

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Opportunities, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144355

Project Name: Retired and Senior Volunteers

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 provides details about staff positions and the duties required by each staff.

The applicant provided a plan to graduate stations as necessary and to place volunteers from those stations into other positions, whether it is within the RSVP or the agency.

The applicant collects data from volunteers on a regular basis to help evaluate outputs and outcomes.

The applicant cited several sources in presenting data in support of community need.

Weaknesses:

There is no discussion of how the applicant will manage required non-federal funds.

The applicant does not provide enough details regarding how volunteers will meet the needs of Veterans and their families.

The applicant is planning to hire a part time staff position, but did not budget for a criminal background check as required.

The applicant does not give sufficient information in each line item to justify the amount budgeted for each item.