

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Hutchinson Community College

Applicant ID: 13SR143629

Project Name: Reno 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 has longevity in the area of service to the community, indicating a good probability of success in the Primary Focus Area.

A concerted effort seems to be made to include veterans and military families in the service programs.

The applicant outlines a comprehensive plan for volunteer recruitment which includes the use of electronic communication and social media along with the more traditional approaches.

The applicant provides compelling evidence of infrastructure and plans to support good volunteer recognition and retention.

The applicant indicates a successful track record in managing and retaining volunteers.

The applicant will be working exclusively with volunteer stations that will gather data, survey where appropriate, track RSVP volunteers and those served, enhancing the ability to measure output and outcomes.

RSVP staff has proven their long-term commitment to the organization with 75 years of combined service to the community.

Weaknesses:

The Budget line item for volunteer recognition activities seems inadequate. It is not clear if this amount has been adequate in the past.

There are no funds included in the budget for the extensive local travel included in the director's job description.