

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Volunteers of America Minnesota

Applicant ID: 13SR144193

Project Name: Volunteers of America of MN 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 program provides a thorough, detailed response to support an unmet community need.

The program provides an evidence-based plan demonstrating that RSVP volunteer services will be highly effective.

The plan to use Volunteer Ambassadors is very innovative.

Volunteers are trained effectively when they join the program.

The program serves a diverse population.

There are surveys in place to measure volunteer satisfaction.

There is strong evidence that Performance Measures will be collected efficiently with data being collected on a monthly basis.

There are specific outcomes and plans for community needs outside of the Primary Focus Area.

Weaknesses:

There is no allocation of funding for background checks or reimbursement of meals to volunteers.