

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Community Renewal Team, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR143671

Project Name: Greater Hartford 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 states that they have an automated accounting system. Though they are lacking detail on this aspect of their capabilities in the application, it is evident that they have a history of managing a large budget successfully.

The applicant utilized objective data to prove the community need was present.

The applicant describes a clear plan to educate volunteers not only in their service areas, but in self-development as well. The applicant has an on-going and apparently established volunteer recruitment program.

Weaknesses:

The applicant demonstrates the relationship between the activity and measurements, but does not provide evidence-based data to support this relationship or connection.

No information is given to define the population focus for veterans and disabled, but the applicant expressed the intent to begin serving veterans and their families.

Though volunteer recognition is done on several levels, the application does not include mention of how volunteer satisfaction is measured.

The amount budgeted for volunteer recognition appears insufficient.