

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Athens-Limestone County RSVP Board of Directors Incorporated

Applicant ID: 13SR143586

Project Name: Athens-Limestone County RSVP, Inc.

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 that there is a need for services among frail elderly, disabled and homebound seniors as evident by the number of seniors requesting services such as transportation and meals. The applicant also demonstrates the need by citing high poverty rate among the target population.

The applicant demonstrates an adequate plan and infrastructure to manage project resources as evident by current system which includes an outsourced Independent Accountant charge with every financial management of grants and the procurement of another CPA Firm to conduct the annual Audit

The applicant demonstrates adequate experience in managing volunteers as evident by the current meal distribution program in which they currently manage 54 volunteers who provide meal delivery services.

The applicant proposed budget is adequate and reasonable for the proposed activities and reasonable cost sharing. The volunteer expenses include realistic reimbursable expenses such as insurance and travel as well as cost sharing items as meals, recognition activities, and background checks.

Weaknesses:

The application lacks specific information on age, disability and special needs of the target population.

The applicant does not provide sufficient information on its current infrastructure to determine if it has the capacity to provide adequate programmatic, day-to-day operational support and annual data collection. Based on information provided, the Board of Directors not staff will be heavily involved in the day to day operations of the program.

The application lacks information on how outcomes will be measured. Several of the activities do not have outcomes or the methods to measure the outcome is not clear. For instance, the applicant indicates that it will provide support for Veterans with disabilities through transportation and companionship. However, the application does not indicate what the outcomes will be for those activities.