

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Dodge City Community College

Applicant ID: 13SR144303

Project Name: Ford County 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 grant application has shown good connectivity of the needs to the activities and proposed outcomes. Primary Focus Area Healthy futures.

The proposed activity for veterans will be an asset along with the "Blue Star Mothers" component.

This budget does show that the agency is contributing a significant amount to this project.

This provider has proven tangible assets and provided extensive documentation on the internal operational structure of the organization.

Weaknesses:

The propose application has inconsistencies with the number of volunteers to be involved in the program. In the Executive Summary it estimated 200 volunteers to serve and then states at the end of three years there will be 90 volunteers involved.

The application does not include a plan for creating high quality RSVP Volunteer Assignments. It refers to placement sites but not how the sites are created and what venue volunteers will interact to share their skills, abilities and experiences. Only references sites to recruit volunteers.

The budget does not reflect any grant cost for the primary individual that will be working directly with the Volunteers, the Volunteer Coordinator.

The job description of the staff for the program, Volunteer Coordinator is not a paid staff in the budget. The Program Director is budget but no job description provided.