



South Coast Development Council, Inc.

Community Profile

County Coos

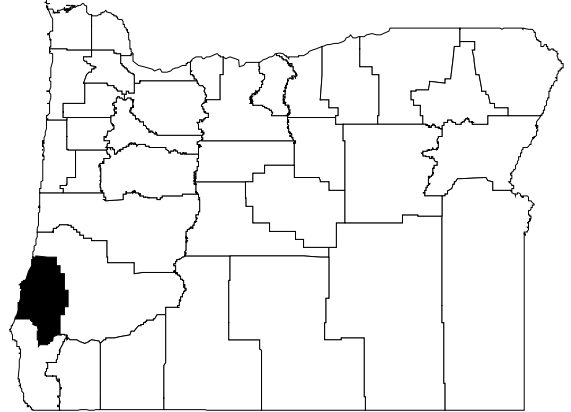
City Coos Bay

Population 15,967

Description

Sponsor South Coast Development Council, Inc.

Supervisor Sandra J. Geiser-Messerle



Assignment The South Coast Development Council's mission is to promote and support businesses that provide quality jobs through responsible development on Oregon's south coast. The 501(c)3 organization was incorporated in 2000. It has a Board of Directors of approximately 20 members, representing county and community government, private industry and economic development partners from Business Oregon, the Southwest Regional Airport, the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and more.

The RARE participant placed with the South Coast Development Council will conduct a comprehensive inventory of regional food systems and resources in Coos County. The participant will examine local food self-sufficiency including local retail, livable wage farming, and local farmers markets. Additionally, the participant will work to form partnerships with the local farming and agricultural community as a means to increase involvement, and to increase the ability to produce and market locally grown products.

Meet Timothy Smith



Timothy received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a Minor in Photography from Doane College. After attaining his Bachelors Degree, Timothy served with Peace Corps in Zambia where he worked as an Agroforestry Extension Agent on an array of rural community development projects. Via the RARE Program, Timothy hopes to gain experience working in the local food arena. Ultimately, he sees the RARE Program as a stepping stone that will allow him to return to his home state of Nebraska with the purpose of increasing sustainability at the local and state levels. Following his year with the RARE Program, Timothy plans to attend graduate school.