



Call for Community Applications

2011 - 2012

Do you have community building, natural resource, or planning projects that you do not have enough staff or resources to complete?

The Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) Program might be your solution.

The mission of the RARE Program is to increase the capacity of rural communities to improve their economic, social, and environmental conditions, through the assistance of trained graduate-level participants, from across the US, who live in and serve the communities for 11 months. RARE participants assist communities in the development and implementation of projects for achieving a sustainable natural resource base and improving rural economic conditions.

The RARE program is now in its 17th year, over the years it placed more than 300 volunteers and served nearly every Oregon county.

Year 16 in Numbers

RARE completed its 16th year in 2009 - 2010. Our thirty-three participants served in communities across the state from Port Orford to Enterprise and Lakeview to Scio. Collectively, our participants organized over **1,000** community volunteers for a total of almost **6,000** additional service hours in their communities. RARE participants leveraged another **\$165,000** in grant funding for community specific projects with an additional **\$2.1** million pending. Here are some more numbers from 2009 - 2010.

- Ran **33** programs
- Wrote **10** planning documents
- Designed **7** database systems
- Facilitated/planned **72** trainings
- Generated **80** outreach materials or publications
- Created **45** maps
- Conducted **30** assessments/studies

RARE Program Application Timeline for 2011-2012 Placements

April 15:	Pre-applications due to RARE office by 5:00 PM
April 18 - May 6:	RARE staff site visit to interview communities
May 6:	Invitations to submit full application announced
June 3:	Full applications due to RARE office by 5:00 PM
July 11-15:	Community/participant interviews
July 29:	Final placement decisions made
September 12:	Placement in RARE communities begins

Pre-Applications are due on April 15, 2011.

For more information about RARE, including the benefits and the costs of the program, please visit our web site at: <http://csc.uoregon.edu/rare> Pre-applications are available online as well.

If you have any questions, please email us at: rare@uoregon.edu or call 541.346.0259.



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