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Senior Corps Renewal Applications (Yr. 1 of 3-Year Grant)
Ratings and Substantive Interpretations

For each section, reviewers should provide 1) analysis statement(s); 2) supporting evidence indicated through strengths and weaknesses; and 3) a rating and corresponding score from one of the five options listed on your Renewal Application Review Form.

Please use the definitions below to help you determine the appropriate rating and score for each application.

Excellent: an excellent rating indicates far beyond what is usual in magnitude or degree; superior.

An excellent rating reflects that the aspect of the proposed program being reviewed is compelling, convincing, and shows the highest potential for success.

The proposed program consistently:

- Goes beyond what was requested, showing that the applicant has anticipated issues that may arise.
- Provides a thorough, detailed response to all of the information requested.
- Provides a clear and highly compelling description of how the proposed activities will achieve the anticipated results.
- Provides clear evidence to support all objectives of this section (no assumptions are made).
- Supports ideas and objectives with comprehensive plans explaining and connecting ideas to objectives.

Strong: a strong rating indicates a good quality or level and likely to be successful.

A strong rating reflects that the aspect of the proposed program being reviewed is solid and suggests that this element of the proposed program has potential for success.

The proposed program:

- Provides a response to all of the information requested.
- Provides a realistic description of how the proposed activities will achieve the anticipated results.
- Explains most assumptions and reasons.
- Supports ideas with comprehensive plans, examples, or outlines.

Satisfactory: a satisfactory rating indicates meeting requirements; adequate for a particular need or purpose.

A satisfactory rating reflects that the aspect of the proposed program being reviewed is neither especially strong nor especially weak. This element of the program has a reasonable chance of success as described.

The proposed program:

- Covers most of the information requested, with a few exceptions.
- Is sometimes unclear how the proposed activities will achieve the anticipated results.
- Makes some assumptions and leaves some reasons unexplained.
- Supports individual ideas with plans, examples, or outline.

Weak: a weak rating indicates below standard; not good enough, especially in ability, skill or quality.

A weak rating reflects that the aspect of the proposed program being reviewed is not strong, indicating that this element of the program will most likely not succeed as described.

The proposed program:

- Does not provide one or more key pieces of requested information.
- Gives an unclear description of how the proposed activities will achieve the anticipated results.
- Gives many unsupported assumptions and reasons with little or no connection to objectives.
- Tends to “parrot” back the question, rather than answer and explain it.

Non-responsive: a non-responsive rating indicates not answering or replying; not responding.

A non-responsive rating reflects that the aspect of the proposed program being reviewed has a significant flaw indicating that this element of the program has no potential for success as described.

The proposed program:

- Did not present much of the requested information.
- Did not connect the activities to the anticipated results.
- Makes many assumptions and many reasons are not defined.
- Does not address or respond to the requirements/conditions of the NOFA and application instructions.
- Proposes activities that are not consistent with the NOFA and application instructions.

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	EXCELLENT	STRONG	SATISFACTORY	WEAK	NON-RESPONSIVE
Program Design					
<i>Needs and Activities</i>	20	16	12	8	4
<i>Strengthening Communities</i>	20	16	12	8	4
<i>Recruiting and Developing Volunteers</i>	20	16	12	8	4
Organizational Capacity	25	20	15	10	5
Budget/Cost Effectiveness	15	12	9	6	3