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My appointment at MSU is 70% extension and as the turfgrass extension specialist within the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences I received \$2,000 in support funds to conduct extension programming. The amount of funds provided for support is inadequate to cover expenses associated with my extension program.

Along with site visits to golf courses, athletic fields, and landscape properties, I will continue to try and attend as many regional turfgrass association meetings in 2007 as my schedule allows. I feel it is crucial that I attend regional turfgrass association meetings to represent the turfgrass team at MSU and to facilitate meeting the industry clientele in Michigan. The minimum total number of regional meetings and extension visits I anticipate in 2007 is 50.

I am requesting a total of \$5,000 from the MTF to help cover costs associated with my extension activities. The majority of these funds will be used for travel expenses. In addition to travel, the funds will be used for miscellaneous expenses associated with extension activities such as phone charges, supplies, and media costs.

In the time of dwindling budgets the support funds that have been provided by the MTF during my time at MSU have been critical to developing an active extension program throughout the state and ensuring that those needing assistance will not be charged. Due to past support funding from the MTF I have been able to conduct site visits to clientele throughout the state without having to charge for travel.