

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Harvey County

Applicant ID: 13SR143249

Project Name: Harvey 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:

The applicant demonstrates a willingness and interest in reaching and recruiting Hispanic individuals.

There are specific activities outlined for recognition including the use of surveys with volunteers to understand their interests around various recognition events. The applicant demonstrates a willingness and desire to enhance their recognition practices.

The applicant demonstrates some early and good work with volunteer stations to ensure minimal disruption to current volunteers. There is a realistic plan in place to graduate volunteer stations.

The program Advisory Council structure and membership demonstrate a focus on reaching diverse populations and ensuring a range of experience levels in support of the program. There is a focus on reaching the Hispanic community which is the largest minority population in their community.

Weaknesses:

The community needs for the Healthy Futures focus area were identified. It is not clear if these needs are already being addressed by others in the community.

There is an interest in recruiting veterans and/or military families through this program. There is however, no clear plan for doing this although staffs have prior experience in working with this target population.

The budget does not include the justification and cost calculation for any of the line items.

There is not a clear plan articulated in the proposal that addresses issues around retention.