Is Our Organization RARE Ready?

When selecting RARE host organizations, we're looking for impactful projects and strong service-learning opportunities. We know the key to a successful RARE placement is a strong support system in the community. We've created the following guide for rural community organizations to determine eligibility and assess whether your organization is ready to apply for a RARE placement.

### Readiness Assessment

- **Are you affiliated with a local government, special district, or non-profit?**
  - **Find/partner with an eligible host organization in your community**

- **Does your organization have a clear goal(s) to improve the social, economic, or environmental well-being of your rural community?**
  - **Contact RARE for guidance**

- **Would the support of a motivated young professional at your organization for 11 months help you reach those goals?**
  - **Connect with UO's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement for other opportunities**

- **Is someone at your organization dedicated to supervise and mentor a RARE member?**
  - **Consider applying next year**

- **Will your community be ready to host a RARE member in September?**
  - **Consider applying next year**

- **Is it feasible to have tangible results from your organization's projects in 11 months?**
  - **Contact RARE for guidance**

- **Can your organization secure funding for the required $25,000 by July 1?**
  - **Contact RARE for guidance**

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### Applications Due

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### Questions?

- **Email** rare@uoregon.edu
- **Call** (541) 632-3147
- **Visit** rare.uoregon.edu

### Participate

Each participating host organization provides a $25,000 cash match of the $45,000 needed to place, train, and support a full-time RARE member. RARE Program staff will administer the member’s monthly stipend, medical insurance, and post-service educational award. To apply, organizations must submit an application to the RARE office by 5:00 PM on April 7th. RARE placements are contingent on availability of program funding.

### Mission

The mission of the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps Program is to increase the capacity of rural communities to improve their economic, social, and environmental conditions, through the assistance of trained graduate-level members who live and work in communities for 11 months.