Community Profile

Population 16,830
Location Pendleton

Position Description

Sponsor City of Pendleton, Urban Renewal Agency
Supervisor Larry Lehman, City Manager

Assignment The RARE participant will work on several projects. The first project is coordinating activities within the Urban Renewal Agency, created in 2004. The participant will serve as the primary contact for the agency itself and will initiate and maintain the façade renovation and restoration program by improving public awareness and facilitating a working relationship with local business owners affected by the program. Additionally, the participant will research possible changes to Main Street parking, locate funds to conduct a parking study, assist in publicity for the new Historic District, and assist in the City's second story development project. Finally, the participant's remaining time will be spent in administering phase three of the City's sidewalk rehabilitation project, begun in 2000.

Required Skills The participant should have strong skills in project management and organization. Additionally, the participant should have strong verbal and written communication skills and should be comfortable working with the public, with business owners, and with representatives from various agencies.

RARE Member

Nicholas Fleury, a native of Iron Mountain, Michigan, obtained a BS in Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Science from the University of Michigan. As a student, Nick developed a computer model to run weather forecasts over New Zealand for the 2000 Americas Cup Yacht Race, assisted in the distribution of K-12 software for the Weather Underground, and spent a semester at the University of Melbourne in Australia. Nick served in the Peace Corps in Cameroon from 2000-2002 and Tanzania from 2002-2004, where he taught math, physics, chemistry, and geography at local secondary schools. More recently, Nick worked as a site manager for an auction company in Alaska, where he was responsible for organizing and publicizing the largest industrial auction in the state.