

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Cortland County Legislature

Applicant ID: 13SR143805

Project Name: Cortland 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:

The applicant's community needs are clearly described with persuasive references supporting data presented. The application sources are cited, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Social Services, Food Pantries, and others.

The applicant's description of plans and infrastructure are detailed and shares the number of hours of services and the number of different communities' stations as partners. Also explained is an engaged Advisory Council that ensures local input.

The applicant explains that community needs are defined by the volunteer stations, needs assessments and the Seven Valleys Health Coalition's Annual Health & Wellbeing Assessment of Courtland County. This plan presents intentions to engage volunteer stations in decision-making processes.

The applicant does not intend to graduate any stations, they have a plan to assess volunteer stations as they age out and determine whether the job falls within one of the six Corporation for National and community service Primary Focus Areas.

Weaknesses:

The applicant does discuss realistic plans for recruitment of veterans, however details are unclear.