

## General Format of the MAPPR Grant Brief Series

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MAPPR Briefings are intended to inform and answer the questions of policy makers and Michigan residents about a particular policy-relevant issue: What is the problem? What are the different perspectives of the problem? What has been done about the problem in the past? What is your research project and how does it relate to the problem? As a result, what are the (policy) options or strategies for addressing the problem? Where is further research needed?

MAPPR Grant Teams are asked to think about:

- A description of the problem or issue
- A picture of the problem in Michigan to include reference to previous research and/or action taken related to resolving the problem
- A comparison of Michigan's management of the problem area as compared with other states
- An overview of various perspectives or approaches to resolving the problem
- A proposal for research that will generate ideas for future research and innovative policy

Written MAPPR Brief might consider these main section titles:

- **Executive Summary** (Brief narrative summarizing the content of the paper or research)
- **Overview of the Issue** (State the problem and how MI arrived at it)
- **In Michigan** (Highlight the problem in Michigan and compare with other state's)
- **Perspectives, Relevant Research, Best Practices**
- **MAPPR Research Project**
- **Policy Options for Michigan**
- **Recommendations for Immediate Action**
- **Conclusion**

The format requested will help to publish the papers online and in print. For this purpose, please use 1.5 line spacing in Arial Font, size 10. See chart for further information. Examples of papers as well as references can be accessed through the IPPSR website posting of previously published papers.

<http://www.ippsr.msu.edu/PPIE/Urban/UrbanPolicyBriefing.htm>)

The MAPPR project is intended to assist the policy-making community. Therefore, authors are asked to keep the policy audience in mind first and foremost when composing the brief. If an academic paper is intended, that should be a different paper than what is intended for policymakers.

Category	Preferred format
Length	20 Pages maximum in addition to a two-page executive summary, any appendices, and references
Format	Microsoft Word with minimal formatting, Use 1.5 line spacing in Arial Font, size 10
References	Parenthetical notation with endnotes is preferred
Charts and Figures	Microsoft Excel is preferred. Please include actual data for the figures when possible. Also given the audience, charts and figures are preferred over cross tab tables or raw data.