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# Project Funding Available from CURA

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**T**he Center for Urban and Regional Affairs supports community-based research projects through several different programs. If you represent a community organization or agency and are unsure which program listed below is most suitable for your project proposal, simply complete a general Community-Based Research Program Application Form at [www.cura.umn.edu/Programs/curaappform.html](http://www.cura.umn.edu/Programs/curaappform.html) and we will route your request to the appropriate program.

■ **The Community Assistantship Program (CAP)** matches community-based nonprofit organizations, citizen groups, and government agencies in Greater Minnesota with students who can provide research assistance. Eligible organizations define a research project, submit an application, and if accepted, are matched with a qualified student to carry out the research. The application deadline for spring semester 2010 assistantships (January through May) is October 30, 2009. For more information, to discuss potential projects, or for assistance with applications, contact CAP coordinator Will Craig at 612-625-3321 or [wrcraig@umn.edu](mailto:wrcraig@umn.edu), or visit [www.cura.umn.edu/cap.php](http://www.cura.umn.edu/cap.php).

■ **Neighborhood Partnerships for Community Research (NPCR)** provides student research assistance to community organizations in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and metro area suburbs that are involved in community-based revitalization. Projects may include any issue relevant to a neighborhood's or community's needs and interests, including planning, program development, or

program evaluation. Priority is given to projects that support and involve residents of color. Applications from organizations collaborating on a project are encouraged. The application deadline for spring semester 2010 assistantships (January through May) is October 30, 2009. For more information, visit [www.cura.umn.edu/npcr.php](http://www.cura.umn.edu/npcr.php) or contact NPCR program director Kris Nelson at 612-625-1020 or [knsn@umn.edu](mailto:knsn@umn.edu).

■ **The Communiversity Program** funds quarter-time graduate student assistantships for one semester to help community-based nonprofit organizations or government agencies with a specific project. The application deadline for spring semester 2010 assistantships (January through May) is October 30, 2009. For more information, contact CURA community program assistant Jeff Corn at 612-625-0744 or [curacbr@umn.edu](mailto:curacbr@umn.edu), or visit [www.cura.umn.edu/communiversity.php](http://www.cura.umn.edu/communiversity.php).

■ **The Minnesota Center for Neighborhood Organizing** (formerly known as the Twin Cities Training Program for Neighborhood Organizers) trains people to work effectively in organizing and staffing neighborhood organizations. It trains new organizers and increases the skills of existing neighborhood staff through internships, workshops, and other programs. For more information about the program and the training opportunities available, contact MCNO operations director Margaret Kaplan at 612-624-2300 or [mkaplan@umn.edu](mailto:mkaplan@umn.edu), or Jay Clark at 612-625-2513 or [clark037@umn.edu](mailto:clark037@umn.edu).

■ **The University Neighborhood Network (UNN)** links community organizations to course-based neighborhood projects that students carry out as part of course requirements at a Twin Cities college or university. Organizations that participate in the program identify projects with which they need assistance. UNN then locates faculty who teach courses that meet the organization's needs, and students who have an interest in the proposed project. Participation in UNN is coordinated through a web database system. For more information, visit [www.cura.umn.edu/unnc/](http://www.cura.umn.edu/unnc/), or contact UNN coordinator Jeff Corn at 612-625-0744 or [unn@umn.edu](mailto:unn@umn.edu).

■ **The New Initiative Program** accepts project proposals from community organizations, government agencies, and University of Minnesota faculty and students for projects that are inappropriate for or unrelated to other CURA programs. CURA is always looking for a good new idea, and supports many new projects outside of our existing program areas. The best approach is to call us to discuss the idea; if it looks worthwhile, we will encourage you to write a brief proposal. For projects supporting government agencies, we usually seek matching funds. Maximum support for a project is generally a half-time graduate student research assistant for one academic year; support for one semester is more typical. For more information or to discuss a project idea, contact CURA director Ed Goetz at 612-624-8737 or by e-mail at [egoetz@umn.edu](mailto:egoetz@umn.edu).