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SUBJECT: FY18 RFP – Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council

The Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council (MGWIC) is hereby issuing a call for proposals for projects to commence January 1, 2018. Included in the attached information are the Council's research priorities, the project proposal guidelines, budget form, and anticipated reporting requirements for FY18 grant agreements.

Due to a decrease in MGWIC funding, we anticipate a lower amount will be allocated to research than previous years. The Viticulture and Enology Research and Education Committee's anticipated budget for 2018 awards is \$75,000. Priority will be given to continuing projects from FY17, which is expected to equal more than \$100,000.

Proposals related to the Council's overarching mission or promotion objectives will be directed to the full Council or the Promotion Committee, depending on the subject area. Funding for these projects will come from either the Council's discretionary general funds or the Promotion Committee budget, as determined by the Council.

This Call for Proposals has also been posted to the Council's website and will be referenced in the June Council e-newsletter.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, to Sherri Goodreau at goodreaus@michigan.gov. Transmittal numbers are required. Assistance from Ag Bio Research staff in compiling a spreadsheet of proposals is much appreciated.

Funding decisions will be communicated starting in November.

Potential applicants for these research grants are welcome to contact me or Karel Bush bushk9@michigan.gov with any questions about the Council's funding of research projects.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Wenk".

Gordon Wenk
Chief Deputy Director and
Chair, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council

Attachments

cc: Dustin Stabile, Mackinaw Trail Winery, Chair, Research and Education Advisory Committee