Community Profile

Population 90,000
Location Coos Bay

Position Description

Sponsor ShoreBank Enterprise Pacific
Supervisor Adam Zimmerman, Mid-South Coast Community Programs

Assignment The RARE participant will work on several projects intended to support rural economies on the south coast of Oregon. One project will involve working with ShoreBank Enterprise Pacific’s Coast Farm Project to provide training, technical assistance, and financial support to agricultural entrepreneurs through structured Business Management classes. The RARE participant will also aid in the design and delivery of a Farm Transfer/Succession Workshop, created to improve understanding of the economic obstacles and opportunities related to inter-generational transfer of small farms. Finally, the RARE participant will help produce a Direct Marketing Resource Guide, intended to assist limited resource and woman-owned farms in accessing local opportunities for direct sales of farm products.

Required Skills The RARE participant will need strong research and writing skills, including experience with scheduling and conducting interviews. Experience in designing and delivering surveys, and analyzing survey results will be helpful, as will experience with event planning. The RARE participant should have experience with managing project timelines. The ideal participant will also have some experience with agriculture and or sustainable agriculture and an interest in expanding his/her knowledge of small farm agriculture/business.

RARE Member

Anthony Noble, a native of Indiana, received his undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University and is currently finishing a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Ball State University. Tony gained hands on planning experience during two internships at Madison County Council of Governments, and international planning and development experience as part of field study programs in India and Sri Lanka. Tony has worked both as a teacher and as an independent organic farm inspector.