



Call for Proposals

Making Action Possible Dashboard White Paper Grants

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The Economic and Business Research Center in the UA Eller College of Management is pleased to announce a call for proposals for Making Action Possible (MAP) Dashboard White Paper grants. The funding will be \$7,500 per grant. Proposals are welcome from all University of Arizona faculty.

The Making Action Possible Dashboard (mapazdashboard.arizona.edu) originated from a partnership between the University of Arizona, the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, and the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. The Dashboard website is intended to provide the Southern Arizona community with a trusted source of information on 36 social and economic indicators that the community can use to measure progress and inspire action.

As part of this effort, the Making Action Possible Dashboard Advisory Board seeks proposals from University of Arizona faculty to prepare white papers on topics relevant to one of the six categories currently featured on the website: Economy, Education, Health & Social Well-Being, Infrastructure, Quality of Place, and Workforce and Demographics. White papers are expected to provide residents of southern Arizona with insight on critical social and economic issues, from an academic perspective. Previously funded white papers have addressed poverty, food security, climate change, and homelessness. Published white papers on poverty and food security are available on the MAP Dashboard website. Proposals addressing other topics would be welcome. **Proposals to simply add additional indicators to the Dashboard will not be funded.**

White papers will clearly explain the issue under consideration, explain and use data to describe the issue, offer insight about how to deal with problems/opportunities identified, and relate the conclusions to southern Arizona.

White papers will be between 7,500-10,000 words in length, with additional supporting charts, tables, and maps to illustrate important points as needed. A short Executive Summary will be included. White papers will include citations to relevant academic literature. Completed white papers will be featured on the Making Action Possible Dashboard and author(s) will be expected to respond to press inquiries about the research and to present their results at the MAP Dashboard Annual Meeting.

Guidelines for submitting proposals are as follows:

- 1) All University of Arizona faculty are eligible.
- 2) Proposals may be co-authored with students, but at least one author must be a University of Arizona faculty member.

- 3) Application should be in the form of a single-spaced memo of three pages or less.
- 4) The application should clearly motivate the research, explain the research approach and data, and provide a timeline to complete the research. The application should clearly state the connection of the proposed white paper to the Tucson metropolitan statistical area.
- 5) A current CV should also be included with the application. In the case of a joint project, a current CV should be included for all co-authors.
- 6) Questions should be e-mailed to George Hammond, director of the Economic and Business Research Center at ghammond@eller.arizona.edu.
- 7) Making Action Possible Dashboard white paper proposals should be e-mailed to George Hammond, director of the Economic and Business Research Center, ghammond.eller.arizona.edu by **January 16, 2017**.
- 8) Proposals will be reviewed by the Making Action Possible Dashboard Advisory Board. The Board will make the final funding decision. Announcements of awards will be made by **February 1, 2017**.
- 9) Completion dates are negotiable, but preference will be given to those that can be finished by **May 31, 2017**.
- 10) Completed white papers will be submitted to the Board for review in MS-Word, formatted with a title page, table of contents, etc. Supporting data for charts, tables, and maps must be provided in a separate MS-Excel file.