

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Bay Aging

Applicant ID: 13SR144081

Project Name: Bay Aging 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:

Objective data is documented in the application to clearly demonstrate that there is unmet community need.

The need to recruit the volunteers proficient in Spanish is recognized due to a growing Hispanic population.

The RSVP Advisory Board members mentor volunteer station managers and conduct self-surveys to be sure activities are on target to achieve program goals.

The applicant has been well established for many years with extensive experience in managing volunteers.

Non-federal funds and in-kind donations are noted in the application and the applicant has a strong history of securing support from both federal and non-federal resources.

Weaknesses:

While service to veterans is included within the Primary Focus Area, there are no special activities specifically designed for veterans and military families.

While the experience of the staff noted in the narrative is well documented, the budget lists several County RSVP Coordinators whose positions and responsibilities are not specifically mentioned in the narrative.