



Call for Community Applications

2013 - 2014

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) AmeriCorps Program might be your solution.

The mission of the RARE AmeriCorps 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 RARE AmeriCorps participants live in and serve the communities for 11 months. RARE AmeriCorps participants assist communities in the development and implementation of projects for achieving a sustainable natural resource base and improving rural economic conditions. The RARE AmeriCorps Program is now in its 19th year and has placed more than 400 volunteers and served nearly every Oregon County.

Year 18 in Numbers

RARE completed its 18th year in 2011 - 2012. Our 28 participants served in communities across the state from Port Orford to Pendleton, from Astoria to Lakeview and twenty-four other places in between. Collectively, our participants organized over **2,626** community volunteers for a total of almost **9,261** additional service hours in their communities. RARE participants leveraged another **\$1,756,932** in grant funding for community specific projects, with \$1,262,619 still pending. Here are some more numbers from 2011 – 2012:

- Completed over **200** projects
- Developed **54** online planning documents/resources
- Designed **13** websites
- Developed **10** databases
- Generated **251** outreach materials or publications
- Created **49** maps
- Conducted **36** assessments/studies

RARE Program Application Timeline for 2013-2014 Placements

April 15:	Pre-applications due to RARE office by 5:00 PM
April 15 - May 3:	RARE staff site visit to interview new communities
May 6:	Invitations to submit full application announced
June 3:	Full applications due to RARE office by 5:00 PM
July 15-19:	Community/participant interviews
Aug 2:	Final placement decisions made
September 9:	Placement in RARE communities begins

Pre-Applications are due on April 15, 2013.

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.

