

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Catholic Charities Fort Wayne/South Bend

Applicant ID: 13SR144254

Project Name: RSVP of St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties

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 presents a clear and feasible way to assist individuals in building resources and sustaining communities.

The target community appears to have been effectively involved in planning the program as evidenced by the community partnerships identified and service opportunities for volunteers, individuals, and the community.

The applicant presents various training opportunities such as the senior expo, lunch and learns, and station specific training.

47% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in outcome work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

The applicant presents clear detailed information about data collection including survey timeframes.

Veterans and military families are the target population in the Healthy Futures Primary Focus Area.

Weaknesses:

The applicant presents no alignment in work plans.

The applicant presents assumptions about the elderly population without citing a source.

The applicant presents no information regarding criminal background checks.