

RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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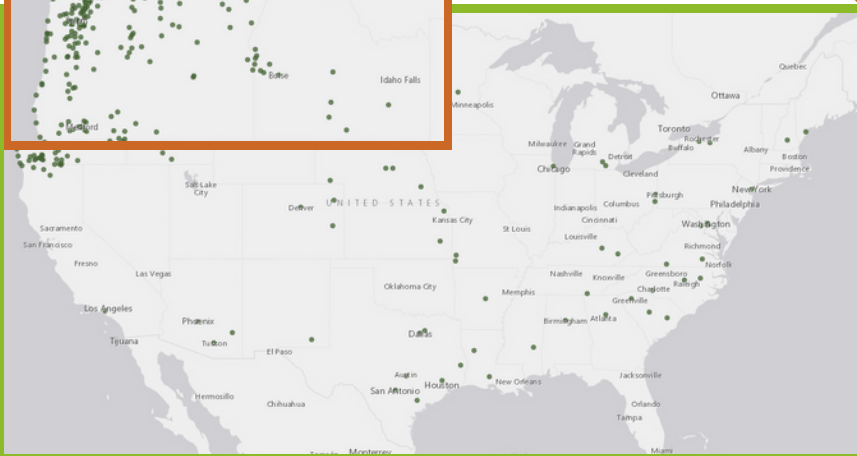
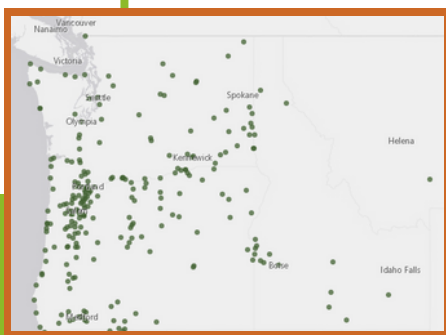
39
Active
Community
Efforts

77
Funders
Engaged

30
Plans
Created or
Supported

307
Communities
Supported/
Strengthened

347
Partner
Organizations
Engaged



STRONGER RURAL PEOPLE

1,074
Rural Leaders
Trained

773
People Trained in
Diversity, Equity, &
Inclusion
Principles

2563
Community
Members
Engaged

117
Events
Strengthening
Connections

2088
People at
Events

STRONGER RURAL ECONOMIES

709
People Supported
to Impact Their
Economy

268
Businesses
Engaged/
Supported

More Than
\$1.6M
Leveraged

Through our programs in the Pacific Northwest, and national events and initiatives, RDI has worked alongside partners and participants from 307+ communities across the U.S. this year.

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Members of the first Milton-Freewater, Oregon Community Leadership Program cohort convened for their final session and graduation in September 2022. The cohort aspired to create something for Milton-Freewater that would be accessible to all, provide a form of recreation, and contribute to community beautification. As their final project, the class installed public chalkboards at four locations in town.

The community has been incredibly supportive of this initiative, and the chalkboards fill up so quickly that the cohort has been asked to expand the chalkboards' size or install more.

Many thanks to the Sherwood Trust for their ongoing support of rural leadership development. A second Milton-Freewater leadership training will begin in early 2023.



My social and support networks expanded more than I dared to hope for. I was given the gift of focusing on the greater good.

**- Milton-Freewater
Leadership Program Participant**



Congratulations to the White Salmon Valley Education Foundation for being awarded a highly competitive Department of Education grant, and for bringing in over \$2.5M in funding to the White Salmon Valley School District!

The White Salmon Valley School District was recently awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant of \$2.5M to continue providing A-list Adventures, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, through 2027.

Katy Jablonski, grant writer for the White Salmon Valley Education Foundation, participated in RDI's Spring 2022 Ready, Set, Grant! training and received support on this proposal through the program.

The grant targets at-risk youth and provides them with opportunities for academic enrichment and offers a broad array of additional services, programs and activities.



Sixteen Polk County entrepreneurs participated in RDI's Spanish-language Childcare Business Training in Dallas, Oregon this summer, leaving the course eager to start or grow their business. The program builds skills for existing childcare providers and leads to the creation of new businesses in areas where childcare is in short supply.

Session topics include regulatory requirements, marketing, record keeping, and the day-to-day management of a childcare facility. Through the course, participants also build relationships with the local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) organization for ongoing support.

Thank you to The Ford Family Foundation for supporting this program. RDI's next Childcare Business Training will be offered in Lane County this winter.



I learned that I am not alone, that I have a lot of support, and can connect with people who can help me.

**- Childcare Business Training
Participant**

