



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Chief Executive

Via E-mail

August 15, 2025

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 appropriations as follows:

1. **Education:** Self-governance funds in the amount of \$498,928.00 to Budget No. 203-3100 (Education Administration). The funds will be used for salaries, benefits, indirect costs, program supplies and activities, and training and travel for staff. (Enclosure #1.)
2. **Education:** Self-governance funds in the amount of \$1,227,620.00 to Budget No. 203-3200 (NASS ISEP). The funds will be used for salaries, benefits, program supplies, and activities. (Enclosure #2.)
3. **Education:** Self-governance funds in the amount of \$166,614.63 to Budget No. 203-3250 (OPER_MAINTENANCE). The funds will be used for contract services, office supplies, program supplies, building equipment maintenance, utilities, electricity, and vehicle and equipment maintenance. (Enclosure #3.)
4. **Education:** Self-governance program transfer funds in the amount of \$50,044.11 to Budget No. 203-3250 (OPER_MAINTENANCE). The funds will be used for contract services, training, program supplies, building equipment maintenance, utilities, and electricity. (Enclosure #4.)
5. **Education:** Self-governance funds in the amount of \$101,073.00 to Budget No. 203-3260 (NASS Transportation). The funds will be used for contract services, communication, training, program supplies, building equipment maintenance, utilities, vehicle and equipment maintenance, and equipment. (Enclosure #5.)
6. **Education:** State grant funds in the amount of \$595,829.00 to Budget No. 202-3510 (Head Start). The funds will be used for salaries, benefits, contract services, office supplies, and vehicle and equipment maintenance. (Enclosure #6.)

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7. **Health & Human Services:** Federal grant funds in the amount of \$11,863.00 to Budget No. 224-4860 (Title IV-B, Subpart 1). The funds will be used for salary and fringe to protect and promote the welfare of all children; prevent neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children; support at-risk families through services that allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and provide training, professional development, and support to ensure a well-qualified workforce. (Enclosure #7.)

8. **Health & Human Services:** Federal grant funds in the amount of \$11,542.00 to Budget No. 224-4870 (Title IV-B, Subpart 2). The funds will be used for salary and indirect costs; to support family preservation, family support, family reunification, and foster care promotion and support services; and other related activities. (Enclosure #8.)

9. **Health & Human Services:** Finally, I am also requesting the appropriation of rink tax funds in the amount of \$505,000.00 for renovation of the Hillcrest property in District I. (Enclosure #9.) This property was acquired more than ten years ago and has been in need of alterations and repairs since purchase. The plan is to reconfigure the property into a woman's halfway house. Therefore, the request is to allocate \$505,000.00 into a new budget within the Health & Human Services Department. Please allocate \$160,000.00 to a 4300-line item for Architect & Engineering costs. The remaining \$345,000.00 will be construction funds, which should be allocated to a 7200-line item. This includes \$5,000.00 to have a dumpster delivered for initial cleanup of debris.

The requested funds will be used for immediately needed items that can be fixed now prior to architect plans being completed. Items include all exterior windows, preparation and painting of the siding, a new egress window, foundation waterproofing, grading, and drainage. An additional appropriation for construction funds will be requested after plans are drawn and costs for the project can be estimated more accurately. Whatever funds are not used on the project will be returned.

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Virgil Wind
Chief Executive
CC:

Caleb Dogeagle, Solicitor General
Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education

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Jan Manary, Executive Director of Health Services
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Rachel Shaugobay, Director of Family Services
Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian / Clerk of the Assembly
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance
Brittany Wind, Grants Director

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION FOR NEW SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET (203-3100) (Jul. 29, 2025).
2. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION FOR NEW SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING FOR ISEP BUDGET (203-3200) (Jul. 29, 2025).
3. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION FOR NEW SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET (203-3250) (Jul. 29, 2025).
4. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET (203-3250) (Jul. 29, 2025).
5. Memorandum from Raina Killspotted, Commissioner of Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL SELF-GOVERNANCE FUNDING FOR NASS TRANSPORTATION BUDGET (203-3260) (Jul. 29, 2025).
6. Memorandum from Nancy Saboo, Director of Mille Lacs Early Education, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION OF STATE GRANT FUNDS FOR HEAD START STATE BUDGET (202-3510) (Aug. 13, 2025).
7. Memorandum from Rachel Shaugobay, Director of Family Services, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION REQUEST (224-4860) (Jul. 29, 2025).
8. Memorandum from Rachel Shaugobay, Director of Family Services, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, APPROPRIATION REQUEST (224-4870) (Aug. 7, 2025).
9. Memorandum from Jan Manary, Executive Director of Health Services, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE HILLCREST PROPERTY REMODEL (Jul. 30, 2025).