Resource Assistance for Rural Environments

RARE AmeriCorps Program

2023-2024 Host Organization Application Preview for First Time Applicants

Instructions

Review the following preview of the RARE AmeriCorps 2023-2024 Community Application. Fill out the RARE AmeriCorps 2023-24 Host Organization Application when you are ready to submit your completed application. Completed application previews that are emailed to us will not be considered.

Remember that you will not be able to save the answers on the Qualtrics application and return at a later date. Please do not fill out the application until you have all your materials prepared and ready to submit!

Completed applications must be submitted by 5pm PT on Friday, April 7, 2022. If you encounter issues or need assistance, please send us an email at vbinnin2@uoregon.edu or call 541-632-3147.

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. RARE AmeriCorps Host Organizations will identify a specific person(s) within the organization to serve as supervisor and mentor to the member. RARE supervisors are expected to assist the member in developing a work plan and provide guidance throughout the term of service. Supervisors also benefit from RARE trainings and support from UO faculty and researchers.

We consider each of the following as part of the application evaluation process:

- Project Quality
- Supervisor Readiness
- Community Support & Capacity
- Commitment to Social Justice
- Rural Placement
- Ability to match

Click here for greater detail about our criteria.
Program Disclaimers

AmeriCorps is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens. AmeriCorps State and National members must be age 17 or older. An individual may serve up to four AmeriCorps State and National service terms. All individuals must complete a criminal history check. Individuals who have been convicted of murder and those who are required to register on a sex offender public registry are not eligible to serve in AmeriCorps.

Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. We provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals and conduct all activities in fully accessible settings.

Alternative formats of this application are available by contacting Victoria Binning at vbinnin2@uoregon.edu or call 541-632-3217.

Begin!

When you have all your materials compiled, please submit an application.
### Application Contact

Person Name*

Title

Organization

Mailing Address

    Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail

Website

Supervisor

*This should be the contact person for the application and placement process.

**How did you hear about the RAREAmeriCorps Program?**

Please indicate how you heard about the program by marking one or more of the boxes below.

- [ ] I am a current/former RARE Supervisor
- [ ] I am a current/former RARE Member
- [ ] Email from RARE (Call for Host Organizations)
- [ ] RARE Website
- [ ] Other Website/Network/Listserv (please specify)
- [ ] Other (please specify)
### Placement Type
Check the placement type(s) that best describe this position. Please check all that apply, but be as specific as possible as this information will be used to guide the placement process.

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*If you select “Small City, County & Regional Planning”, be prepared to briefly answer the following: “which aspects of small city, county & regional planning do your intended projects encompass? Examples include land use, transportation, parks & recreation planning”*

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### Community Needs Statement
Describe the specific needs in your community that the project(s) will address. Word Limit: 150

### Host Site Capacity:
How many staff does your organization employ in total? (FTE)
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How many staff are in the department or program that the proposed RARE will be in? (FTE)
#

### Member Projects
RARE Members are typically assigned to work on 3-5 specific projects during their 11 months of service in a community. Please provide a short description of the projects the member will work on, their role, and their approximate time commitment to the project (in percentages). 175 word limit per project.

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Member’s Role: **Key Community Partners:**
Project 2 —

Project Description:  

Member’s Role:  

Key Community Partners:

Project 3 —

Project Description:  

Member’s Role:  

Key Community Partners:

Project 4 —

Project Description:  

Member’s Role:  

Key Community Partners:

Project 5 —

Project Description:  

Member’s Role:  

Key Community Partners:

Project 6 — Member Professional Development

Project Description:  

At least 10% but no more than 20%

Ten percent of the member's time is to be spent on required RARE AmeriCorps training (Orientation, Fall Training, Winter Training, and Spring Training). This training is vital to the member's year of service as it covers important AmeriCorps policies as well as skills that will benefit the member and host organization over the service year. These skills include creating work plans, conducting effective community outreach, and conflict management.

