



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Chief Executive

Via E-mail

November 6, 2025

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

Re: Appropriation and Budget Revision Requests

Aaniin. In the absence of an Administration Policy Board quorum, I am writing to request the following appropriations and budget revision as follows:

1. **Education:** Appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY2026**, in the amount of \$26,426.00 for Striving Readers (203-3320). These funds will be used to cover stipends for curriculum mapping, Project Director, professional development for PLC facilitators, and literacy resources such as kindergarten reading packs, reference and audio libraries, books for venting machines, and summer reading opportunities. (Enclosure #1)
2. **Administration:** Appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY2026**, in the amount of \$145,238.00 for Tribal OEO (281-NEW). These funds will be used for year one of a 2-year grant to help support community engagement and meals for those experiencing housing difficulty or other emergency circumstances. (Enclosure #2)
3. **Community Development:** Budget Revision in the amount of \$32,621.82 for the Community Development (104-1200) budget to move funds within the budget to clean up negative consulting, construction and various line items **for FY2025**. (Enclosure #3)
4. **Natural Resources:** A Re-appropriation of FY25 Permanent Initiative Funds, to be used **for FY2026**, for DNR General (251-5300). These funds were originally appropriated in FY25 to cover contract #023314 with Heritage Exteriors & Restoration Inc. for the DNR roofing and siding project.

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Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to the Band Assembly
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CC:

Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education
Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing
Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development
Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Letitia Weiss, Abinoojiyag K-5 Principal, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Appropriation 203-3320 Striving Readers. (Oct. 30, 2025.)
2. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Executive Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Appropriation 281-NEW Tribal OEO. (Oct. 30, 2025.)
3. Memorandum from Tracy Burr, Commissioner of Community Development, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Budget Revision 104-1200 Community Development. (Nov. 5, 2025.)
4. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, FY26 Permanent Initiatives Funding Appropriation Request for Heritage Exteriors & Restoration Inc. Contract. (Nov. 3, 2025.)