

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Northern CA Presbyterian Homes & Services Inc

Applicant ID: 13SR143693

Project Name: Coming of Age: RSVP San Francisco & Alameda 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 application identifies the community needs and clearly demonstrates how the community need is unmet. The agency provided a realistic description of how the proposed activities connect the community need to National Performance Measure outputs.

The applicant has foundations that support the agency's' projects. The key staff has managed federal funds and projects for long periods with the help of volunteers.

Outlined measurable outcomes by identifying the impact plan, long-term commitment for programs. Provides a realistic rationale for the adequacy of the non-federal share that will support the grant.

The applicant has been managing federal funds and will likely be able to account for the project completion. The applicant mentions some of the information requested in the Budget Section on the organization's financial commitment to the proposal, with a few exceptions.

Weaknesses:

The applicant didn't fully demonstrate how this project will serve veterans and military families.

The application contained inadequate information regarding key staff and poor clarification on staff duties and fund management.

The application contained an inadequate plan and infrastructure to manage project resources, both financial and in-kind, with an acceptable probability of accountability and efficient and effective use of available resources.