



Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation

Community Profile

County Sherman, Hood River, Wasco, Oregon;
Skamania & Klickitat, Washington

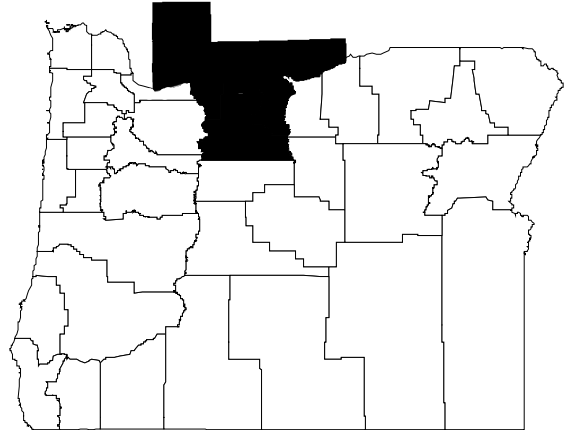
City The Dalles

Population 80,708 (5 county region)

Description

Sponsor Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation

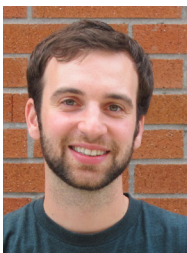
Supervisor Joel Madsen



Assignment Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation works together as the “development arm” of the Mid-Columbia Housing Authority and Columbia Gorge Housing Authority to address the housing, community self-help and community development needs of low income families in a five county bi-state region. Appropriate community services are linked with decent, affordable housing to promote greater independence and self-sufficiency.

The RARE participant placed with Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation will be involved in the recruitment, management and engagement of volunteers as part of implementation of the Resident Services Program. Specifically, the RARE participant will be responsible for administering and delivering the resident services program through the use of an array of volunteers. Additionally, the RARE participant will research and apply for an array of grants as a means to sustain resident services program delivery.

Meet Benjamin Schmidt



Benjamin received his Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with minors in Latin American Studies and Spanish from the University of Oregon. After attaining his Bachelors Degree, Benjamin served as an AmeriCorps member with the Heart of Oregon Corps in Bend, Oregon. As a Development Coordinator, Benjamin helped write numerous grants, implemented a complete grant tracking system and managed the organization’s media presence. Following his first term of AmeriCorps, Benjamin applied to the RARE Program. Via the RARE Program, Benjamin hopes to further refine his existing skill set while developing in new arenas. Following his year with the RARE Program, Benjamin plans on attending graduate school in a field that will allow him to continue to make positive community-based change.