

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** RSVP of Rock County, Inc.

**Applicant ID:** 13SR143928

**Project Name:** RSVP of Rock 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:

Data supporting the dire economic condition of the area, the need for the school based mentoring program, and the need for home visitation for seniors is clearly presented.

There are specific outreach efforts to recruit African-American and Hispanics.

#### Weaknesses:

The proposal did not identify a Primary Focus Area. As a result, it was not possible to give a high rating to responses to questions that clearly asked about the Primary Focus Area.

While data on the number of volunteers is provided along with an impressive number of stations (150), there is incomplete information on the number of people they will help. For example, there is no data on the number of people who are anticipated to receive food delivery or the number of students to be mentored.

There is no mention of veterans being used as volunteers or being served as recipients in the narrative or in the performance objectives.

This application states that training is done, but there are no explanatory details, so an assessment of the quality and nature of the training is impossible to do.

The part of the budget narrative intended to describe how the non-Federal share is derived is not completed. As a result, although donors are listed in the narrative, there is no way to determine the amount they will give. The sustainability of the non-Federal share is therefore impossible to ascertain .