

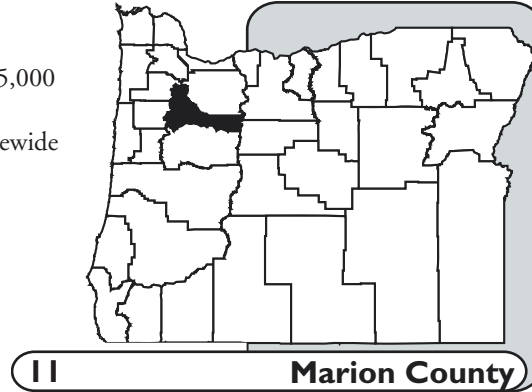
League of Oregon Cities

Community Profile

- Population** Statewide, cities of less than 5,000
- Location** Based in Salem, working statewide in cities of less than 5,000

Position Description

- Sponsor** League of Oregon Cities
- Supervisor** Jennie Messmer, Member Services Director



Assignment The RARE participant will primarily work as the coordinator of the Small Cities Support Network, working with the 168 small cities in Oregon with populations of 5,000 or fewer. The participant will first conduct a needs assessment of the eight network regions, and based on the findings, will work to expand the network and coordinate resource and information sharing between cities across the state. Projects will be based on the needs of the communities, and could address issues such as the economic impact of retirees on small cities or developing volunteer fire departments. The RARE participant will also help coordinate the Elected Official Certification Program, which addresses the training and leadership development needs of elected officials in local government. The participant will also assist in developing and marketing an Intern Placement Database, which would serve as a venue to match intellectual talent with local governments.

Required Skills The RARE participant should have strong written and verbal communication skills, as well as strong organizational skills. The participant should have the ability to manage several projects and programs and should be able to work well independently and with little direction. The participant should have experience coordinating meetings, strong computer skills, and be comfortable with significant amounts of travel. The ideal participant will also have skills and abilities in marketing.

RARE Participant



Kristin Chatfield

Kristin Chatfield grew up in northern Idaho, mostly in a town with no traffic light. Her taste for adventure took her to Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA, where she earned a bachelor's degree in international studies with a concentration in economics. She was able to spend a year studying in Europe, and while she loved the big cities, her travels only intensified her interest in planning and rural issues. Before coming to Oregon, Kristin was part of a rural recovery task force in Louisiana where she wrote grants on behalf of homeowners as well as collected personal stories from Hurricane Rita affected communities.