

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Otero County Department of Human Services

Applicant ID: 13SR143691

Project Name: Otero Bent & Crowley Co 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 need for medical transport for veterans is well documented since the local VA hospital has closed and the applicant plans to use RSVP staff to transfer vets to the new health care location.

Weaknesses:

There is discussion of individual volunteer orientation, but no detail as to its nature or how volunteers will be supported.

This application mentions volunteer training only once in a sentence that states that the stations will provide training, without specifying what the content of that training and development will be. Further, it does not explain how this training will be assured or if it will be monitored.

There is no discussion of how stations will be trained about program regulations, other than via a personal meeting (for which no content is specified).

While there are assurances for oversight of management of project resources, specific procedures for doing so are lacking.

The budget form names the sources of matching funds but does not specify how much each entity will give.

Travel costs are impossible to assess as distances between sites and the sponsor, and the number of times the project director will travel there is unclear.