

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Douglass Community Services, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR143794

Project Name: Douglass Community Services 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 budget line item are reflective of the program needs to include volunteer recognition, and volunteer travel.

This provider has significant in-kind match for this project, such as space, telephones, and copy machines.

This application included significant details of the internal operations of the agency. For instance, the chain of command with processing request, how documents are completed and approved internally.

Weaknesses:

The executive summary states there will be 160 unduplicated volunteers, and the work plan reflects 112 unduplicated volunteers.

This application only included one service to military and veterans, the pillow cases with the Soldiers Angels.

This application does not include a plan for management of volunteer stations or a plan on how the volunteer stations address unmet needs in the community. Only states how information will be gathered and disseminated.

The budget does not include any funds for volunteer meals on a daily basis.