

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Wiregrass Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Applicant ID: 13SR144204

Project Name: Wiregrass Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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:

Weaknesses:

The applicant does not clearly explain whether the Education: K-12 Success Program is evidence-based. It is unclear whether any of the efforts to address truancy are evidence-based. The applicant explains many quantitative elements regarding the truancy program, but no qualitative outcomes are delineated or proposed.

The applicant states every effort will be made to recruit and educate baby boomers and to ensure a well-balanced pool of volunteers, but provides no plans or details explaining these efforts. The applicant does not state how it will ensure a well-balanced and diverse pool of volunteers.

The applicant cites effective programming to retain volunteers, but does not explain what this programming entails. Detail regarding volunteer orientation and retention is not explained. The applicant explains how volunteers will be recognized, but does not explain when and why.

The applicant does not delineate a methodology for how Volunteer Coordinators will survey their stations quarterly to ensure program success.

The applicant does not delineate a methodology that Advisory Council Committee members will use to monitor volunteer station compliance.

The applicant appears to demonstrate strength regarding data collection, but does not describe methodologies or what specific tools are used to collect the data.

Neither the Budget nor Budget Narrative explains or supports where the non-federal dollars come from.