

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Economic Opportunity Authority For Savannah-Chatham County Area, Incorporated

Applicant ID: 13SR144023

Project Name: Economic Opportunity Authority Savannah 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:

RSVP volunteers are directly involved with Charleston VAMC to assist clients with access to a quality healthcare system and educate clients on living a healthy lifestyle and ways to self-manage their own health; as a result living a healthier lifestyle.

The narrative includes a comprehensive recruitment plan that demonstrates the opportunity for RSVP volunteers with opportunities to share their abilities, experiences, and skills to improve their communities and strive for quality programming. The program demonstrates previous relevant successful collaborations with local organizations and agencies in assistance with recruitment of volunteers and they define well planned activities to continue these partnerships.

The applicant has 53% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in outcomes work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

The program clearly demonstrates they can provide sound programmatic and fiscal oversight. The applicant has demonstrated they have experienced and qualified staff to provide day to day operational support and methods for achieving annual data collection. This agency has a long history of grants management and working with senior programs.

Weaknesses:

The application displays a broad overview that presents limited information regarding the recognition activities for RSVP volunteers.

The applicant did not present a clear plan to assure National Performance Measure outcomes and outputs are met and how they will be measured.

The source of non-federal share is listed in the narrative; however the rationale for the adequacy of the non-federal share that will support the grant is unclear.