

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR143104

Project Name: Yadkin 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:

The applicant requires each station sign MOU's and provide job descriptions, handicap certification and volunteer orientation.

The applicant asks each station to provide a volunteer recognition event for all volunteers

Weaknesses:

The applicant relies on media such as newspapers and television for the recognition of volunteers no recognition event is planned.

The applicant is exploring funding but did not indicate concrete sources of funding for non-federal match or in-kind contributions.

The plan indicates the applicant will have several fundraisers throughout the year and will solicit within the local communities for donations both cash and in-kind.

No information is provided regarding ensuring program compliance in regard to stations or volunteers.

The applicant does not address graduating stations.

The applicant has a limited budget available for recognition, reimbursements or criminal background checks.