

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Upper East TN Human Development Agency

Applicant ID: 13SR142923

Project Name: RSVP of Northeast Tennessee

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 agency has partnered with eight counties and will service in 15 community ministry sites.

The applicant's RSVP volunteers will be managed by a staff participant at their placement station.

The agency recruits volunteers reflecting the populations served in all areas, including race and ethnicity, sex, religion, and disability.

The applicant's volunteer training is provided for the specific areas of their duty and volunteers are able to work at their own pace.

The agency has policies and procedures that prohibit activities for volunteers to include electoral activities and religious instructions at the stations.

The applicant's plans are in place to graduate stations.

The agency has provided adequate budget for recognition of volunteers.

Weaknesses:

The Budget for volunteers had no support for meals reimbursement.