



Call for Community Applications

2012 - 2013

Do you have community building, natural resource or planning projects that you do not have 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. These AmeriCorps members 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 18th year and over the years it placed more than 395 volunteers and served nearly every Oregon county.

Year 17 in Numbers

RARE completed its 17th year in 2010 - 2011. Our 26 participants served in communities across the state from Port Orford to Pendleton, from Astoria to Lakeview and twenty-two other places in between. Collectively, our participants organized over **2,225** community volunteers for a total of almost **12,900** additional service hours in their communities. RARE participants leveraged another **\$1,535,960** in grant funding for community specific projects, with \$1,099,082 still pending. Here are some more numbers from 2010 - 2011.

- Completed **194** projects
- Wrote **12** planning documents
- Designed **11** database systems
- Provided training for **286** community members
- Generated **72** outreach materials or publications
- Created **24** maps
- Conducted **21** assessments/studies

RARE Program Application Timeline for 2012-2013 Placements

April 13:	Pre-applications due to RARE office by 5:00 PM
April 16 - May 4:	RARE staff site visit to interview communities
May 7:	Invitations to submit full application announced
June 1:	Full applications due to RARE office by 5:00 PM
July 16-20:	Community/participant interviews
July 31:	Final placement decisions made
September 10:	Placement in RARE communities begins

Pre-Applications are due on April 13, 2012.

For more information about RARE, including the benefits and the costs of the program, please visit our [web site](http://csc.uoregon.edu/rare/) 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 541.346.2879.

