

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: City of Rapid City

Applicant ID: 13SR143965

Project Name: 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 exceeds the required 30% threshold of unduplicated volunteer involvement in National Performance Measure outcomes.

Of the requested grant amount, applicant will provide a 56.4 percent grantee share.

Applicant has stated what appears to be a strong mix of non-federal funding sources to support its grant application.

Weaknesses:

The applicant has no external sources are cited to provide an evidentiary basis of the unmet community need.

The applicant does not provide a clear plan to create quality assignments to measure volunteer satisfaction.

The City of Rapid City application does not mention in its budget narrative the breakdown of volunteer support costs.

The applicant's funds allocated for volunteer recognition seem inadequate as applicant cited it will hold various recognition events throughout the year. It is not clear if the applicant will cover or provide for meals and criminal background checks for new paid staff or volunteers.

The applicant plan and infrastructure to develop and/or oversee volunteer stations to address unmet community needs, outside the Primary Focus Area, lacks detail and is unclear.