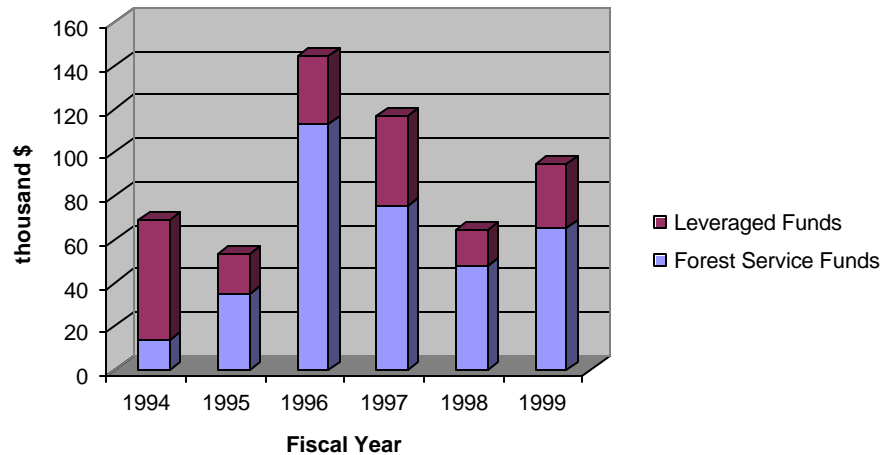
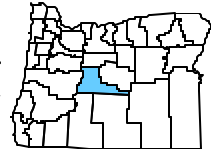




Economic Action Programs

Deschutes County, Oregon

Deschutes County is a nonmetropolitan county in the very heart of Oregon. The Deschutes River flows south to north through the entire county and the landscape is dominated by slopes and foothills of the eastern Cascades and the High Desert Uplands. This is one of the most popular recreation areas in Oregon and certainly one of the fastest growing. Deschutes County's economy rests on a foundation of services, wholesale and retail trade, wood products manufacturing and government employment. Over 75% of the land base is administered by the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land management.



Recipient	Project Name	Federal ID	Funds		
			USFS	Leveraged	Total
Planning and Technical Assistance					
City of Sisters	Wastewater Facilities Plan	ORNW-96-044	\$88,000	\$22,000	\$110,000
City of Sisters	Community Action Plan	ORNW-97-007	\$19,999	\$7,300	\$27,299
Deschutes Co.	Community Action Plan	ORNW-95-032	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
Deschutes Co.	Health Care Study	ORNW-95-033	\$15,000	\$13,600	\$28,600
LaPine Community Action Team	Community Encourager	ORNW-98-039	\$48,087	\$16,300	\$64,387
Education and Training					
Central Oregon Comm College	Wood Prod Trng Needs Assess	ORRD-94-010	\$14,000	\$54,636	\$68,636
Central Oregon Intergvt Council	Comm Leadership Dev Model	ORNW-97-034	\$30,000	\$22,677	\$52,677
Natural Resource Related					
City of Redmond	Redmond Caves Master Plan	ORNW-97-005	\$25,060	\$12,039	\$37,099
City of Sisters	Parks Master Plan	ORNW-99-009	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
Oregon Outdoors Association Inc.	Farm/Ranch Recreation Industry	ORNW-96-043	\$25,000	\$9,500	\$34,500
Facility Construction/Environmental Improvement					
City of Redmond	Airport Sewer Extension Design	ORNW-99-010	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$75,000





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One success story from Deschutes County, Oregon



LaPine “Encourager”

The community of LaPine had worked hard at developing the first essential building blocks of economic diversification. They had formed a Community Action Team, volunteers from all segments of the community, which had developed the LaPine Strategic Plan, a guide to prioritized actions for the next twenty years. They were struggling to put the Plan into action and kept getting stalled.

It was difficult to recruit community participation and it was even more difficult to reach consensus on issues. Stresses of economic decline cultivated an atmosphere of competing opinions and apathy. Few volunteers had the ability to devote hundreds of hours toward building community momentum.

The solution seemed to be to hire a full-time staff person to lead the charge. The sticking point was funding...where to get it?

Donna Owens, Rural Community Assistance (RCA) Coordinator for the Deschutes National Forest, connected LaPine to the Forest Service’s RCA grant program which was designed to assist communities move from natural resource dependency to a more diversified economy.

Owens guided the community through the proposal submittal process and was delighted when the Forest Service awarded LaPine a little over \$40,000 to help fund the first-ever “LaPine Encourager.”

Jill Phillips McLain, the new Encourager, will live and work in the LaPine area for at least 18 months, focusing on developing community participation in implementing the Strategic Plan. She will be a consensus builder, a community contact person, stay current on local issues and projects, and help to facilitate effective communication and accurate information.

McLain has a tough row to hoe. By the end of her 18 months assignment, LaPine expects to see “a 25%-50% increase in public participation in community affairs; a clearly defined approach to sustaining accomplishments and meeting future goals; and increased numbers of well-informed, effective community leaders.”

Applicant: LaPine Community Action Team

Grant No: ORNW-98-039

USDA Forest Service Funding: \$43,087

Total Project Cost: \$56,287