

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Monroe County Commission

**Applicant ID:** 13SR143645

**Project Name:** Monroe Conecuh 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 shows many examples of how volunteers are trained both in a general way but also in very specialized ways depending on the particular assignment.

60% of unduplicated volunteers are identified in the work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

The Advisory Council is comprised of a diverse cross section of the county and its members represent a variety of skill sets that the applicant leverages.

There is clear support from the sponsoring organization and a long history of experience.

The budget includes several non-federal funding sources to support the program.

#### Weaknesses:

The Primary Focus Area is Healthy Futures and the community need is clearly identified however, the proposal is lacking objective data to support the assertion that the need is unmet.

While a clear plan of recruiting volunteers through a variety of mechanisms including word of mouth, media, through churches and community centers is included, the proposal does not identify a specific group such as individuals of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientation and degrees of English language proficiency; veterans and military families; or volunteers with disabilities.

The applicant does not include a plan for addressing graduating stations.