

City of Hillsboro/Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Community Profile:

Population 70,186

Location Hillsboro

Position Description:

Sponsor City of Hillsboro/Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Supervisor Adele Hughes

Assignment

The City of Hillsboro and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce have come together to create an economic development partnership. The RARE participant will work with both partners to coordinate and create economic and community development projects within the Latino community, with the goal of stimulating microenterprise development and community engagement among the city's thirty percent Latino population. The RARE participant's schedule will be split between Chamber of Commerce activities and the Hillsboro 2020 Visioning Plan. Hillsboro 2020 was created as an additional community planning project distinct from the state mandated land use comprehensive plan. The RARE participant will help incorporate the voice of the Latino community into the plan, by encouraging Latinos to participate in the 2020 Visioning process. While working with the Chamber of Commerce, the RARE participant will be coordinating several projects and assisting the Latino Economic Development Liaison with microenterprise development and community building programs. Projects will include coordinating a Latino Festival, assisting at Connecion Experta (Expert Connection) forums, supporting accounting classes that are taught bi-monthly by a Portland Community College instructor from the Latino Business Development Center, and managing a Latino Business Mentoring Program.

Required Skills

The RARE participant should have competency in written and verbal communication in both English and Spanish. The ideal RARE participant would have experience in public involvement activities.

RARE Member: *Elizabeth Beckok - 2004-2005, Year 11 Participant*

Elizabeth J. Bechok holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Temple University. As an undergraduate, she participated in Temple Tutors and volunteered with the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness. Elizabeth also taught at Freedom Schools. In addition, she has worked for a Community Development Corporation and has conducted a semester field study with ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power). Upon completion of this research, she wrote a grant proposal to further study the communication networks within the group.