

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: University of Louisiana at Monroe

Applicant ID: 13SR143811

Project Name: Ouachita Parish 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 application includes excellent plans to provide training to assure effectiveness in assignments.

The application reflects an effective use of recruitment tools with documentary and outreach for more ethnically diverse potential volunteers.

The application provides 33% of unduplicated volunteers, exceeding the minimum required of 10%.

Clearly defined plans for financial accountability and use of resources through ULM.

The Budget reflects a stable and balanced budget relating to volunteer recognition.

Weaknesses:

The plan to graduate volunteers to meet community changing needs is vague and appears to be abrupt without encouraging transition to new opportunities.

The application lacks explanation on how volunteers' mileage is to be reimbursed.

The application budget reflects no volunteer travel expense.