

Applegate Valley Community Development Corporation

Community Profile:

Population 12,000 (Applegate Watershed)

Location Jackson and Josephine Counties

Position Description:

Sponsor Applegate Valley Community Development Corporation

Supervisor Jack Shipley, Board Member

Assignment

The RARE participant provides support to this organization and the residents by assisting in the prioritization, evaluation, planning and implementation of community/economic development projects identified in the Applegate Valley Strategic Plan. Projects include developing a farming marketing association and cooperative, creating a structure to connect local labor markets to contract activities, assessing the needs of home-based and small businesses, developing youth programs, and implementing a valley-wide ground water survey.

Required Skills

Knowledge of community and economic development principles, practices, and concepts, the ability to research and analyze problems. Experience in rural community problem-solving, collaborative processes, and non-profit organization management is preferred.

RARE Member: *Miranda Shapiro - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant*

Miranda received a BA in Anthropology from American University in 1994. During that time she served as a teacher's assistant in a poor and ethnically diverse quarter of Paris. Her final year brought her to Mali, West Africa after receiving a grant to study the socio-economic effects of resettlement on young married women. Her experience in Mali was the driving force behind Miranda's interest in becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer. She served two years as a rural socio-economic planner in a national park along the southern coast of Morocco. After her return to the United States she worked as a session researcher for the Hawaii State Legislature in the House Minority Research office.