

# City of Rufus

## Community Profile

**Population** 275

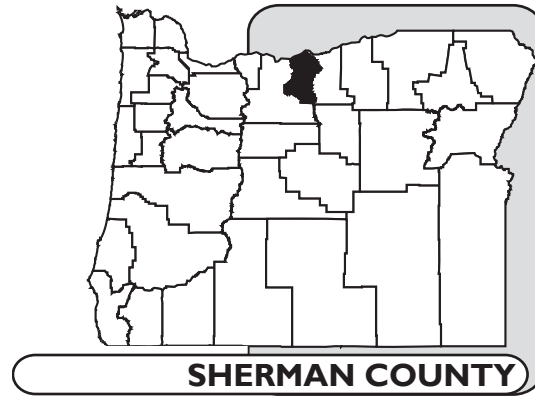
**Location** Rufus

## Position Description

**Sponsor** City of Rufus

**Supervisor** Clifford Jett,  
Mayor

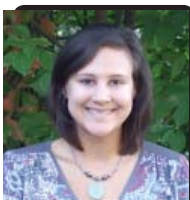
**Assignment** The City of Rufus is located on Interstate 84 halfway between Portland and Pendleton. Small, local businesses cater to nearby residents and interstate highway travelers. The RARE participant is working on three economic development projects.



The first project focuses on the new community/training center. The participant is developing a core group of volunteers to support current and future community center and training projects. The participant is preparing and submitting grant proposals in addition to working closely with consultants formulating a funding plan.

Also, the RARE participant is drafting a five year community development plan intended to spur future development, economic growth, and attract new businesses to the area. The plan includes strategies to retain existing businesses and meet future housing and infrastructure needs. Specifically, the participant is interviewing local business and civic leaders, conducting community wide meetings, and researching past projects and plans to develop a new development plan.

## RARE Participant



Kimara Gonzalez

**Kim Gonzalez** earned a BA in Geography from the University of Montana with a focus on Community and Environmental Planning. As a student, she interned with the Ravalli County (Montana) planning department. As an intern, she learned first-hand about issues related to rapid growth in rural environments. Most recently, Kim worked as a land use planner for Group Mackenzie in Portland. Kim is interested in working with rural communities to increase adaptive re-use of existing buildings.