

WANT YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THRIVE?

JOIN COMMUNITIES ACROSS OREGON IN THE RARE PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE RARE PROGRAM?

The mission of the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (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.

RARE participants assist communities in the development and implementation of projects focused on improving rural economic conditions. Our members live and serve in rural communities for 11 months. The RARE program has placed more than 450 volunteers and served every Oregon county.



DOES MY PROGRAM QUALIFY FOR RARE?

The RARE Program works with organizations that have identified specific needs in underserved rural areas. Eligible organizations include public agencies (including city, county, and regional governments); special districts (such as soil and water conservation districts, park and transportation districts); and also non-profit organizations.

[RARE projects](#) typically fall into four categories: community planning, food security/systems, community and economic development, and natural resources planning.



HOW CAN MY AGENCY PARTICIPATE?

To host a RARE member, each participating community or agency must provide a \$22,000 match towards the placement, training, and support for the full-time RARE participant. RARE Program staff will administer the member's monthly stipend, medical insurance, and post-service educational award.

To apply, communities must submit a [pre-application](#) to the RARE office by 5:00 PM on April 17th. RARE placements are contingent on availability of program funding.

RARE PARTICIPANTS SERVE IN MANY OREGON COMMUNITIES INCLUDING...



LAKEVIEW, LA GRANDE
AND ENTERPRISE



PENDLETON



GOLD HILL, BROOKINGS
REEDSPORT AND MORE!



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To learn more about the RARE Program and our current projects, please visit our website at: <http://csc.uoregon.edu/rare/>

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Contact Titus Tomlinson, Program Coordinator, at rare@uoregon.edu

