

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Seniors In Service of Tampa Bay Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144261

Project Name: 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:

58% of unduplicated volunteers within the Primary Focus Areas well exceed the minimum of 10%.

Weaknesses:

The application is not clear on how they will manage RSVP volunteers and their stations as a highly effective means to addressing the identified community need(s) in the Primary Focus Area.

The service activities in the Primary Focus Area do not show or reflect clearly how they will lead to National Performance Measure outputs or outcomes.

No clear plans for recruiting volunteers that will meet any of the population standards.

The application is not clear on how they will assure stations are in compliance with RSVP program regulations, including preventing or identifying prohibited activities.

Paid staff positions are not clearly defined and lacked explanation of roles.

Background checks were not budgeted or an explanation provided.

Budget reflects \$6,000 volunteer travel expense yet source of funds reflects volunteers will donate \$40,000 for their travel/mileage costs.