Lake County Development Corporation
(CORE)

Community Profile

Population 7,500 (Lake County)
Location Lakeview

Position Description

Sponsor Lake County Community Development Corporation and the CORE Collaborative
Supervisor Ronne Lindsay, Business Manager

Assignment This is one of five RARE positions sponsored by the CORE Collaborative. CORE, which stands for Connecting Oregon for Rural Entrepreneurship, is a collaboration funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and spearheaded by Oregon's Rural Development Initiatives. While each of the five RARE assignments will vary based on the needs of the specific communities, all CORE positions will share a focus on creating and sustaining entrepreneurship development systems in economically distressed target areas. In Lake County, the RARE participant will help coordinate and facilitate the work of the existing local advisory board, develop materials to publicize local success stories, and support a youth entrepreneurship program in the local high schools. While local leaders and entrepreneurs will spearhead CORE's regional efforts, a CORE Statewide Advisory Board will bring together diverse lessons learned to ultimately impact statewide policy change.

Required Skills The ideal RARE participant needs strong organizational skills, people skills, and should be an effective communicator, both verbally and in writing. S/he should enjoy helping people, be a motivated self-starter, and be a capable project manager.

RARE Member

Erin Malone grew up in rural Vermont. Upon receiving her degree in history from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, she spent several months working in a small fishing village on an island off the coast of Maine. There, Erin developed her intense desire to experience as much of the world as possible. She has spent time traveling abroad, and while overseas she realized how much she loved America and freedom. She found herself increasingly interested in service and the spirit of adventure and RARE provided an opportunity to move west and put her skills to use in an underserved area. Erin is excited about exploring the frontiers and wild landscapes of the west while working in community and economic development. After her year with RARE she plans to pursue a master's degree in Community and Regional Planning.