



## City of Myrtle Point

### Community Profile

**County** Coos

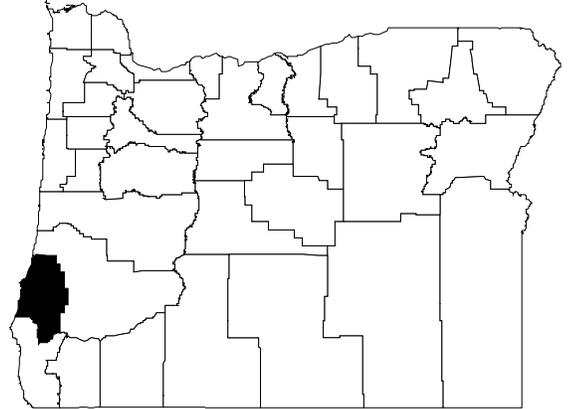
**City** Myrtle Point

**Population** 2,514

### Description

**Sponsor** City of Myrtle Point

**Supervisor** Darin Nicholson



**Assignment** Myrtle Point, located above the forks of the Coquille River, was a gathering place for Coquille Indians long before the white man arrived in the 1850s. The City of Myrtle Point was the first town platted on the Coquille River. Myrtle Point is a close knit community seemingly preserved in time. The area is regarded by other coastal communities for its pleasant weather, warmer temperatures and beautiful setting. Incorporated in 1887, the City of Myrtle Point is led by an elected Mayor, a City Manager and six City Councilors.

The RARE participant placed with the City of Myrtle Point will help build community capacity by working with residents to develop a number of vital community development documents. Specifically, the participant will work with the City Manager, City Council and the greater Myrtle Point community to develop a Feasibility Study for a potential community center; further develop the City's website; and, help initiate development of a Main Street Program.

### Meet Jessica Ortiz



Jessica received her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies with Minors in Urban Environmental Science and Environmental Writing and Rhetoric from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. As a student, Jessica conducted research pertaining to vernal pools and water quality that was funded by the National Science Foundation. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Jessica held internships with both the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the New York City Department of City Planning where she further developed as a young professional. After realizing her passion for planning and community development, Jessica decided to apply to the RARE Program. Following her year with the RARE Program, Jessica plans on attending graduate school to further her studies in planning and community development.