

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Kenosha Area Family & Aging Services, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144419

Project Name: Kenosha 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 applicant clearly connects activities to community need and performance requirements set forth in the NOFA.

The applicant provides a clear plan of monitoring and evaluating program data, including fiscal management. Agency resources are more than sufficient to meet program obligations and not completely dependent on this grant. Staff positions are clearly defined within the application.

The applicant indicates a plan to monitor and graduate volunteer stations as community needs change. A transition plan to benefit the changing needs of volunteers is in place by new placement of the volunteers in these stations. The process is monitored by more than one person within the agency, including involvement of Board members participating in program monitoring.

The applicant clearly describes the history and development of the Agency including future plans for growth.

Weaknesses:

The applicant does not specifically address whether they actively recruit volunteers from individuals of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientation, and degrees of English language proficiency, Veterans and military family members or volunteers with disabilities including individuals with age-related disabilities. They do recruit from a broad range of sources which would lend toward inclusion of all of the above.

The applicant does not provide services to Veterans and Military families, but does indicate the desire to provide services and to recruit Veterans as volunteers.

The applicant infers retention of volunteers, but it is unclear how this will be accomplished.