

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** United Community Action Network

**Applicant ID:** 13SR144324

**Project Name:** RSVP of Douglas County

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:

Performance Measures include assisting Veterans with transportation and obtaining benefits.

The applicant provides past specific examples of graduating stations and volunteers into self-sufficient entities in 3 focus areas: disaster preparedness, education, and environmental stewardship.

Most of the budget narrative is clear in rationale for costs and descriptions of funds needed.

#### Weaknesses:

In the Program Management section, the applicant mentions a UCAN needs assessment and other community processes used to identify community needs. Clearly describing results from this needs assessment and other community processes would have strengthened the argument for unmet community needs in the Program Design narrative section.

The applicant does not mention an Advisory Council except in the Required Documents list, but does mention a Board of Directors. It is not clear how this Board of Directors solicits community input.

While the applicant described the RSVP Director's experience clearly, her duties were not listed.

The applicant does not explicitly state the Primary Focus Area anywhere in the narrative, but only mentions poverty as the central focus.

The applicant does not mention demographic information of the geographic area or any volunteer recruiting activities for ethnicities, veterans, and disabled.