

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Marquette Co Aging Services

**Applicant ID:** 13SR143955

**Project Name:** Marquette 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 organization clearly demonstrates that the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program, as identified in the Primary Focus Area of Healthy Futures, represents a well-documented and unmet need in the service area, according to a 2009 survey of senior needs. The continuing need for this Program was again validated by a 2012 survey of current clients, 97% of whom characterized the service as "Extremely Important/Important".

The applicant organization's primary volunteer recognition event, an annual appreciation dinner, promotes retention and inclusiveness by honoring those who have provided services of one hour or more during the previous year.

The applicant organization proposes that 50% of the Unduplicated Volunteers will be included in Work Plans that result in Outcomes and that 50% Unduplicated Volunteers will be in the Primary Focus Area, as well. This is well in excess of the required minimum of 10%.

The applicant organization evidences an efficient and effective system of program management including accountability, internal controls and responsible stewardship of public funds and materiel resources.

The applicant organization clearly demonstrates a well-managed and effective program that addresses an unmet, high-priority community need and as such, is sustained by non-federal resources well in excess of the required share.

The applicant organization's proposed budget clearly evidences substantial financial commitment and confidence to ensure reimbursement of volunteer expenses, appropriate recognition of volunteers and alignment with program narrative.

#### Weaknesses: