



Q3 2025

OUR IMPACT

Cumulative 2025 Data

Highlights of Our Work

In the third quarter, we continued our work to center rural priorities through the **Rural Visibility Project**. We led two **Rural Community Leadership** cohorts in Milton-Freewater, OR, (one in Spanish and one in English), and one in Othello, WA. We continued supporting economic and community development in 20 communities in OR, WA, CA, and ID through our **Main Street Economic Vitality Program**, with in-person skills trainings, community visioning, and planning sessions in Colville, WA, Dunsmuir, CA, and Cave Junction, OR. We facilitated capacity-building efforts in Mapleton, OR, and maritime and forestry sector development in Westport, WA, and Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, CA. We delivered **Spanish-Language Trainings** in personal finance and investment (Eastern OR and Eastern WA), entrepreneurship (WA coast), technology for businesses (OR coast), capacity building (Southern OR), and grant writing (delivered virtually), and we facilitated a legal clinic in Milton-Freewater, OR. We continued supporting the **Pacific University Masters in Nonprofit Leadership** as adjunct faculty for the program.

Rural Partner Highlight

Sherwood Trust and RDI have been partnering for 20 years to bring the **Sherwood Trust Community Leadership Program** to the Walla Walla Valley. This skills-based program is focused on bringing people together to develop leadership skills to support and strengthen communities in the region. Cohort members have collaboratively implemented projects focused on parks, youth, literacy, recreation, mental health, community gardens, and more to make meaningful change in their communities. We are honored to be a partner in this enduring work to create a thriving region, and thrilled that two cohorts of passionate and dedicated leaders graduated this quarter, including through **Apodera Tu Liderazgo**, the inaugural Spanish-language cohort.



More than 20 emerging and experienced leaders in Milton-Freewater, OR, participated in the **Sherwood Trust Community Leadership Program** in both English and Spanish this quarter. Participants discovered personal strengths, enhanced their ability to collaborate, gained confidence, became inspired to get more involved, and learned to drive positive change in their community. As one participant reflected, “At the beginning I said I wanted to gain leadership skills and come out of my shell. I’m glad to report that I have.”



1,234

Rural People Engaged



122

Small Towns and Rural Regions Across OR, WA, ID, & Northern CA Served



\$253,162

Directly Invested in Rural Communities



89

People Increased Community Leadership Confidence and Skills



32

Latino and Youth Participants in Leadership Trainings



151

People More Comfortable Managing Finances



92

Businesses Have Better Access to Support



33

Businesses Started
Including 3 Childcare Businesses

“ One of the many strengths that the leadership program offered was the ability to connect community members from all walks of life to each other. ”
~ Sherwood Trust Community Leadership Program Participant