

# SUMMARY REVIEWER COMMENTS

## 2013 RSVP Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Curry County Board of Commissioners

**Applicant ID:** 13SR144545

**Project Name:** Curry 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:

Community needs are well documented as evidenced by the variety of reports used by the applicant.

The Primary Focus Area of Healthy Futures chosen by the applicant will help with the growing population of residents that are continuing to add to a large retirement community.

The applicant has stations in place to meet the anticipated expanded interests of the volunteers. However, the narratives are somewhat unclear how the volunteers will receive information.

The applicant uses several different avenues for training the volunteers by offering development classes, trainings and webinars.

68% of the unduplicated volunteers are included in outcome based work plans. This is well above the required 10%.

A plan is in place for managing volunteer stations including a project performance assessment done by the Director for each volunteer station. However, the plan does not clearly explain how stations will be informed and kept in compliance with RSVP program regulations.

One staff position is listed in the personnel section of the budget and described in the narrative. However, it is unclear why the position is listed as only being an 80% position.

The applicant states that there is a plan in place for the Board of Commissioners and an Advisory Council to evaluate the program staff to determine if they are meeting programmatic needs every three months.

The budget shows the justification and cost calculation for volunteer insurance but does not have a justification for recognition or volunteer travel. No criminal history check money is budgeted implying that no change in staff is expected.

**Weaknesses:**

The applicant mentions trying to find volunteers by going to the local hospital to provide information access specialty care but does not provide any narratives or work plans for activities for veterans or military families.

The applicant explains relationships with a number of volunteer stations in the community. Yet, the plan does not clearly explain how the stations or the program staff will address stations with Focus Area(s) outside the changing community needs.