

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Lyon County Department on Aging

Applicant ID: 13SR143803

Project Name: Lyon County 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:

A clear and abundant need for RSVP volunteers to serve various community needs in the geographical area is noted throughout the narrative.

The applicant indicates a commitment to reach out to veterans and military families through staff attendance at local veteran and military events.

The applicant indicates inclusion of senior volunteers that are themselves confined to nursing homes.

The applicant notes that the first Station Manager In-Service led to positive responses from both station managers and RSVP staff.

Through regular and highly visible use of media—including print, on-air and on-line—volunteer retention rates have remained high.

The applicant gives a very thorough review of the processes involved in the use and documentation of project resources, both cash and in-kind.

The applicant notes that training of RSVP volunteers used in disaster assistance and mitigation is handled by the Sheriff's department, indicating a high level of responsibility to those who volunteer for this area of work.

Weaknesses:

The narrative does not clearly explain the Primary Focus Area nor does it present evidence that there is an unmet need being addressed by the project.

No mention is made of disruption to volunteers due to changing community needs or changing Primary Focus Areas.