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Summary: The CSC program benefits communities and organizations by helping to identify, understand, and initiate action on specific needs, pressing issues, and emerging trends.

MORRIS, Minnesota (October 22, 2015)—The University of Minnesota, Morris Center for Small Towns (CST) seeks proposals for the Connecting Students and Community (CSC) program. The CSC program benefits communities and organizations by helping to identify, understand, and initiate action on specific needs, pressing issues, and emerging trends.

A collaborative effort between CST and the [University of Minnesota Central and Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership](#), CSC has two goals: to assist communities and organizations with self-identified issues and projects and to create opportunities for Morris students to engage with and contribute to small communities. A wide range of activities is supported by the program, including data analysis, direct service work, and plan-making around community and economic development.

Previously funded projects have addressed issues such as senior housing, healthcare, sustainability, communications, economic development, technology education, downtown revitalization, and more. Student interns are able to work up to 10 hours per week January 19–May 6, 2016.

CSC applications are due Friday, November 6. Preference will be given to applicants that are able to provide a financial match to help offset the cost of student wages and travel expenses. To apply online visit z.umn.edu/cscapplication. CST staff can assist in the development of the application. For more information or to request a paper copy of the application, contact Kerri Barnstuble, program coordinator, at 320-589-6467 or kbarnstu@morris.umn.edu.

CST is a community outreach program housed at the University of Minnesota, Morris and serves as a point-of-entry to the resources of the University of Minnesota. Small towns, local units of government, K–12 schools, non-profit organizations, and other University units are able to utilize CST's resources as they work on rural issues or make contributions to rural society. CST's mission is to focus the University's attention and marshal its resources toward assisting Minnesota's small towns with locally identified issues while creating applied learning opportunities for faculty and students.

The University of Minnesota Central and Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships foster community sustainability through citizen-driven University partnerships and sustainable development projects in agriculture-food systems, clean energy, natural resources, and tourism-resilient communities.

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