

City of Creswell

Community Profile

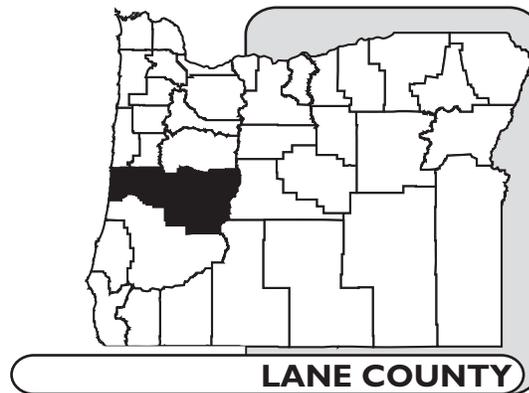
Population 3,579

Location Creswell

Position Description

Sponsor City of Creswell

Supervisor Mark Shrives
City Administrator



Assignment **City Planning.** The City of Creswell is one of the fastest growing communities in Lane County. Currently, it has a population of approximately 4,790 with a projected population of 12,172 by 2035. The City maintains a number of local facilities including but not necessarily limited to a general aviation airport, community center, civic center, parks, water plant, and wastewater treatment plant. In addition to City Council, the City has a Planning Commission, Airport Commission, Parks Advisory Board, and Chamber of Commerce.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Creswell focuses on connecting downtown development plans to local economic development initiatives. The work will be centered on the Cobalt Building Redevelopment Project, the City Hall, and the airport. Using existing community momentum, the RARE participant is responsible for implementing the downtown development plan and coordinating it with other city economic development projects. Specifically, the RARE participant manages grant writing processes, facilitates meetings with stakeholders, and organizes community events.

RARE Participant



Wesley Johnson

Wesley Johnson grew up in Cary, North Carolina. He attended University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received a BA in Economics and Public Policy Analysis. As a student, Wesley interned for the UNC American Indian Center and worked with a team to create a handbook on utilizing cultural tourism as an economic development tool for advancing North Carolina's tribal communities. He also was the president of Carolina Music Outreach where he coordinated student volunteers to provide music lessons to low-income families. More recently, Wesley worked for Epic, a healthcare IT firm located in Madison, Wisconsin. In his spare time, Wesley enjoys many outdoor activities, including running, hiking, camping, and skiing, and he plays classical piano on the side.