



## Coos Bay Downtown Association

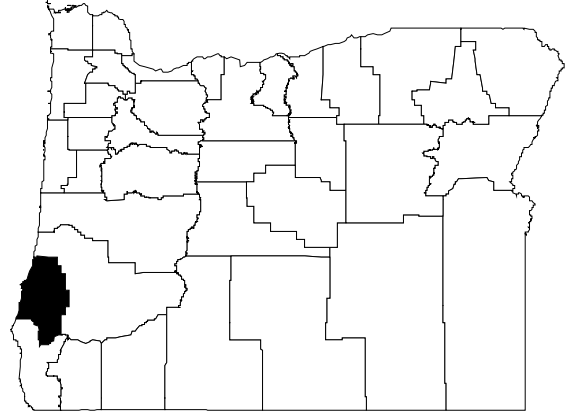
### Community Profile

**County** Coos  
**City** Coos Bay  
**Population** 15,967

### Description

**Sponsor** Coos Bay Downtown Association  
<http://coosbaydowntown.org>

**Supervisor** Brian Bowers. U.S. Bank



**Assignment** The Coos Bay Downtown Association was established 34 years ago with the goal of promoting and enhancing the Downtown area. It is an organization made up of nine board members that are elected by the membership to serve a three year term. The goal and mission the Coos Bay Downtown Association have not varied, but the intensity has waned in the past. The current Board has taken on the task of renewing the excitement of not only the downtown area but the association as well. They have succeeded in the latter to some degree; bringing back an awareness of the Coos Bay Downtown Association and all the benefits it has for downtown Coos Bay and the surrounding areas.

The RARE participant placed with the Coos Bay Downtown Association will coordinate and support various components of the Main Street Program. Specifically, the participant will take on the role as Coos Bay Downtown Association's lead coordinator, where he or she will attend Main Street Program meetings, work with appropriate organizations, and participate in joint activities and initiatives.

### Meet Nathan Jurey



Nathan Jurey grew up in rural Oakley, Kansas. He received a Master of Regional and Community Planning with a Minor in Economics from Kansas State University. While studying at Kansas State University, Nathan co-authored an article for the Journal of Planning Literature. Nathan worked tirelessly with Professor Jae Hong-Kim – the author – to write the article entitled “Implications of Decentralized Local and Regional Governance Structures: Toward a Holistic Understanding.” Following Nathan's year with the RARE program, he plans on becoming an AICP certified planner.