

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** West Texas Rehabilitation Center

**Applicant ID:** 13SR142907

**Project Name:** Concho Valley 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:

Unmet need is clearly documented. Examples include: documentation of aging needs from the local Office for Aging, poverty level documented by percentages which are high within the state and nationally, with one of the target counties having a child poverty rate of 32%.

There is a clear program for serving military families in the description of the evidenced-based program "Tell Me a Story" program and there is some external grant money to support this program.

This project has many assets for volunteer training, including a "Renewing Our Communities Capacity Building" grant. There is also a Leadership Program for the RSVP volunteers and Station Personnel.

This project offers flexibility in length and time commitment for volunteer positions, an important way to recruit and retain 55+ volunteers.

The project director has experience with RSVP at the national level and her programs have been replicated.

#### Weaknesses:

The documentation of some of the sources of the in-kind funds needs clarification, for example, the services Bibrey Tours provides, and the status of Humana MarketPoint (current or past).