

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Senior Services Associates

**Applicant ID:** 13SR144335

**Project Name:** Kane/McHenry Counties 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:

There is evidence of a community need in the geographical area as evidenced by research from Public Health agencies and county agencies.

There is a clear relationship with organizations to support Veterans and the agency has a strong volunteer base of veterans.

There is evidence to provide high confidence in the plan and infrastructure to provide reimbursable expenses.

There is a response to all of the information requested in the Budget Section on the applicant organization's financial commitment to the proposal including specific identification of the sources for non-federal funds.

The program has experienced staff and longevity of employees and the agency's mission statement clearly supports the Primary Focus Area.

There is clear demonstration of organizational infrastructure in reference to tangible assets, internal policies and personnel management.

The applicant has a realistic plan and infrastructure for significant activity in the recruitment and development of RSVP volunteers from veteran population.

#### Weaknesses:

There is not a clear description of the extent of involvement of the Advisory Council.

It is unclear how volunteer satisfaction is measured.

It is unclear what type of training is provided to the volunteers.

There is no plan to recruit volunteers with disabilities or volunteers from other ethnic backgrounds.

There is no planned budget to assist with volunteer recruitment.