

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Sowega Council on Aging, Incorporation

Applicant ID: 13SR143539

Project Name: Sowega Council on Aging RSVP Albany

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 proposed grantee did provide specific service activities and anticipated outcomes for the Primary Focus Area.

The proposed grantee did show the in-kind resources to manage the grant.

The proposed grantee did provide very good details of the organization oversight, board involvement with policy and management.

The proposed grantee did provide significant details of how the organization is managed and reporting

The proposed grantee did provide budget details for expenditure of funds for the grants.

The proposed grantee did show how the organization provides nonfederal funds to support the programs it delivers.

Weaknesses:

The proposed grantee did not provide any details on how the Volunteer Assignment will be accomplished.

The proposed grantee did not include a plan on completing the RSVP Volunteer Pool requirement for the program.

The proposed grantee did not provide a detail plan to retain or recognize the RSVP Volunteers.

The proposed grantee did not include a detail plan to graduate volunteer stations.

The proposed grantee did not provide detail job descriptions for the proposed grant staff.

The proposed grantee did not provide ample details about how the volunteers will be tracked.

The proposed grantee did not provide data to support the need as stated identified in this grant application.

The proposed grantee did not provide details about identification and use of stations.