

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Warren County Community Services

Applicant ID: 13SR143458

Project Name: Warren 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 application clearly identified the need, linked the needs to the activities and provided measurable outcomes.

The volunteer training goes well beyond the normal with traditional ten hour training, hospice training, and utilizing the "Stepping Stone Seminars".

The current program volunteers reflect some type of disability, 21%. This helps to reflect the program diversity.

The military recruitment and retention plan is enhanced by the Hospice Veteran Partnership in program. This has shown viability for this component.

The applicant's in-kind contribution of the grant is significant, such as Meals on Wheels.

Weaknesses:

The estimated number of volunteers in the executive summary states 108 as the unduplicated count and the work plan reflects 220 unduplicated counts. This needs to be reconciled.

The program is not offering transportation to the volunteers.

The budget reflects project cost for a number of persons indirectly related to the project. For instance, Controller, Fiscal Director, Asst. Fiscal Director, Accountant, etc.