

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments

**Applicant ID:** 13SR144426

**Project Name:** RSVP of Linn and Benton Counties

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 plan for graduating volunteer stations was sufficient.

The checklist to be used for monitoring stations has a good approach for ensuring compliance and adequacy.

Follow up with each volunteer placement after 30 days ensures a good fit for the volunteer station and the volunteer.

Position descriptions for volunteers create a strong base for the volunteer and the volunteer station.

Overall, there is a well-documented description of the community needs to be addressed.

#### Weaknesses:

There were limited funds allocated for recognition which could affect retention of volunteers.

The overall organization and management of the project was unclear.

The Performance Measurement plans were unclear as to who would administer the instruments and what instruments would be used.

The training description did not describe the components that would be included for the overall orientation or for the specific service area.

There were insufficient opportunities for volunteers to share their experiences and to be recognized.

A description of if/why the community needs are unmet are unclear.

The description of the activities to be provided is vague and unclear.

There were no activities to serve veterans and/or military families as part of the services in the Primary Focus Area.