City of Pendleton

Community Profile

County: Umatilla  
City: Pendleton  
Population: 16,935

Assignment

Organization: City of Pendleton  
Supervisor: Bob Patterson  
RARE Member: Lora Elliott

About the City of Pendleton

Pendleton is a city in Umatilla County, Oregon. Developed along the Umatilla River, Pendleton was named in 1868 by the county commissioners for George H. Pendleton, Democratic candidate for vice-president in the 1864 presidential campaign. Pendleton is the smaller of the two principal cities of the Hermiston-Pendleton Micropolitan Statistical Area. Pendleton has a population of 16,935.

Lora will assist the City of Pendleton in community outreach and marketing for several projects and programs underway with the city. Lora would have a vital role in serving as a liaison between staff, community members, interest groups in developing and assisting with presentation materials, information packets, scheduling and organizing outreach meetings, setup of outreach meetings, and assisting with presentations.

Meet Lora Elliott

• B.A. in Political Science and Economics with a Minor in Business Administration – Colorado State University  
• People may be surprised when they learn I that taught myself to bind books by hand as an AmeriCorps member. These two actions are not directly correlated, of course. However, my time in AmeriCorps has challenged me to draw on my creativity and my talents to make and to craft.  
• My most significant accomplishment that I am proud of is when I moved 1,242 miles from the home where I grew up to Sacramento, California to start my current service year in AmeriCorps. This is my most significant accomplishment because it represents the time I chose to jump out of my comfort zone in order to live according to values and intentions that are most important to me.