



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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

Via E-mail

January 16, 2026

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

Re: Appropriation Requests

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

1. **Natural Resources:** An appropriation of Self-Governance Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$76,154.00, for Fire Prep (251-5490). These funds will be used to provide a temporary special pay supplement to the Band's DNR Wildland Firefighters for the second two quarters of FY 2025. (Enclosure #1)
2. **Health & Human Services:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$95,276.00 for SHIP (225-4100). These funds will be used to provide .5 FTE salary/fringe, travel, and outreach with the community in alignment with the grant work plan. (Enclosure #2)
3. **Health & Human Services:** An appropriation of State Grant Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$135,276.00 for Tobacco Prevention (225-4810). These funds will be used to provide .5 FTE salary/fringe, travel, and outreach with the community in alignment with the grant work plan. (Enclosure #3)
4. **Health & Human Services:** A re-appropriation of Permanent Initiative Funds, **for FY 2026**, in the amount of \$36,596.68 for ALU O&M (221-4370). These funds will be used to repair the elevator at the senior living center. These funds were appropriated in FY25 but due to a delay in availability of the vendor to perform the repairs, the repairs weren't able to be completed. (Enclosure #4)
5. **Education:** An appropriation of Federal Grant Funds, **for FY2026**, in the amount of \$50,995.00 for Special Education (202-3220). These funds will be used to continue the delivery of high-quality Special Education programming to eligible children within the Mille Lacs Band Early Education Department. (Enclosure #5)

**Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to the Band Assembly
Re: Appropriation and Budget Revision/Transfer Requests
January 16, 2026**

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Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

CC:

Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources
Greta Sorvik, Director of Finance - HHS
Scott Sand, Associate Director of Finance - HHS
Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Kelly Applegate, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to Darcie Big Bear, Strategic Policy & Communications Coordinator, Appropriation for Fire Preparedness (251-5490) (Jan. 07, 2026.)
2. Memorandum from Greta Sorvik, Director of Finance - HHS, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for SHIP (225-4100) (Nov. 06, 2025.)
3. Memorandum from Greta Sorvik, Director of Finance - HHS, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Tobacco Prevention (225-4810) (Nov. 06, 2025.)
4. Memorandum from Scott Sand, Associate Director of Finance - HHS, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Re-appropriation for ALU O&M (221-4370) (Dec. 10, 2025.)
5. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Appropriation for Special Education (202-3220) (Jan. 08, 2026.)