health challenges they face in specific communities.
- (+) Program activities provided by AmeriCorps members have clear, measurable impacts on the financial and medical/health lives of program participants.
- (+) The health access/education and financial literacy activities that Members will provide are clearly defined, and can be prioritized to meet the needs of local communities.
- (+) The applicant describes the proposed interventions community impact with 2011-2012 data that captures the enrollment of 51,188 people in health services and the engagement of 1,937 youth in the reduction of obesity. These figures provide the necessary data to measure community impact.
- (+) Performance measures for Financial Health Literacy education will be conducted by using pre- and post-test surveys. The expected number of economically disadvantaged individuals being served for outcome will be 22,500 individuals.
- (+) The applicant identifies some of its overall goals as increasing the financial knowledge of 67,500 economically disadvantaged individuals and enrolling 90,000 individuals in health services and benefits programs that will exhibit an improved attitude toward preventive and primary care services. This is a clear description of the expected overall change by the applicant.
- (-) The applicant does not provide needs information on the target population's lack of knowledge about health services, or about the overall costs to the healthcare system this has caused. How the program responds to both of these needs is highlighted in the Measurable Community Impact section of the proposal.

(-) The applicant provided minimal information on the proposed evidenced-based/informed interventions and does not identify proposed measureable impacts.