

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: City of Burbank Parks and Recreations

Applicant ID: 13SR142890

Project Name: City of Burbank 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 project has significant plans to enhance services to veterans with the Volunteers for Veterans task force.

The impact of the program and the evidence of community need are well documented by data and surveys from the geographical area.

The applicant clearly demonstrates infrastructure for high quality volunteer stations with their good partnerships and adequate training of volunteers.

The project has a strong recruitment plan to include all of three special populations: individuals of all backgrounds, veterans and their families and persons with disabilities.

The agency has a strong, stable funding stream to sustain programming.

The application budget specifically addresses and demonstrates the commitment of the Applicant organization to secure resources for exceeding required non-federal funds

The sponsor is well-established and demonstrates evidenced-based practices for volunteer management.

The project has a strong infrastructure with operational policies and robust financial systems in place.

The program's compliance of Memorandum of Understanding and RSVP guidelines are well monitored with annual site visits to each station.

The applicant has an innovative plan in place to meet with stations to review the new Performance Measures and explain how data is to be collected to align with those measures.

Weaknesses:

The only option mentioned for volunteers not in the Primary Focus Area is aging out of RSVP.

There is not a planned budget for background checks or recruitment activities.

11% of unduplicated volunteers are in work plans that result in outcomes.