

Skills

- Project development and management
- Technical Assistance and Training
- Budgeting
- Contract oversight
- Government Regulations
- Group and team facilitation
- Strategic Planning
- Community and organizational capacity development
- Knowledge of principles of community and economic development
- Data collection and analysis

Experience

Ami Keiffer joined RCAC in 2018. She provides technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) assistance to rural community water and wastewater systems. Ms. Keiffer provides technical and financial support to disadvantaged communities to sustainably and affordably ensure access to safe drinking water. Additionally, Ms. Keiffer partners with rural leaders and residents to build local capacity through training, as well as the development and management of water and wastewater. Additionally, Ms. Keiffer is also a member of the Building Rural Economies (BRE) team within RCAC and helps communities to identify economic opportunities and develop an entrepreneurial ecosystem through leadership capacity building and technical assistance. She provides training for BRE's Recharge Our Community's Economy and Start, Grow, Revive (SGR) Your Business workshops. She often works with community representatives to facilitate local planning efforts and identify funding resources to put those plans into action.

Before joining RCAC, Ms. Keiffer worked for Business Oregon, the State's economic development agency, where she assisted municipalities and small utilities to obtain financing for infrastructure projects. She was the contract manager for these projects, ensuring communities and contractors complied with timelines for deliverables and completed change orders as needed to keep contracts current. She previously worked for Rural Development Initiatives, facilitating leadership development and assisting communities with volunteer development, grant writing, and strategic planning. Ms. Keiffer also has experience in rural downtown planning and development as a Main Street manager in Oregon and Washington.

Education

Master of Arts, Interior Design - Washington State University
Bachelor of Science, Planning, Public Policy, and Management - University of Oregon