and faculty from across the University collaborate with the partner community to address its self-defined sustainability-related needs through course-based projects. This collaboration results in on-the-ground impact and momentum for a community working toward a more sustainable and livable future. RCP is now accepting proposals from communities interested in being the community partner for 2013–2014. Cities, counties, and clusters of communities along a transportation corridor, around a regional center, or within a watershed are eligible to apply. To minimize travel time and costs, applicant communities should ideally be located within a two-hour drive of Minneapolis. Communities located farther away from Minneapolis may be considered if the applicant contributes additional funds for overnight travel costs. The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2013. The partner community will be selected and notified in March 2013. For a complete application packet and more information about how to apply, contact RCP program director Mike Greco at mgreco@umn.edu or 612-625-7501, or visit the RCP website at rcp.umn.edu/home/communities/apply-to-rcp/.

The Faculty Interactive Research Program is designed to encourage University of Minnesota faculty members to carry out research projects that involve a significant urban-related public-policy issue for the state or its communities, and that include active engagement with groups, agencies, or organizations in Minnesota involved with the issue. CURA is now accepting proposals for the 2013–2014 competition. Regular faculty members from all University campuses are invited to apply. Each award will provide support for two pay periods of the faculty member’s time in the summer of 2013 and a half-time graduate research assistant for the 2013–2014 academic year. Where appropriate, limited support for miscellaneous research expenses can be provided. The application deadline is February 11, 2013. Grant recipients will be notified in March 2013. For additional eligibility requirements, terms of the award, and application procedures, contact CURA director Ed Goetz at 612-624-8737 or egoetz@umn.edu, or visit www.cura.umn.edu/FIRP/announcement.

The Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs is an endowed position that supports the research activities of a University of Minnesota faculty member for work on a project related to urban and regional affairs in Minnesota. The award is made possible through the generosity and vision of David and Elizabeth Fesler. Funds may be used to obtain release time or other support for the project, and may be used for either new or current projects. The application deadline for the 2013–2014 academic year competition is February 11, 2013. Grant recipients will be notified in March 2013. For additional eligibility requirements, terms of the award, and application procedures, contact CURA director Ed Goetz at 612-624-8737 or egoetz@umn.edu, or visit www.cura.umn.edu/Fesler-Lampert/competition.

Hennepin County Aging Initiative Findings Available

Increased longevity, the large Baby Boomer population, and declining birth rates are producing a unique shift in the age structure of Minnesota. Serving a growing number of older adults in the years ahead will create challenges and opportunities for local governments and community organizations throughout Hennepin County, the Twin Cities metro area, and the state. Through reviews of recent research, analysis of current local data, and focus groups with county residents, the Hennepin County Aging Initiative aims to help county leaders and stakeholders understand these changes and respond with effective public policy.

The Hennepin County Research, Planning and Development Department has created a web page to share information compiled by its research analysts. To access the page, visit www.hennepin.us/about and select the link to Aging–Research Findings under Research & Data on the lower left side of the page.