

# Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation

## Community Profile

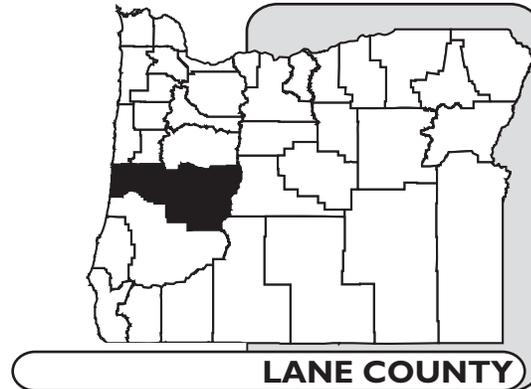
**Population** 351,751

**Location** Springfield

## Position Description

**Sponsor** Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation

**Supervisor** Neil Obringer  
Community Economic Development Coordinator



**Assignment** Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation is a private, non-profit Community Development Corporation that has a history of helping neighborhoods and families build assets through homeownership, neighborhood revitalization, and business development. Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation operates with a full-time professional staff and an annually elected all-volunteer Board of Directors that sets policy and assists with directing the organization.

The RARE participant placed with the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) will provide technical support and assistance for Main Street Programs in a number of Lane County's rural communities. Specifically, the participant will staff NEDCO's Main Street Resource Center, which is designed to be a source of information, support, and fundraising for Main Street Program communities. Additionally, the participant will evaluate the economic impact of Lane County farmers' markets, primarily focusing on the impact of access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) at rural markets. Lastly, the participant will provide administrative support to the Board of Directors for the statewide nonprofit Oregon Farmers' Markets Association, developing organizations tools to increase stakeholder outreach, and assisting in further development of an array capacity building programs.

## RARE Participant



Stephanie Scafa

**Stephanie Scafa** received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Susquehanna University. After attaining her Bachelors Degree, Stephanie served in Peace Corps where she worked as a Natural Resource Management Facilitator in Ghana. After spending two years in Peace Corps, Stephanie joined the RARE program where she worked as a Trials Coordinator for the City of Warrenton. Following her first year with the RARE Program, Stephanie completed a Masters in Urban Planning and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Oregon where she focused on food systems planning and policy. Following her second year with the RARE Program, Stephanie plans to continue her work in the food systems planning field.