

## APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

### 2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

**Legal Applicant:** Osage Nation Grants Office

**Application ID:** 13TN147402

**Program Name:** Osage Nation Communities of Excellence Ta-Wa AmeriCorps

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 more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

#### Reviewers' Summary Comments:

(+) The applicant identifies a 20% Native American population residing in its target community. Of this remote population living in a large area, 18.27% meet poverty guidelines as compared to an average of 15% for the larger community.

(+) The application provides extensive data and information detailing the problem to be addressed, including obesity rates that are double the national levels (43.2% versus 21.1%) and the higher incidence of diabetes (12% in the population), among other problems detailed.

(+) Local county health reports indicate that Type II Diabetes is prevalent in native communities. Coupled with a sedentary lifestyle, estimated Osage illnesses in this area could reach upwards of 16%.

(+) The applicant identified 10 total AmeriCorps members to be in service in varying positions. For example two will be in half-time positions serving closely with tribal Elders, two will be gaining skills in the TANF program office, and three will be in half-time positions at the local Boys and Girls clubs engaged in youth programming.

(+) The applicant describes the tasks to be completed by Members in much detail. For example the applicant details how the Members will run the proposed programs, such as the 16 week Life Style Balance Program for weight loss.

(+) The applicant states that this service could not be accomplished without the AmeriCorps placements due to the fact that this community lacks access to the labor and services.

(+) Each AmeriCorps placement has a corresponding goal and impact, such as the Lifestyle balance effort to achieve a weight loss of 7% of initial body weight. The goal is a 20% decrease in the overall obesity rate in three years and a 75% gain in knowledge of healthy eating habits.

(-) Some information provided by the applicant is not substantiated by a source; for example, the applicant states that "other studies report that large supermarkets are rare in reservations"

(-) The applicant did not clearly provide specific information regarding the lack of fresh produce available in the target community and only briefly mentioned “our own study” which did not include any data or surveys; further, the applicant mentioned an un-sourced study from another state in an effort to make a similar point about the lack of fresh produce.