

MICHIGAN STATE **U N I V E R S I T Y**

Call for Michigan Applied Public Policy Research (MAPPR) Grant Proposals

PROPOSALS SOLICITED: April 30, 2019

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 12, 2019

ACCEPTED PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED: Week of July 1, 2019 or before

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 policy brief on their research findings intended for policymakers.* The grant funding runs for one year following notice of the awarded funds and the report is due at that end date.

Grant recipients for each award must include at least one Michigan State University faculty member to serve as the lead investigator and most accountable for meeting the grant requirements. Collaboration among faculty and cross disciplinary research is encouraged, as is the engagement of graduate student researchers.



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To apply, please submit a three-page proposal identifying the specific policy-relevant issue the research will address, the related research questions to be asked, and the methodology to be used, along with a detailed budget. Emailed submissions should note the email subject as "MAPPR 2018." IPPSR may reach out to authors with questions about submitted proposals.

A checklist for proposal submissions is here:

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

The deadline for proposals is set for **June 12, 2019** and grant rewards are to be announced by the week of **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:

- Provide regular updates and keep composition on track during the course of the grant
- Disperse financial support as budgeted and on schedule (prior to one-year budget expiration)
- Write a policy relevant, research-based briefing paper (10 page limit, includes executive summary)
- Write a blog post or news story highlighting research findings (1-2 pages)
- Allow use of the briefing paper in online IPPSR communications
- Provide attribution to the “Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan Applied Public Policy (MAPPR) Grant Program” in related publications and presentations.

Timetable

The proposed research and writing will be completed within one year of funding. The researcher(s) will connect with the MAPPR administrator periodically to discuss progress and 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 other MSU departments or units outside of IPPSR. The following table outlines acceptable expenditures:

Acceptable Charges to a MAPPR Account

- Research assistance from graduate students, undergraduate students, support staff, or post-doctoral researchers
- Graduate student health and tuition waivers
- Survey research expenses through the Office for Survey Research or the State of the State Survey

Not Acceptable Charges to a MAPPR Account

- Indirect costs at MSU or other universities
- Faculty salaries, course releases, sabbatical salaries, or summer salaries
- Educational or training programs

Considered

- Research equipment

Questions regarding the budget proposal or charges to the MAPPR Grant account are directed to Iris Taylor Harper (taylori@msu.edu).

Frequent Uses of MAPPR Grant Funds

These grants have been used for the following:

- Leveraging funds for a complementary research grant
- Developing research material for a publication
- Conducting a pilot project prior to a larger grant request
- Communicating research-based information to decision makers.

Thank you for your interest in IPPSR's MAPPR Grant Program. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.