

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: MAHUBE-OTWA COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP **Applicant ID:** 13SR143626
INC.

Project Name: 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:

In the Strengthening Communities section and Performance Measures, the applicant provides demographic information supporting the need for RSVP volunteers in Healthy Futures.

The applicant proposes to use current volunteers to recruit new volunteers, in addition to other tactics.

The applicant proposes to offer specialized training to volunteers in financial activities, health promotion, and falls prevention.

The applicant proposes that volunteers have the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Academy.

The applicant uses Volunteer Reporter software to manage volunteer impact.

The applicant has managed RSVP projects for 26 years and annual audits have identified no findings.

The applicant's proposed budget includes significant non-CNCS funds to support the project.

The identified non-CNCS funds are from state funding sources, DHS Adult and Aging Services and MN Department of Revenue.

Weaknesses:

The applicant does not identify the need to graduate any of the current volunteer stations.

The applicant identifies staff assigned to the RSVP project; however, the RSVP Director is not full time.

The applicant does not provide any information with respect to veterans or military families.