Resource Assistance for Rural Environments
A RARE opportunity for economic, social, and environmental capacity building

Is Our Community RARE Ready?

When selecting RARE communities, we’re looking for impactful projects and strong service-learning opportunities. We know the key to a successful RARE placement is a strong support system in the community. We’ve created the following guide for rural community organizations to determine eligibility and assess whether your community is ready to apply for a RARE placement.

Readiness Assessment

- Are you affiliated with a local government, special district, or non-profit?
  - Find/partner with an eligible host organization in your community

- Does your community have a clear goal(s) to improve social, economic, or environmental well-being?
  - Contact RARE Program Director, Titus Tomlinson, for guidance

- Would the support of a motivated young professional in your community for 11 months help you reach those goals?
  - Read about the other programs available from UO’s Institute for Policy Research and Engagement

- Can someone in your community supervise and mentor a RARE member?
  - Consider applying next year

- Will your community be ready to host a RARE member in September?
  - Consider applying next year

- Is it feasible to have tangible results from your community’s projects in 11 months?
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- Can your community secure funding for the required $23,500 by July 17?
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You’re RARE’n to go!

Applications Due

- Full Application Due: June 2
- Interview Week: June 4
- Final Placement: July 5
- RARE Orientation: Sept. 8-10
- Member Start Date: Sept. 13
- Service Duration: 11 months
- Hours of Service: 1700
- Community Match: $23,500

Questions?

- Email: rare@uoregon.edu
- Call: (541) 632-3147
- Visit: rare.uoregon.edu

Participate

Each participating community or agency provides a $23,500 cash match needed to place, train, and support a full-time RARE member. RARE Program staff will administer the member’s monthly stipend, medical insurance, and post-service educational award. To apply, communities must submit an application to the RARE office by 5:00 PM on April 2nd. RARE placements are contingent on availability of program funding.

Mission

The mission of the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Program is to increase the capacity of rural communities to improve their economic, social, and environmental conditions, through the assistance of trained graduate-level members who live and work in communities for 11 months.