

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: City of Big Spring

Applicant ID: 13SR142634

Project Name: Big Spring RSVP

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 only the external reviewer on the blended panel. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

External Reviewer's Summary Comments:

Strengths:

The applicant addressed training and support for the volunteers at their stations.

The applicant has established that 40% of the volunteers will be unduplicated in the work plans.

The applicant has specific plans to address unmet needs in the community.

Weaknesses:

The applicant did not address how they would serve veterans and military families specifically, but did note there were retirees from an air force base in the community.

The applicant had no infrastructure in place to address service to all races, ethnic groups, sexual orientation, or those who spoke languages other than English.

There was no plan for graduation of stations.

The budget narrative does not clearly define how non-federal funds will sustain the program.

The budget does not plan for support of volunteer travel or meals.