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[UMN Morris Center for Small Towns Seeks Community Project Proposals](#)

The University of Minnesota Morris Center for Small Towns (CST) seeks applications for its Connecting Students and Communities program. [Applications for spring 2019 projects](#) will be accepted through Wednesday, October 31.

What It Does

[Each year CST works with more than 50 Minnesota communities with populations of 5,000 or fewer, taking on projects that make a difference.](#)

“What CST is able to do is an example of the best education can be,” said CST Community Program Administrator Amy Mondloch. “We create partnerships that give our small towns access to the resources of the University and the skills and energy of students who want to make a difference. In turn, these towns are able to teach our students about rural Minnesota and what it takes to be a professional.”

What It Looks Like

Projects cover a variety of issues and skill areas. Projects like local recycling efforts with the Red Lake Nation, social media presence for the City of Morris, Grant County 4-H after-school programs, museum attendance, and more.

How It Works

During the school year students work up to 10 hours/week on projects. They may work up to 40 hours/week in the summer. Work happens in the CST office on the UMN Morris campus, although trips to communities and work sites can be arranged.

How to Get Involved

Local governments, schools, nonprofits, and community groups from Minnesota towns of 5,000 or fewer are encouraged to apply. Submit applications online at morris.umn.edu/cst. Or contact Mondloch to learn more: mondl010@morris.umn.edu , 320-589-6453.

CST community project work is supported, in part, by the Otto Bremer Trust, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, and the West Central Initiative Foundation.

About the Otto Bremer Trust

The Otto Bremer Trust (OBT), based in St. Paul, Minn., is a private charitable trust established in 1944 by founder Otto Bremer, a successful banker and community business leader. OBT owns 92 percent of Bremer Bank and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. The mission of OBT is to invest in people, places and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Since its inception, OBT has invested more than \$600 million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Wisconsin. Visit ottobremer.org.