



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government
Office of the Chief Executive*

Via E-mail

September 18, 2025

Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly
Carolyn Beaulieu, District I Representative
Wendy Merrill, District II Representative
Harry Davis, District III Representative

Re: Recommending Submission Approval for the 2026-27 Combined State DCYF Minnesota Community Action Grant and Federal ACF Community Services Block Grant

Dear Band Assembly:

Pursuant to 3 MLBS §§ 3(d) and 3(f), I respectfully recommend and request that the Band Assembly approve submission of the combined 2026-27 Community Service Block Grant (funded by the Federal Administration for Children and Families) and Minnesota Community Action Grant (funded by the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families). These funds are combined at the State level, and a single application is submitted for the combined fund. The Band must submit an approved resolution before funding may be received. Matching funding is not required as a component of this grant.

The Mille Lacs Band is one among eleven Tribal governments who receive funding through this combined CSBG/MNCAG mechanism. These funds are intended to be used for delivery of recipient-determined programming that is oriented toward reducing poverty and supporting community members in developing skills and motivation to become economically secure. This funding is used to fund Aanjibimaadizing's Ge-niiganizijig program, which provides a variety of prosocial, educational, and empowering programming to MLBO youth.

I have included with this letter the Band's online application and a proposed resolution for the Band Assembly's consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to Band Assembly
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CC:

Brittany Wind, Grants Director
Kristian Theisz, Interim Director of Aanjibimaadizing
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel

Enclosures:

1. Mille Lacs Band CSBG/MNCAG Plan and Budget
2. Proposed Resolution