

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Clackamas County Social Services

Applicant ID: 13SR144120

Project Name: Clackamas County RSVP 2013-16

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 gives an excellent description of the geographic and demographic aspects of the county being served; almost one-half of the population lives in remote areas.

Data from 2011 indicates a very critical need for food distribution; it also suggests that RSVP and others are meeting the need at present.

A compelling case for transportation services is made along with a clear plan for continuing to meet this important need.

The applicant reports of targeting senior volunteers generationally—G.I. Generation, Civic Generation, and Baby Boomers— using a creative marketing strategy.

The applicant indicates they are currently negotiating with four new volunteer stations directly serving veterans and military families.

The applicant describes successful efforts to remove barriers for individuals with functional and access needs, allowing them to be able to serve.

The applicant outlines an extensive plan for recruiting in all referenced groups, particularly veterans and military families, and bi-lingual volunteers.

The applicant's work plans are consistently outcome and impact based, with established processes for collecting and maintaining data.

The applicant describes an on-going plan to foster and strengthen emerging non-profits with whom they partner by offering volunteer leadership training.

Weaknesses:

The applicant describes staff positions with minimal details of day-to-day duties and activities. More details, particularly in describing the duties and function of the director, may allow for a better understanding of the working capacity of the organization.