

APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

2015 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: Barnstable County

Application ID: 15AC169923

Program Name: AmeriCorps Cape Cod Program

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 summary 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

Strengths:

The applicant presents a comprehensive plan for member guidance, feedback, and support from supervisors and project partners throughout the duration of the service term. Details of this plan include multiple levels of training and supervision from internal staff, guidance and support from program area experts, and multiple pathways of feedback and communication to ensure effective service.

The applicant proposes to have three program supervisors live in the residences provided for AmeriCorps members.

The member experiences portion of the proposed program design was very clear and met all of the criterion descriptions.

Weaknesses:

On the one hand the data provided surrounding issues within the community such as drastic increases in population, multiple disasters between 2003-2013, and the effect on the local water system by these events culminating in the need for venerable populations to receive disaster assistance, education, and guidance the question arises as to why the proposed projects seem to be overwhelmingly environmentally based.

The list of specific trainings is lengthy with required AmeriCorps topics as well as multiple agency specific requirements therefore it is not clear if enough time is dedicated to Member training as there is no defined period of Member training other than 'extensive.'

The qualifications of the training staff are not clearly identified in the narrative.

The applicant does not clearly describe how the activities listed in the logic model will produce the outputs and short-term outcomes.

The applicant fails to describe how much time AmeriCorps members and volunteers will spend training.

The application does not specify how the leveraged volunteers will be trained on the rules and prohibited activities regularly throughout the grant period.

No training plan for member supervisors was discussed in the application.