

# Hennepin-University Partnership

## Program Description

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What does the HUP do?	Specific Activities
<p>Research - catalyze and support research that contributes to improved public policy and creates new knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide start up project management staff resources to the Transitway Impacts Research Program</li> <li>✓ Develop Master Cooperative Agreement to streamline contracting process</li> <li>✓ Help identify researchers, students and stakeholders to support Hennepin County Plan to End Homelessness evaluation process</li> <li>✓ Create and maintain a website to facilitate connections between researchers and practitioners</li> </ul>
<p>Sharing of expertise – practitioner &amp; academic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Convene regular ‘brown bag lunch’ meetings to bring academic researchers and County practitioners together</li> <li>✓ Collect and post “best practices” on HUP website</li> <li>✓ Maintain expertise database on HUP website</li> <li>✓ Support development of resource to find program evaluation services at the U (<a href="http://www.evaluation.umn.edu">www.evaluation.umn.edu</a>)</li> <li>✓ Provide opportunities for University faculty and Hennepin staff to meet about common interests—such as presenting SHAPE health survey data to the School of Public Health, and arranging a meeting between Hennepin Multicultural Services office and the associate vice provost for equity and diversity</li> </ul>
<p>Engaging students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Connect Hennepin County staff with career services staff</li> <li>✓ Post Hennepin County jobs and internships on U of M websites</li> <li>✓ Maintain “How to work with students” page on HUP website</li> </ul>
<p>Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Raise visibility of Partnership and the benefits of collaboration</li> <li>✓ Create and distribute materials describing the mission and goals of the Partnership, and distribute e-newsletter at regular intervals</li> <li>✓ Develop a presence for the Partnership within both organizations by participating in policy groups and on public engagement initiatives</li> <li>✓ Maintain a calendar of U of M events of interest to County staff</li> <li>✓ Scan for funding opportunities related to University and County work</li> </ul>

