

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Michigan Applied Public Policy Research (MAPPR) Grant Proposal Guidelines

PROPOSALS SOLICITED: May 1st, 2017

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 20th, 2017

The Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) accepts research proposals for up to \$25,000 grants for a total of \$150,000 distributed annually. Grant recipients will conduct applied research on a current policy-relevant issue in Michigan and submit a written report on their research findings that is intended for policymakers. The funding runs for one year following notice of the awarded funds. Grant recipients for each award must include at least one Michigan State University faculty member to serve as the lead investigator.

To apply, please submit a three-page proposal identifying the specific policy-relevant issue the research addresses and the related research questions and methods along with a detailed budget. Emailed submissions should note the email subject as "MAPPR 2017-18."



Please include the following in the proposal:

- Names and affiliations of author(s)
- Description of the policy issue and related problems in Michigan
- Approach to addressing the issue through research
- Proposed research questions and expectations
- Any expectation of using State of the State Survey
- A full budget and project timetable

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The deadline for proposals is set for **June 20th** and grant rewards are to be announced by **July 1st**. More specific information about the award and expectations is included in the guidelines below. Questions and submissions may be directed to AnnMarie Schneider, MAPPR Administrator, at annmarie@msu.edu.

Summary Guidelines

Awarded Investigators agree to:

- Write a policy relevant, research-based briefing paper (20 pages limit)
- Write an executive summary (1-3 pages)
- Write a blog post or news story highlighting the findings (1-2 pages)
- Provide regular updates and keep compositions on track
- Disperse financial support as budgeted and on schedule
- Allow use of the paper in collected and online additions
- Provide attribution to lead sponsors in future publications and presentations

Timetable

The research and writing should be completed within one year of funding. The group will meet quarterly to discuss your progress and to work through any challenges. If the research entails survey research with IPPSR’s Office of Survey Research or the State of the State Survey, the Principal Investigator(s) will want to consult with those units as they develop their proposal to receive process and budget information.

Budgets

All expenditures will go through IPPSR and follow MSU business procedures. There will be no transfer of funds to units outside of IPPSR. The budget liaison is Iris Taylor Harper. She may be reached at Taylori@msu.edu. The following table outlines acceptable expenditures:

Funding Category	Acceptable?
Faculty salaries, course releases, sabbatical salaries, or summer salaries	No
Research assistance from graduate students, undergraduate students, support staff, or post-doctoral researchers.	Yes
Educational or training programs	No
Graduate student health and tuition waivers	Yes
Research equipment	Only if (near) exclusively used for the specific project
Survey research expenses through the Office for Survey Research or the State of the State Survey	Yes
Travel for directly-related research or presentations	Within the United States
Indirect costs at MSU or other university	No

Former Uses of MAPPR Grant Funds

- Providing research opportunities for students
- Leveraging funds for further research grants
- Developing material for a publication
- Communicating to the public and to decision makers
- Connecting academics with practitioners

Thank you for your interest in IPPSR’s MAPPR Grant Program.