

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Harrison County Council on Aging Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144447

Project Name: Harrison County Council on Aging 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 involvement from the program's Advisory Council.

There is a description for how volunteers have the opportunity to build new skills through RSVP.

The applicant explains how the program has retained over 200 volunteers.

The project has served the community since 1973.

Weaknesses:

It is unclear how the proposed activities will achieve the anticipated National Performance Measure outcomes.

There is not a clear plan to describe how RSVP volunteers are trained.

There are many assumptions as to how the program will maintain compliance with RSVP guidelines.

The plan for day to day operational support such as bills reviewed by board chair is unclear.

There is a limited description of the non-federal funding sources.

The salary of the RSVP Director is only \$18,000.