

City of La Grande

Community Profile

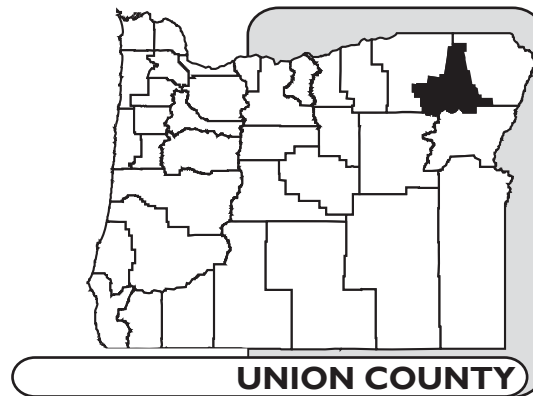
Population 12,000

Location La Grande

Position Description

Sponsor City of La Grande

Supervisor Charlie Mitchell
Community and Economic
Development Director



Assignment **Downtown Development.** The City of La Grande has a population of roughly 13,000 and was incorporated in 1885. The City has a Council-Manager form of government, with six city councilors and a mayor elected by the citizens. The RARE participant works in the Community & Economic Development Department and concentrates on downtown revitalization.

The RARE participant placed with the City of La Grande focuses on implementing the Oregon Main Street Program started in 2009. The participant is involved in all aspects of the project including but not limited to daily administration; long-range planning; committee work including stakeholder engagement; and special projects. Additionally, the participant is compiling and creating a best practices resource for property owners within the Historic District which will be used to guide owners through historic preservation projects.

RARE Participant



Erin Montgomery

Erin Montgomery grew up in Danville, Kentucky, a small town centrally located in the state. She received a BA from Evergreen State College in Environmental Sociology and Land Use Planning, with a minor in French Language. Recently, Erin completed her Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Washington. As a student, she studied in the Kuoman region of India focusing on sustainable development and in Quebec City, Canada examining downtown revitalization. Additionally, she interned for King County, Washington and at a private firm where she worked on salmon habitat restoration projects and shoreline planning near Seattle. Following her RARE year, Erin will pursue a career in planning and focus on collaboration and non-motorized transit.