

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Community Action, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR142758

Project Name: Clarion-Indiana-Jefferson 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's RSVP staff, volunteer stations and lead project volunteers will provide training to volunteers for specific projects.

Weaknesses:

The applicant's community need description is presented. However, the community needs description is brief and it is not persuasive. The information is vague and not clearly presented along with data sources or objective data. It is not clear how organizations have been impacted by federal budget cuts.

The applicant's description of the infrastructure to manage RSVP volunteers is missing details like, operational site for RSVP volunteer staff and names of community partners.

The applicant's high quality volunteer assignments are missing details such as description of the infrastructure to create high quality volunteer assignments.

The applicant's plan to recognize the RSVP volunteers is missing.