

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Golden Umbrella, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144153

Project Name: RSVP of Golden Umbrella

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 demonstrates plans and infrastructure to manage RSVP volunteers which include activity time activity logs that are color coded to the need be serviced, and the Community Needs Assessment Committee meeting quarterly to provide input and oversee that the community needs identified in the work performance measures are being met.

The applicant identifies multi-disciplinary meetings where community needs are made known. From this, ineffective volunteer stations are restructured and/or new stations are identified to accommodate the needs.

44% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in outcomes work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

Weaknesses:

The applicant will accomplish the outputs by one-on-one contact in the home and/or at the local senior centers/agencies working with these individuals. By providing social support through resources and education to this frail population aging in place, applicant expects to see increased social support and independent living, however, this area lacks specificity in how the support will occur.

Unmet needs beyond the Focus Area do not have solid plans or infrastructure listed in the application. For example, the applicant has identified partnering with faith-based communities to "recruit volunteers to tackle the unmet needs of our community, but those unmet needs are not further clarified.