

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Finney County RSVP Inc.

**Applicant ID:** 13SR143131

**Project Name:** Finney 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:

In 2012 a needs assessment of Finney County was conducted, called the Community Assessment Process (CAP). No new needs were identified; but it confirmed that the greatest need was to seniors, whom they will continue to serve through meal distribution. Assessing the number of meals they will serve will account for their National Performance Measure.

The applicant's share of the budget is 58%. Rent and utilities are in-kind donations from the Senior Center.

The project receives 39% of its cash funding from Finney County Committee on Aging. The application lists other donors.

Recruitment is accomplished by word of mouth, information booths at community events, and distribution of pamphlets.

#### Weaknesses:

The applicant does not mention how veterans and/or military families will be served.

The applicant does not provide details about the kind of training provided.

Limited details are provided about how volunteers are recognized.

No mention is made of their efforts to recruit people traditionally under-represented.

No mention is made if the monthly site visits or the annual self-assessments and evaluations include monitoring for regulatory compliance.

The applicant's plans are detailed regarding graduation of stations at minimum disruption to volunteers.

The applicant provides a line item for contractual and consultant services, but no explanation or justification is given.

Since the recognition activities are not clearly described, it is difficult to determine if the budget for volunteer recognition is adequate.