

Oregon Coast Community College

Community Profile

Population 44,000

Location Newport

Position Description

Agency: Oregon Coast Community College
and the CORE Collaborative

Supervisor: Gay Pass, Director,
Small Business Development Center

Assignment: This is one of four RARE positions sponsored by the CORE Collaborative, CORE, which stands for Connecting Oregon for Rural Entrepreneurship, is a collaboration funded by the WEC. Kellogg Foundation and sponsored by Oregon's Rural Development Initiatives. While each of the four CORE 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 Lincoln County, the RARE participant will work closely with Oregon Coast Community College's Small Business Development Center to facilitate the formation of a local Entrepreneur Advisory Board, to conduct a needs assessment of the target area, to create an action plan, and to host appropriate training on entrepreneurship. While local leaders and entrepreneurs will spearhead CORE's regional efforts, a CORE statewide Advisory Board will bring together diverse leaders trained to ultimately impact statewide policy change.

Required Skills: The ideal RARE participant will have strong communication skills and the ability to work with an Advisory Board. Any prior experience conducting needs assessments and/or analyzing data would be useful. Writing business proposal skills would also be helpful, but prior experience is not required.

RARE Member



Amanda Henningson

Amanda Henningson has roots Oregonian, originally from The Dalles where she grew up on her family's dairy and wheat farm. Amanda graduated from Whitman College with a BA in Economics. While a student she founded a food delivery program and worked as an intern in the Center for Community Service, organizing service projects and a multicultural Story Time outreach program. Immediately following graduation, Amanda joined the Oregon Coast Community College Small Business Development Center as an Assist/Coop/YERD member. Following her year with RARE, she is interested in pursuing a graduate degree in economics, with an emphasis in rural

