

City of La Grande

Community Profile

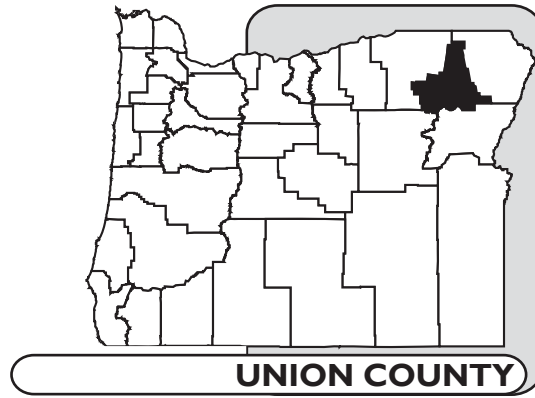
Population 13,085

Location La Grande

Position Description

Sponsor City of La Grande

Supervisor Charlie Mitchell,
Community & Economic
Development Director



Assignment The RARE participant in La Grande is working with the city on two projects. For the first project, the participant is assisting the director in implementing the Urban Renewal Plan with a focus on the Oregon Main Street Program. Specifically, the participant is researching topics related to downtown revitalization and funding opportunities, assisting the four Main Street Committees (Organization, Design, Economic Restructuring, Promotion), facilitating focus groups, exploring fund raising opportunities, and mobilizing volunteers.

Additionally, the participant is completing the La Grande Historic District inventory and document system. Specifically, the participant is responsible for finding, gathering, digitizing, and indexing historic photos. This inventory will facilitate the rehabilitation of existing structures within the District. Finally, the participant is making preservation resources available to Historic District building owners.

RARE Participant



Jason McNeil

Jason McNeil is entering his second year of RARE. Jason grew up in Massachusetts and moved to Oregon over ten years ago. He earned a BS in Community Development from Portland State University. Prior to participating in the RARE program, Jason worked for Portland's Bureau of Development Services as a community service aid. He also has experience in journalism and customer service.