

# OSU Extension, Grant County (ARRA)

## Community Profile

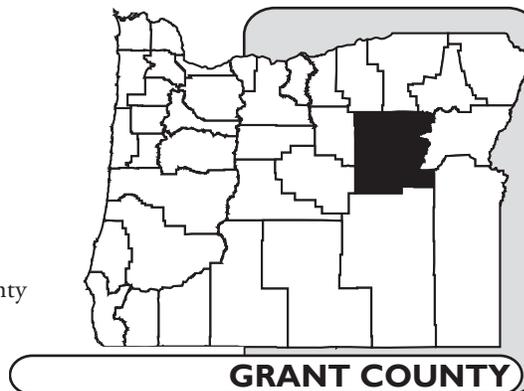
**Population** 6,900

**Location** Canyon City

## Position Description

**Sponsor** OSU Extension, Grant County

**Supervisor** Maxine Day



**Assignment** Through a grant from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, the Oregon Food Bank is sponsoring five food systems projects led by RARE participants in five counties throughout the state. While each community has identified different needs, all five food systems planning positions include the following: a two-part community foods assessment, coordination and facilitation of a community food system event, and the participant will act as a liaison between the Regional Food Bank and the local community promoting “seed to table” style discussions.

The RARE participant is working on two main projects in Grant County. The Oregon Food Bank estimates there is approximately \$500,000 in food eligibility in Grant County that is not being utilized. The participant is creating education/marketing materials that explain the benefits and overall value of food stamps, free and reduced priced school lunches, and WIC services. For the second project, the participant is mapping all aspects of the county’s food systems including retail grocery outlets and farmers’ markets. This information is being used to create a food directory that will act as a reference guide to local community members.

## RARE Participant



Hannah Ancel

**Hannah Ancel** grew up in Vermont and attended Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. She graduated from Salve Regina with a BA of Arts in Cultural and Historic Preservation and also studied anthropology. During college, Hannah spent four months in Rome studying Italian and Roman art, architecture, and archaeology. In Rome, she began to value the experience of living in new communities and appreciating culture very different from her own. Recently, Hannah interned at the Preservation Trust of Vermont in Burlington writing and designing a historical narrative booklet for a local historic site.