

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Senior Resources of Guilford

Applicant ID: 13SR143560

Project Name: Guilford 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 gives a good description of the sponsor agency, their services and history which provides credibility for the support and services offered to the RSVP.

The applicant describes their plan for sound programmatic and fiscal oversight, day-to-day operational support and annual data collection. Fiscal oversight is provided by the Chief Financial Officer who provides a monthly report to the Project Director. The sponsor agency provides annual audit services. The sponsor agency provides on-going program support as well as in-kind support in the form of office space, office equipment and IT support.

The applicant provides detailed and well supported data regarding the community need in multiple areas.

Each need is connected to a plan for service, including how volunteers will be provided to perform that service.

The applicant actively participates in programs in an effort to build new relationships with Veterans.

The budget and narrative provide good detail for line items. The budget is mathematically accurate and includes the amounts allocated to non-federal sources.

Weaknesses:

The budget does not include funds for criminal background checks and there was no explanation in the budget narrative as to why it was not included.