

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Community Services Council Brevard

**Applicant ID:** 13SR142910

**Project Name:** Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Brevard County

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 clearly illustrates several community needs with strong evidence including osteoporosis education, hunger, transportation for veterans, and blindness, citing statistics of how many Brevard residents are affected by these problems.

The narrative illustrates that Aging Matters in Brevard has successfully operated a respectable-sized (1000 individuals) volunteer program outside of the Primary Focus Area.

The applicant's Advisory Council shows a strong participatory role in sculpting program development, illustrated by their participation in program recruitment, volunteer development, and in their quarterly meetings to assess the direction of the program.

#### Weaknesses:

The applicant shows that the need for transportation services for veterans in Brevard County is evident; however, a narrative explaining why the Vets Driving Vets program will be successful in this community is needed. Specific details on how veterans will be involved in sculpting the programs are needed.

While the application generally discusses the applicant's track record/success in managing volunteers in the Primary Focus Area (describes a robust, successful program since 1972), it does not describe any detailed information on what has made the program successful or on the history of program management.

The applicant states that it has a long, successful track record of securing matching funds, but does not provide evidence or examples.