Reedsport Urban Renewal Agency

Community Profile

- County: Douglas
- City: Reedsport
- Population: 4,150

Assignment

- Organization: City of Reedsport
- Supervisor: Jonathan Wright
- RARE Member: Emesha Jackson

About the City of Reedsport

Incorporated in 1919 near the confluence of three rivers – the Umpqua, the Smith, and the Scholfield, the City of Reedsport is located on the beautiful Oregon Coast on Highways 101 and 38 on the banks of the Umpqua River – the largest river between the Sacramento and the Columbia. Located in the heart of the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area, Reedsport is in close proximity to over 17 freshwater lakes and is just four miles from Winchester Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Emesha Jackson is placed with the City of Reedsport, where she will coordinate and manage various components of the Reedsport Main Street Program. Emesha will be involved in all aspects of the project including daily administration and management of the Main Street Program, long-range planning, stakeholder and committee engagement, and various special projects. She will also provide staff support with marketing and communications, event coordination and technical assistance.

Meet Emesha Jackson

Emesha received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management with a minor in Psychology from Monmouth University. After attaining her Bachelor’s degree, Emesha worked as a Rehab Aide at Meridian Health Outpatient Rehabilitation before joining the Peace Corps to work as a Community Economic Development Facilitator in Costa Rica. Working in rural Costa Rica has given her a perspective on small town life that will greatly impact her service with RARE, and Emesha hopes that through the RARE program she will be able to leave a contribution comparable to the one she made in the Peace Corps.