

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs, Deans, and Directors

FROM: Douglas B. Roberts, Ph.D.
Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR)

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

DATE: August 28, 2009

IPPSR is accepting proposals for funding of ongoing research or new research that is focused on tools, policies, or incentives that work on behalf of economic recovery overall or in a particular market or for a specified population. The award varies from \$1,000.00 up to \$15,000.00. An additional \$10,000.00 designated for survey research is available to grant applicants should they indicate that as the intended research method.

Grant recipients will generate discussion of a policy-relevant issue and pertinent economic growth possibilities with a report of their work that will be published as a research brief. The research brief will be circulated in the policy arena. This publication is not intended as an academic publication, although a separate production of academic standards is encouraged.

PROPOSALS

A one-to-three page proposal should be entitled with the policy-relevant issue the research will be addressing. Proposals are accepted in electronic form through Monday, September 28, 2009. Please send to annmarie@msu.edu and include the following information:

- Names and affiliations of author(s)
- Rationale for research
- Description of research
- Policy relevance of the research
- Recommendations following research outcome
- Proposed budget for research

Grant recipients for each award must include a Michigan State University faculty member to serve as the lead investigator and IPPSR liaison. Coauthors across disciplines are encouraged and methods that foster multidimensional connections between the academic and practitioner community are favored. Additional authors may work on or off campus, and may include graduate students and non-academic practitioners.

The outcome of the award will be a written 20 to 30 page brief that presents a full picture of an investigated issue. Components of the brief may include the historical development and noted approaches to the issue, related research and best practices, policy trends in addressing the issue, and policy options as well as recommendations for immediate action and future research. Preparation of the brief will be periodically reviewed until final submission which is due no later than September 1, 2010.

The deadline for proposals is Monday, September 28, 2009 and grant awards will be announced within three weeks following or when the funds have been fully dispersed. *Once awarded, the funds are intended to be expended prior to August 31, 2010.* More specific information about the award and expectations is included in the attached guidelines and FAQ. Questions may be directed to AnnMarie Schneider, MAPPR Administrator, annmarie@msu.edu Additional information regarding this initiative is posted on the [web](#).

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Michigan Applied Public Policy Research Paper Series Response to Frequently Asked Questions

Description of White Papers Required of Grant Recipients

White papers will explore a timely public policy issue or idea relative to economic recovery. Those taking a multi-disciplinary approach or calling on a team comprised of both academics and practitioners are of particular interest. The main audience to receive the message of the project outcome is Michigan's policymaking community.

Timeline

Sept to Oct 2009 – Proposals reviewed, Awards announced

December 2009 – Outline of work/paper reviewed

March 2010 – Progress meeting

May 2010 – First draft submitted

White papers are planned for distribution to policymakers, field practitioners, and an academic audience. White papers will be posted on the web and forwarded to interested news media.

Summary Guidelines

Lead authors of the IPPSR-MAPPR Papers agree to:

- Lead the writing of a policy relevant, research-based briefing paper. (20-30 pages)
- Lead the writing of an executive summary. (One page)
- Keep the composition on track and incorporate suggestions of designated IPPSR editors.
- If you are not the sole author, you will need to decide preferences for dividing the payment. You intend to secure graduate assistance with part or all grant monies, payment will go directly to the student.
- Allow release of the paper as part of the IPPSR "Informing the Debate" papers collection with appropriate attribution of funding to the lead university sponsors in this effort.
- Provide attribution to lead sponsors should the research lead to future publications.

Budgets

All expenditures will go through IPPSR and follow normal University business procedures. They may cover only one year. More than one proposal may be submitted. More budget details are listed in the table below.

Timetable

It is expected that the awarded funds be spent within one year. Should your proposal be accepted, please plan on periodic meetings with IPPSR to discuss your progress and to work through any challenges that may occur along the way.

Research supported by Michigan Applied Public Policy Research (MAPPR) Grants is posted on www.ippsr.msu.edu.

MAPPR Budget Details

Funding Category	Acceptable?
Faculty Salaries (teaching time)	No
Summer Salaries	Yes, if working on project
Clinical Salaries*	Yes, if working on project
Sabbatical Salaries	Yes, with departmental chair permission
Visiting Professors	Yes, if working on project
Non-faculty Personnel (support staff)	Yes, if working on project
Undergraduate/Graduate Students	Yes, if working on project
Research Time (school year)	Yes
Medical Residency Program Costs	No
Conferences	Only when presenting research
Travel Outside of Michigan/International Travel	No
MSU Indirect Costs	No
Health and Fringe Benefits	No
Graduate Student Tuition Waivers	Yes
Journal Subscriptions, Books	No
Purchases/Rentals of Computers/Printers	No
Computer-related Equipment	No, except software used for project, approval required