RSVP+ Liaison Report  
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RSVP+ has a staff of 1.5 FTE Ann Hines Program Director who Supervises a program coordinator.

City of Rapid City Sponsors the Black Hills RSVP+ and Northern Hills RSVP programs. The Finance Department Dave Yuhas Grant Compliance Reporting and Asset Manager supervises both programs

RSVP+ has applied for two grants through the Corporation for National and Community Service that equal $135,000. One grant covers Fall River and Pennington counties. The other grant covers Butte, Custer, Haakon, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade and Perkins counties. These are three year grants which have to be applied for and awarded each year. Continued funding is dependent on federal appropriations

The RSVP+ program is again applying for the Gwendolyn L. Stearns grant this year. This is the largest private grant the program applies for and funding from this grant is used to sustain volunteering in our community for volunteers of all ages, but particularly volunteers under the age of 55

RSVP+ administers volunteers in 10 west river counties. COVID-19 has changed how the program has been able to recruit new volunteers and stations. They have had to do more mail, email and phone recruiting of volunteers and volunteer stations. Sites where volunteers are placed are called Stations, and the program is actively recruiting stations and volunteers in all 10 counties.

Every month the City Council sees a list of personnel that will be covered by Worker Compensation. Lately most volunteers covered by worker comp are RSVP+ volunteers that are part of the Northern Hills program. This program has a goal of 275 volunteers. We have made good progress under the circumstances and have over 50 volunteers signed up for that program. Staff is also actively recruiting volunteers in Fall River and Pennington counties.

The program has come along way from almost being eliminated. With the faith of the City Council and support by City Leaders RSVP+ is alive and well in addition to making progress.

RSVP+ with Ann Hines and Dave Yuhas are making and bringing positive progress to the program. More positive efforts, plans and hard work are in the pipeline that will be reported on in the future.

I’m pleased to be the Liaison to a program that has a just great forward looking talent.