

SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

2013 RSVP Competition

Legal Applicant: Health Association of Niagara County, Inc.

Applicant ID: 13SR144480

Project Name: RSVP Niagara County

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 volunteer recognition plan includes the use of surveys that will be used as retention tools and to continuously make the project better.

42% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in the outcome work plan. This is well above the required 10%.

The applicant demonstrates previous relevant success as evidenced by the years of experience provided to the community partnering with various community agencies.

Healthy Futures will ensure increased social ties and perceived social support for homebound or older adults, individuals with disabilities, and veterans.

Weaknesses:

The applicant presents limited information about the needs to be addressed for veterans and military families.

The applicant presents limited information to determine the actual number of veterans served and recruited.

The applicant presents ambiguous information on veteran recruitment.

The applicant presents limited information on how stations will be informed of and kept in compliance with RSVP program regulations.

The applicant presents no information about criminal background checks.

The applicant lists respite volunteers in "other" instead of the Primary Focus Area of Healthy Futures.