

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: County of Sacramento Department of Human Assistance

Applicant ID: 13SR143259

Project Name: Sacramento 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 receives \$25 per month for each volunteer placed at school within the partnering school system.

Weaknesses:

The applicant's budget narrative provides little description of items that would support volunteer recruitment and recognition.

The applicant provides vague information regarding their data collection process. Regarding the students school records, the applicant states that the volunteers maintain all statistical data to be reviewed at the end of the school year.

The applicant's veterans and their families, there is no clear information regarding whether or not this is a duplication of services. The applicant does not express whether or not there are others in the area performing the same task.

The applicant notes that they do have a recruitment process, but does not go into detail to explain what it is.

The Reading Partners are volunteers, but there is no specific trainings noted for them.

The applicant states that they do visit the volunteer stations, but does not offer a set number of times. They state they maintain, "close contact."