The Center for Urban and Regional Affairs supports research and technical assistance through a number of individual programs, each with their own deadlines and application procedures. If you are unsure which program listed below is most suitable for your project proposal, simply complete a general Community-Based Research Programs Application Form at www.cura.umn.edu/cbr 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 2013 assistantships (mid-January through May) is October 30, 2012. For more information, to discuss potential projects, or for assistance with applications, contact CAP coordinator Will Craig at 612-625-3321 or wcraig@umn.edu, or visit www.cura.umn.edu/cap.

■ The Community Geographic Information Systems (CGIS) program provides technical assistance in mapping, data analysis, and GIS to community-based organizations and nonprofits in the Twin Cities seven-county metropolitan area. Staff at the CGIS program specialize in parcel-level mapping, demographic analysis, and Internet-based GIS technologies. The CGIS program has no formal application process or deadline to apply. Project requests can be made by phone, e-mail, or online at http://tiny.cc/CGIS-help, and generally can be turned around within two weeks. For more information, to discuss potential projects, or for assistance with data needs, contact CGIS program coordinator Jeff Matson at 612-625-0081 or jmatson@umn.edu, or visit www.cura.umn.edu/cgis.

■ The Minnesota Center for Neighborhood Organizing trains people to work effectively in organizing and staffing neighborhood organizations. It trains new organizers and increases the skills of existing neighborhood staff, leaders, and volunteers through internships, workshops, and other programs. For more information about the program and the training opportunities available, contact Jay Clark at 612-625-2513 or clark037@umn.edu, or Ned Moore at 612-625-5805 or nedmoore@umn.edu, or visit www.cura.umn.edu/mcno.

NOTE: The Kris Nelson Neighborhood Research Program and Communiversity program have merged. Both of these long-standing CURA programs provided the same services to the Twin Cities area and shared the same goals, including a commitment to support communities of color and underserved communities. The merger will make it easier for community organizations to access support from CURA and will help focus our communications efforts to these organizations. The new program will be called the Kris Nelson Community-Based Research Program (the Nelson Program). The amount of funding CURA commits to community-based research projects will remain unchanged.