

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: MDS CAA & HRA, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144163

Project Name: RSVP Menominee/Delta/Schoolcraft (MI) and Marinette (WI)

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's budget contains reasonable cost for effectiveness and adequacy in the reimbursement of volunteers, recognition, and transportation.

The applicant provides a plan to ensure the management of volunteer stations by way of Memorandum of Understandings, and an outlined list of station responsibilities.

The applicant has a Policy Advisory Council to help govern the day-to-day operations particularly in the area of conflict resolution between volunteer and station.

The applicant provides clear job descriptions of all key personnel within the organization.

The applicant's background checks through ICHAT are performed.

Weaknesses:

The applicant's budget does not allot any funds for background checks as mentioned in the application.

The applicant's budget narrative does not support the applications description of having non-federal resources.

The applicant's effort to establish need in the Primary Focus Area lacked supportive statistical data.

The applicant does not clearly state and connect performance measures to community need.

The applicant's description of how they will serve veterans and/or their families is unclear.

The applicant does not give details on the trainings provided to new or continuing volunteers.