

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: RSVP of Daviess County Indiana, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR143810

Project Name: Daviess 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 applicant will provide veterans transportation to their medical appointments.

The applicant matches up the skills and backgrounds of volunteers to the projects themselves (e.g. newly retired and more agile volunteers) for a project that requires physical strength, and volunteers with financial experience for a project to help people with their tax returns.

The applicant's projected 186 unduplicated volunteers in this program are distributed across nine separate project areas that address a broad range of needs, to include: distributing information; preparing tax returns; supporting blood drives; packaging food for distribution to those in need; working in food pantries; working with adults, children, pets and disabled individuals; senior companionship; transportation; debris removal; landfill management via a thrift store; and transportation of veterans for medical reasons.

The applicant has reserves that allow it to operate for 4-7 years in the event federal funding is unavailable. This represents a high degree of contingency planning and capacity building.

The applicant's budget narrative provides sufficient details on the sources of non-federal matching funds for the project by identifying and quantifying contributions from: City Government (cash and in-kind); County Government; Daviess County Community Foundation; misc. private grants; United Way of Daviess County; and the Daviess County Community Foundation.

Weaknesses:

The applicant notes that it manages its volunteer activities with strict adherence to regulations, but does not go into detail or provide examples.

The applicant discusses surveys and other management tools; they are not discussed in any level of detail.

The applicant notes that it complies with all applicable laws, policies and procedures, but does not identify how it is

accomplished.