Office of the President

ETHICS IN PUBLIC LIFE INITIATIVE

GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAM GRANTS – Fall 2007

Grant Range ($500 - $7,000)

PURPOSE. The President's Ethics in Public Life (EinPL) Steering Committee seeks Program Grant Proposals from members of the University of Michigan (U-M) community with ethics in public life as a central theme, in or order to advance the President's EinPL Initiative.

Proposals for Program Grants to help fund innovative events, seminars, projects, and course and curriculum developments and innovation are welcome. Proposals involving interdisciplinary or collaborative projects and proposals bearing on the undergraduate experience are encouraged. Individuals and groups associated with the U-M are eligible to apply. Collaborations with individuals, groups, or agencies outside the U-M will be accepted provided a University affiliate is a co-sponsor and submits the application. Proposals for new courses, one-time activities or events, seminars, or workshops on topics relevant to the theme are welcomed.

For additional information regarding the goals of the EinPL grants please see the attached Grant Goals Statement.

ELIGIBILITY. Proposals will be accepted from members of the U-M community including:

- Students and recognized student groups.
  Ad hoc collaborative efforts are encouraged; therefore, students who are not part of a recognized student group may consult with the Office of Student Activities and Leadership (SAL) for assistance (763-5900 or salead@umich.edu).
- Faculty
- Staff
- Departments or other administrative units within the University.

Joint proposals involving more than one U-M unit are encouraged, as are proposals involving collaboration with external organizations, as appropriate.

TYPES OF AWARDS. Support is available for innovative projects that advance the President's Initiative on EinPL. The EinPL full Task Force Report and a list of proposals funded during the spring cycle are available on the EinPL website at www.umich.edu/pres/ethics. The attached Grant Goals Statement also provides an overview of the goals and priorities of the Initiative. Examples of projects and activities that will be considered include but are not limited to:

- Academic symposia, conferences and events focusing on themes of ethics in public life.
- Course enhancements or curriculum developments designed to expand or foster discourse on an understanding of ethical issues.
- A seminar, a seminar series, workshop series, or similar ongoing events designed to facilitate faculty or student discussions of ethical issues and/or consideration of ethical pedagogy.
- Projects designed to facilitate understanding and promotion of ethical behavior within university settings – e.g., professional ethics, academic integrity.

Grants will generally be in the range of $500 to $7,000. Note: Most awards will likely be made in the mid to lower portion of this range. Applicants with unusual budgetary needs are encouraged to discuss their application with Lisa Connolly, Administrator for the Ethics in Public Life Initiative, prior to submitting.

COST SHARING/HOME UNIT SIGNATURE. Proposals should include cost-sharing from other units or organizations. You are encouraged to notify your director, department chair, unit head, or dean of your proposal. The signature in section number eight is not mandatory, but is encouraged.

CONSIDERATIONS. Preference will be given to new and innovative activities. During the first year special consideration will be given to:

- proposals that engage the undergraduate experience, and
- proposals that involve collaboration between the professional schools and the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

The range of proposals from individuals, units, schools, colleges, organizations, etc., will be taken into account, and funding decisions will be based in part on the desire to develop a broad scope for advancement of the EinPL Initiative.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS. **Submit completed applications by 5 PM on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 to:**

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REVIEW PROCESS AND TIMELINE. Proposals will be accepted and reviewed twice during the academic year – late spring and early fall. **Fall 2007 proposals are due at 5 PM on Wednesday, October 31st.** Review of the proposals will be coordinated by the EinPL Work Group with assistance from the EinPL Steering Committee and other knowledgeable readers as needed.

AWARDS. Decisions will typically be announced within six weeks of the submission deadline.

POST-EVENT SUMMARY. Individuals or organizations must submit a post-event report. Reports should discuss how the project did or did not meet the goals set forth in the proposal, key outcomes of the project, what was learned from the evaluation and feedback, and projected follow-up. Failure to submit a post-event summary will result in suspended funding or prohibition from receiving future funding under this program. Reports are due two weeks after conclusion in the case of events, and one month after conclusion in the case of courses or extended projects. Reports should be submitted to Lisa Connolly.