

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Merrimack Valley Community Service Corps Inc.

**Applicant ID:** 13SR143887

**Project Name:** Greater Lawrence Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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:

#### Weaknesses:

The community need is reflective in having an 11.2% unemployment rate which is reported by the applicant as higher than the national average and 27.3% of the residents are below the poverty level. Limited information is provided regarding the community need as unmet.

The applicant does not address service activities to veterans or military families.

The applicant reports the Financial Manager manages all projects but details are limited.

The applicant did not connect plans to graduate volunteer stations in a way that would minimize disruption to current volunteers.

It is unclear how the proposed plan will ensure compliance with RSVP program regulations.

The applicant does not meet their non-federal fund requirement with a match of 29%.