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Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association

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2026 Call for Proposals

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Dear Michigan State University Floriculture Researcher(s) and/or Extension Specialists,

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The Metropolitan Detroit Flower Growers Association would like you to consider submitting research or extension proposals on any issue relevant to the horticulture industry. Proposals can be on any aspect of production, marketing, economics, or related issues that will benefit greenhouse growers in Metro-Detroit and southeastern Michigan.

Michigan State University (MSU) Researchers can submit a minimum of one-full page to

document is required for each proposal. The deadline for submitting proposals is **Friday**,

two-page proposal and budget through the MSU KC system (EBS). A proposal development

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All successful recipients are expected to give a brief project summary report at the December 2026 Great Lakes Expo "MSU Research Update" in Grand Rapids, MI. In addition, all successful recipients are expected to submit a one-page summary report by December 31, 2026.

MSU Advisor:

Jaden Gimondo, MSU Extension We look forward to receiving proposals from as many of you as possible. Decisions on funding will be made by our board in early February.

If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact me.

Industry Advisor:

Tom Kraft,

Vandenburg Bulb

Sincerely,

Admin Assistant:

Kathy Boyer

Jerry Tuinier, President

January 16, 2026 by 5:00 PM.

Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association Phone: (734) 379-9688

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