

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank (ARRA)

Community Profile

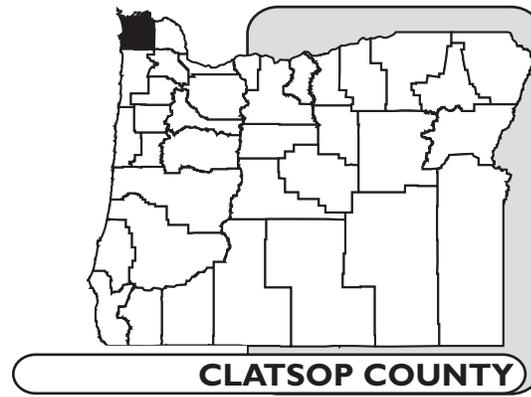
Population 37,400

Location Astoria

Position Description

Sponsor Clatsop Community Action
Regional Food Bank

Supervisor Marlin Martin,
Food Program Developer



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 developing the Clatsop County Food Security Coalition which will institute programs to support a local food bank garden area, green houses, and a community garden site. The participant is also coordinating a volunteer advisory committee tasked to implement programs designed to reduce food insecurity and mitigate emergency food distribution issues. Specifically, the participant is conducting a community food assessment in addition to establishing programs, goals, and objectives for the coalition. The participant is also conducting food stamp outreach activities to increase food stamp usage in the area.

RARE Participant



John Dean

John Dean is entering his second year with the RARE program. John’s first placement was in 2006-2007 with the City of the Dalles where he created a database and mapped properties located within the Local Improvement District using GIS. He spent the past two years working on organic farms as an outdoor educator in beautiful places such as Los Altos Hills and San Diego, California, as well as Monteverde, Costa Rica. John is originally from Spokane, Washington. He graduated from Iowa State University where he earned two BS one in Community and Regional Planning and the other in Environmental Studies. Following his year of service, John plans to start graduate school.