

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission, Inc.

**Applicant ID:** 13SR144525

**Project Name:** 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 application provides a clear accounting of how the budget will support expenses to retain volunteers as evidenced by analysis prepared by the Finance Department explaining where each program budget is by line item.

The applicant clearly describes a strong effort in the budget to support RSVP volunteer recruitment and recognition, for example the applicant has small recognition events to reward the volunteers to keep current volunteers and attract new volunteers.

#### Weaknesses:

The applicant does not clearly identify how the objective data demonstrates that the community need is unmet. For instance, geographical demographics are identified and the program proposes to integrate senior service into their activities, however, specifics are lacking as to how this will be done.

The applicant does not provide clear evidence-based demonstration that RSVP volunteer services will be effective in addressing this community need for minority seniors who have maintained a closer relationship with church organizations that have historically been better able to maintain an environment of trust and common cause.

The applicant organization lacks specificity in the Primary Focus Area activities, supplying insufficient data, for instance providing education to youth is not clarified.