AmeriCorps policy caps the total amount of hours spent on training at 20% of hours over the service year. Supervisors and members should plan for how to use these hours to best meet the needs of the projects and member development goals.
Project Suitability

Includes reach, impact, and leadership potential

Please describe the levels of agency, self-direction, and responsibility you envision for your member in these projects. (50 words)

Please note the reach of the RARE projects. Do the projects equitably benefit community members? Are community members equitably engaged in project design? (50 words)

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Professional Development for the Member

A goal of the RARE AmeriCorps Program is to provide Members with professional development while they help rural communities. Please describe three growth opportunities for the member that the host organization will provide.

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2. 
3.

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Supervisor Statement

Provide a brief background of the supervisor who will be responsible for coordinating the day-to-day oversight of the RARE member. Please describe 1) their supervisory and communication styles; 2) experience working with AmeriCorps members, volunteers, or interns; 3) mentorship or coaching experience; 4) their role within the organization; and 5) any special circumstances that may influence their capacity to supervise (e.g. volunteer position, location, part-time employment, etc.)

Word limit: 200
RARE Program Goals
RARE has four programmatic goals: rural capacity building, assisting community-based groups, volunteer mobilization, and a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The RARE Program will consider these goals in reviewing your application. Please answer the following questions about these programmatic goals.

1. Describe how a RARE Member will assist with rural community capacity building and how they will support community-based groups. What do you anticipate will be the long-term impacts of this placement? (125 words)

2. Describe how the RARE Member will be involved in recruitment, management, or engagement of volunteers. (125 words)

3. How does your organization demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion? (125 words)

Partners/Support
Please share with us the names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of three of your local or regional partners on the projects listed above. As part of the application review process, we may be contacting them to get their insights on the projects (do not list yourself, your organization, or statewide organizations). Include Organization Name, Contact Person, Email, and Phone Number for each.

1. Phone Number:
2. Phone Number:
3. Phone Number:

(Optional) Upload a letter of support from a community partner.

Potential Funding Source
Please indicate your potential funding sources, whether or not you have already applied and the date you will receive confirmation of funds.

1. Name: Date of Request: Date of confirmation:
2. Name: Date of Request: Date of confirmation:
3. Name: Date of Request: Date of confirmation:
Financial Support

The Ford Family Foundation provides financial support to offset the cost of partnering with the RARE AmeriCorps Program. These funds are highly competitive and pend the successful placement of a RARE AmeriCorps member at your host site. Priority is based on financial need; host site alignment with The Ford Family Foundation’s “Community” Impact Area – to support conditions that help communities thrive, including their local economic base, social capital, community connections, and community planning capacity; and a proposed work plan that demonstrate key attributes.

Funding Support Available: Up to $10,000

For more information about The Ford Family Foundation, please visit www.tfff.org.

Are you interested in pursuing this funding opportunity?

Yes  No

If yes, please provide a statement illustrating (1) your financial need, (2) the amount you are requesting, and (3) how the workplan you are proposing for a RARE AmeriCorps member meets the following attributes. **Word limit: 750/Character limit: 5250**

- The service of the RARE AmeriCorps member supports broad community goals and not that of a single organization
- The service of the RARE AmeriCorps member brings together a cross section of the community
- The RARE AmeriCorps member serves alongside local community members who lead and own the work
- The outcomes are linked to a vision of long-term community vitality

Will the host site you represent be able to fund the placement of a RARE AmeriCorps member **without** TFFF financial support?

Yes  No

For more information contact RARE AmeriCorps Program Director, Titus Tomlinson, via email at: titust@uoregon.edu
Fiscal Agent
What organization will serve as the fiscal agent for the contract with the University of Oregon if you are selected to host a RARE member?

Almost Done!
You’re ready to apply for a RARE AmeriCorps Member. Thank you for taking the time to preview the application! You may now transfer these answers to our online application.

Best of luck and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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