

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Semo Area Agency on Aging

Applicant ID: 13SR143232

Project Name: RSVP Pemiscot 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 provides a detailed description of the various volunteer roles, responsibilities and tasks both within the narrative and the work plans.

The applicant presents a plan and a budget that reflects a non-federal match that exceeds the federal grant funding request.

The applicant describes a plan to collect data and generate reports utilizing a formal database system called Volunteer Reporter.

Weaknesses:

The applicant does not include enough statistical data related to the target communities' demographics making it difficult to fully assess the community need in relation to the proposed Focus Area and work plan activities.

The applicant does not provide a clear description of how they will outreach, recruit, screen or place volunteers in positions at volunteer stations that match, support or complement the volunteers' interests, skill sets, or expertise areas.

The applicant does not provide any details related to how they will recruit and develop volunteers who are diverse in terms of race, ethnicity or who are not English language proficient. They do not describe how they will recruit and support volunteers with physical disabilities or age related disabilities.

The applicant does not provide an explanation of how they will support the retention of volunteers throughout the project period.