

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

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 4, 2018

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. Collaboration among faculty and cross disciplinary research is encouraged, as is the engagement of graduate student researchers.

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."

Also include the following in the proposal:

- Names and affiliations of author(s)
- Any expectation of using State of the State Survey
- A project timetable

The deadline for proposals is set for **June 4th** 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.



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Summary Guidelines

Awarded investigators agree to:

- Write a policy relevant, research-based briefing paper (10 page limit, includes executive summary)
- Write a blog post or news story highlighting the findings
- Provide regular updates and keep composition on track
- Disperse financial support as budgeted and prior to the one-year budget expiration
- Allow use of the paper on online IPPSR communications
- Provide attribution to IPPSR's MAPPR Program in related publications and presentations

Timetable

The research and writing will be completed within one year of funding. The researcher(s) will connect with an IPPSR point person 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 units outside of IPPSR.** The budget liaison is Iris Taylor Harper, Taylori@msu.edu. The following table outlines acceptable expenditures:

| Funding Category | Acceptable? |
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| 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 | Considered |
| Survey research expenses through the Office for Survey Research or the State of the State Survey | Yes |
| Indirect costs at MSU or other universities | No |

Frequent Uses of MAPPR Grant Funds

- Providing faculty-mentored research opportunities for students
- Leveraging funds for complementary research grants
- Developing research material for a publication
- Communicating to the public and to decision makers
- Connecting academics with practitioners
- Connecting two or more research disciplines

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