

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Pender Adult Services, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR143828

Project Name: Pender 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 collaborates with community partners to collect data on client needs to use senior volunteers more effectively.

The applicant's good use of Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) data to demonstrate the overall impact and worth of senior volunteers in the community.

The applicant has 42% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in outcomes work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

Weaknesses:

The applicant proposes a sound plan to recognize senior volunteers throughout the year; it is unclear how such recognition activities will assist in volunteer retention.

The applicant has insufficient information is provided about the qualifications and background experience of the RSVP Director.

The application has no descriptions of clearly defined paid staff positions, including how these positions will be sustained was provided in the application.

The applicant's budget narrative does not identify how many volunteers will need to have criminal background checks and the unit price for the background checks.

No explanation is provided as to why only 60 uniform shirts are budgeted when the work plans indicate that there will be 125 unduplicated volunteers in the program.