

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Andrew County Ministries

Applicant ID: 13SR144027

Project Name: Andrew 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 provides objective data on population to be served

Weaknesses:

The Strengthening Communities section lacked sufficient objective data describing the community need in the Healthy Futures Primary Focus Area.

The Strengthening Communities section does not provide a list of proposed volunteer stations, although the applicant does note that 70% of the work stations with Andrew County RSVP have been work stations for 20 years or more.

The Strengthening Communities section does not provide sufficient description of program activities. To the extent that program activities are described, these are found in the Performance Measures section.

The applicant does not propose to serve military families, nor does it describe veterans as volunteers.

The applicant does not provide any specific plan for volunteer recruitment from diverse backgrounds.

The applicant does not provide information on the Advisory Council, nor does the applicant describe its membership. The proposal does not address how the Performance Measures listed in the Work Plan will be collected.

The RSVP Director maintains financial controls on an Excel program. Needs to clarify the system of checks and balances that assures adequate internal controls over financial resources.

The budget does not include information on the source of non-federal funds

Several budget categories did not adequately explain costs. And some of the personnel calculations are not clear.