

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: United Way of East Central Iowa

Applicant ID: 13SR143662

Project Name: RSVP of Linn and Jones Counties

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 provides a compelling case for need for services (particularly disaster preparedness and aging in place), using documentation of surveys, studies and data collection.

The activities to support aging in place are extremely comprehensive in that they include five important activities to support aging in place, including home modification which is an effective way to achieve permanent improvement for aging in place and also provides physical activity for RSVP volunteers.

The program shows strong record of being able to manage RSVP grants, citing 30 years of experience.

The training plan is clearly described in terms of content and there is chance for RSVP volunteers to meet and share experiences.

The budget is clear and provides specificity, for example, detailing how costs for trips and recognition were derived.

The program has multiple partners for its proposed and significant work with veterans in both counties in the project.

Weaknesses: