

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: University of Northern Colorado

Applicant ID: 13SR142978

Project Name: Weld County 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:

Weld County RSVP has identified 16,712 veterans; 62% of them are over age 55. The applicant is initiating three programs to begin in March 2012. The programs to assist veterans and their families are (1) a central referral site, (2) provide homeless veterans with basic living essentials, dental services, and other services, and (3) assist in the Office of Veteran's Services in answering questions concerning benefits.

The applicant has a strong recruitment, retention, and recognition plan. Its strength comes from a strong training component. Volunteers whose tasks require strict adherence to specific regulations receive in depth training.

The applicant recruits and retains Hispanics, the applicant advertises in the local Spanish language newspaper. Once recruited, volunteers are placed in positions that are commensurate with their skills.

The applicant has programmatic and fiscal oversight of the program. Its day-to-day operational support is strong; it has clearly defined internal policies.

The applicant presents an adequate plan to provide its share of resources to fund the project.

Weaknesses:

The application does not give a clear description of how the proposed services and activities will successfully achieve the National Performance Measures.

The applicant's program design does not connect and align the three major program elements: community need, services, and Performance Measures.

The applicant does not provide a plan or infrastructure describing how it will graduate volunteer stations with minimal disruption to current volunteers whenever possible.

The applicant's plan was given show how the National Performance Measure outputs and outcomes will be collected

and measured.

The applicant does not mention how data will be collected.