

Fertilizer Research Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

(this section will continue to develop as new questions are asked and answered)

1. I am interested in applying for the Fertilizer Research Grant, but it does not seem that the maximum size and length for this grant was specified in the RFA. May you please clarify this.

The Fertilizer Research Advisory Committee determined not to set a maximum size/length for the proposal due to the complexity/nature of the research. With that in mind, use your best discretion while being cognizant of the fact committee members will have to review each proposal thoroughly and in a timely fashion.

2. I am wondering if researchers or institutions outside Michigan (such as Texas A&M) are eligible to apply this grant (I do have collaborators in Michigan)? If so, would you mind share some more details about this grant such as project duration, maximum funding amount, and format of the proposal?

We have not excluded researchers from outside the state of Michigan. However, we will be evaluating the research to assure that it fills informational gaps that are important to Michigan and Michigan producers. It will also be important for us to be able to apply research results to soil, commodity and weather conditions that are found in Michigan. On purpose we have not limited proposals based on time or funding (until the total amount of available dollars is exhausted). For further information and proposal format please go to www.michigan.gov/mdardgrants and click on Fertilizer Research Grant.

3. Could you please provide a ballpark maximum budget amount for this grant request?

The Fertilizer Research Advisory Committee elected to not limit proposals based on time or funding due to the complexity/nature of the research. The total amount available is determined by Fertilizer Research fees collected under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 85 (Fertilizer Control Fund) through December 31, 2019. While the total is not final at this time, it will be by the time the Advisory Committee meets to make its recommendations in late October. At this point we are anticipating granting something in the area of \$680,000. The funds collected will be totally committed through this RFP process.

4. Is requesting funds for renting a field considered a land acquisition?

Land rentals are not considered a land acquisition for the purposes of this grant.