

Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (CORE)

Community Profile

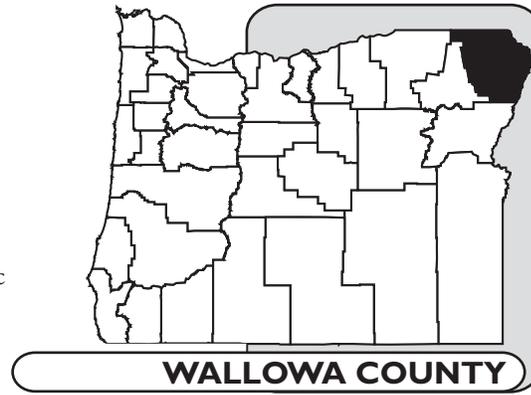
Population 48,300

Location Enterprise

Position Description

Sponsor Northeast Oregon Economic Development District

Supervisor Lisa Dawson,
Executive Director



Assignment There are five RARE positions sponsored by the CORE Collaborative. CORE, which stands for Connecting Oregon for Rural Entrepreneurship, is a collaboration spearheaded by Oregon's Rural Development Initiatives. While each of the five RARE assignments vary based on the needs of the specific communities, all CORE positions share a focus on creating and sustaining entrepreneurship development systems in economically distressed target areas. The RARE participants work closely with their sponsoring organizations hosting appropriate trainings on entrepreneurship, conducting a youth entrepreneurship programs with local high school students, and supporting the efforts of growing farmers' markets and buy local campaigns. While local leaders and entrepreneurs spearhead CORE's regional efforts, a CORE Statewide Advisory Board will bring together diverse lessons learned to ultimately impact statewide policy change.

The RARE participant supports existing entrepreneurship programs and focuses on the following two projects: Wallowa County Community Endowment and the Union County Community Endowment. The entrepreneurship programs are centered on supporting local entrepreneurs through workshops, one-on-one counseling, and preparing educational material all of which the participant is responsible for. Additionally, the participant is determining the feasibility of two community endowments by bringing together stakeholders to aid in the process of establishing realistic fundraising goals.

RARE Participant



Annie Thompson

Annie Thompson was born in Montana. She graduated from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington with a BS in Planning and Environmental Policy. Following college, Annie returned to Montana where she worked in a county planning and zoning office. She also spent time traveling to seventeen countries and a season skiing in the French Alps. Annie is excited to focus on economic development and explore eastern Oregon.