

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: The Senior Hub Incorporated

Applicant ID: 13SR143894

Project Name: Adams-E. Arapahoe 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 community need description for the Primary Focus Area Healthy Futures has been thoroughly researched and documented through economic/demographic information data project area from Colorado Children's Campaign. In addition, a food security study in Adams County determined a greater need in assistance with food and it was noted that the need in this project areas exceeds the state level.

19% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in outcomes work plans. This is above the required 10%.

The applicant indicated after a review of volunteer jobs was completed, it would be necessary to restructure volunteer assignments to ensure the Primary Focus Areas are being met. However volunteers will be informed of other available opportunities to serve more strategically in one of the focus areas with minimal disruption to current volunteer services.

The applicant's organization has been managing volunteers for over 25 years. The narrative defines a sound infrastructure including adequate facilities, equipment, and supplies. It also defines a sound governance structure which includes internal policies and procedures and an active Advisory Council comprised of volunteers from a variety of volunteer stations.

The application shows past experience managing federal funds and the agency's ability to secure additional resources through foundations, fund raising, and individuals. The agency also has been found exemplary during annual audits.

Staff positions are clearly outlined in the narrative and the program demonstrates extensive experience and expertise in working with seniors to address the needs of the community.

The applicant has demonstrated they have the ability to meet their non-federal requirement in the past through other federal grants. The budget includes a proposed 31% match which exceeds the federal requirements.

Weaknesses: