

# Klamath and Lake County Action Services

## Community Profile

**Population** 71,197

**Location** Klamath Falls

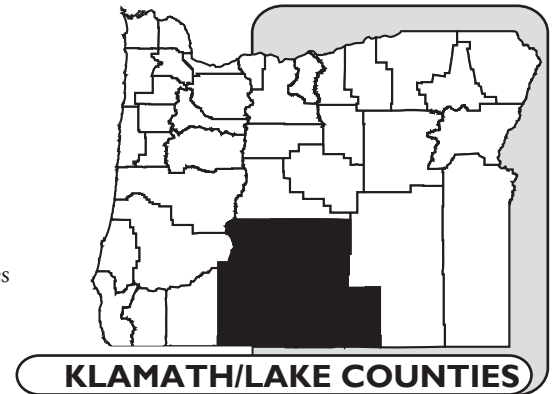
## Position Description

**Sponsor** Klamath and Lake Community Action Services

**Supervisor** Donna Bowman  
Executive Director

**Assignment** **Food Systems.** Klamath & Lake Community Action Services (KLCAS) is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) agency. The organization seeks out and distributes State and Federal funding, which we allocate to local social-service providers throughout Klamath and Lake Counties. Funding supports poverty-related programs such as home-energy assistance, emergency shelters, and affordable housing. Recently, KLAS restructured to expand services.

The RARE participant placed with KLACS is conducting a comprehensive inventory of regional food systems and resources for both Klamath and Lake County. The participant is evaluating local food self-sufficiency including local retail, livable wage farming, and local farmers markets. Additionally, the participant is assessing the capacity of each county for building an economically and environmentally sound regional food system that engages and improves the well-being of the community. Finally, the RARE participant is researching ways to innovate and improve the access to healthy food by low income individuals and families. She is working closely with community partners and stakeholders.



## RARE Participant



Roopika Subramanian

**Roopika Subramanian** grew up in Fair Oaks, California and attended University of California – Berkeley where she received a BA in Urban Studies and a BS in Society and Environment. As a student, she interned at the Center for Disease Control Healthy Community Design Initiative in Atlanta, Georgia and on campus for the Building Sustainability at Cal program. Additionally, she co-founded The Neighborhoods Vision Project, an organization focused on promoting civic literacy education in San Francisco high schools. This summer, Roopika completed the AIDS LifeCycle, a seven day, 545 mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles.