

# Illinois Valley

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 68,100, Josephine County

**Location** Southern Oregon

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Josephine County

**Supervisor** Meadow Martell, Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IV CRT)

## **Assignment**

RARE participant will serve as Community Development Coordinator to the IVCRT, working on three main projects. First, the worker will increase the ability of Illinois Valley students to master the computer and technology skills necessary to compete in the information age. Worker will accomplish this by forming a community task force to examine the hi-tech education needs for the community, inventory existing holdings and research funding possibilities. Secondly, worker will promote IV CRT as a strong public arena for rural community and economic development by enhancing the leadership capacity of the group. Lastly, participant will oversee the design and construction of two informational kiosks to be located at either side of the Illinois Valley. The kiosks will be used as a marketing tool to inform and attract visitors to the Valley.

## **Required Skills**

Grant writing; meeting facilitation; conflict management; public presentation skills; group process skills; knowledge of computers/internet technology and graphics.

## **RARE Member: *Marcus Kauffman - 1995-1996, Year 2 Participant***

Marcus received his BA degree in International Studies from the University of Oregon, Eugene in 1991. After coordinating a potable water project in the Dominican Republic, Marcus returned to Oregon in 1994 to work in Illinois Valley as a Community Development Coordinator. As a member of the Illinois Valley 2010 Community Response Team he has been involved in the updating and implementation of the community's Strategic Plan. During his second year of service with Illinois Valley Marcus hopes to use his experience in planning, research, education and group organization to further the community's long range goals of sustainable economic development. Marcus's skills include grant writing and knowledge of the DOS computer program.