

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Friends of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Suffolk County

**Applicant ID:** 13SR144110

**Project Name:** Suffolk 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 clearly articulates that there is an unmet need in the geographic area including statistical data.

The applicant adequately states the performance measures for the organization along with realistic outcomes.

The applicant's Senior Expo each year at which vendors are invited to come for a fee. The funds collected pay for the volunteer recognition luncheon. There is also a volunteer week.

The applicant has received federal grant monies for RSVP for 40 years.

#### Weaknesses:

The applicant's budget does not include funds for background checks or volunteer mileage.

The applicant states that there are several community funding resources, however, does not incorporate any into the budget narrative.

The applicant does not clearly relay how it will develop stations outside the Primary Focus Area.