

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Doctors Medical Center Foundation

Applicant ID: 13SR143201

Project Name: RSVP of Stanislaus 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 identifies a large group of specific organizations (Acacia Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Advancing Vibrant Communities, Area Agency on Aging, Catholic Charities (local diocese), DMC Foundation, Oakdale Police Department Community Auxiliary Police Services (CAPS), Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) of Stanislaus County, and the Salvation Army Turlock Senior Adults Learning Together (SALT)) with whom they are already partnered in addition to the work to be done under this application, and MOUs in place with each organization will provide the applicant with client referrals and support volunteer recruitment.

The applicant will make available specially-equipped vehicles for use by volunteers if needed.

The applicant's experience as a fiscal of the State of California for the past 20 years, as well as its service as a fiscal agent for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) funds, provides a basis of experience for managing the project.

The applicant's current employees assigned to this project are fluent in Spanish, and will be able to address language issues related to the project.

The applicant's two primary services provided under this project (basic transportation and senior-to-senior companionship) are augmented by a third category that provides these services to 162 individuals living in independent and assisted living communities.

Weaknesses:

The applicant does not have a project component that addresses the needs of veterans or military families.

The applicant does not explain how it will improve the program as a result of the annual assessment of the accomplishments and impact of the project.

The applicant mentions procedural manuals for daily operations, but does not provide details as they relate to the requirements of the project.

The applicant's budget shows an expense line item for volunteer recognition, but does not clearly break out expenses for recruitment.