

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Sullivan County Legislature

Applicant ID: 13SR143813

Project Name: RSVP of Sullivan County

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 identifies a need and a response with examples. For instance, participation in the annual End Alzheimer's Walk, annual Breast Cancer Awareness Event and the St. Jude's Research Foundation Telethon.

The applicant identifies a focus on veterans, including recruiting veterans to work with other veterans to promote strong connections.

The applicant identifies a high value on producing volunteers that see clearly that their contribution result in a positive, measurable difference. Annual training and station-appropriate training indicate the contributions that are made by volunteers.

The applicant addressed graduation of stations with minimal disruption to the volunteers and services that are provided by shifting volunteers between stations and surveying volunteers to transition them to viable volunteer placements.

The applicant described a strong collaboration with other agencies and long track-record of managing funding from a number of sources, including Title IIIB, Title IIIC, Title IIID, Title E, Title V and state and federal RSVP funds.

The applicant identified a strong collaboration with other organizations showing confidence in continuing services to the targeted population. The work plan identifies joint ventures with these organizations, for instance, The Literacy Volunteers of America in Sullivan County is a non-for-profit 501C that trains volunteer tutors for this program.

Weaknesses: