

# *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

*Office of the Chief Executive*

*Via E-mail*

September 4, 2025

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

Re: Public Law 102-477 Plan Approval FY2026-2028

Dear Band Assembly:

Aaniin. The Band's Aanjibimaadizing operates through Self-Governance funds which are allocated through Public Law 102-477. Mille Lacs is on a 3-year cycle for Plan submission that provides the framework through the services that are provided to Band members.

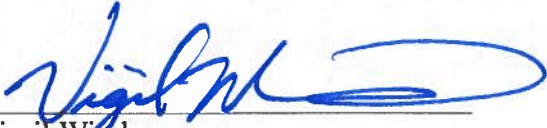
Changes highlighted to the Plan are as follows (also listed on Page 4 of the PDF by Page #):

- The Plan maintains a waiver for youth income eligibility, allowing youth to participate, regardless of family income.
- The prior Childcare copay required from a participating family has been fully removed.
- Maintain youth mentorship/internship and training opportunities in all Mille Lacs Band districts that will synchronize with Anishinaabe values.
- Build and strengthen training components in the following areas: outreach to potential clients, emphasis on the importance of gaining new knowledge including digital literacy, which will help in job advancement.
- Continue support of indigenous business development of individuals and companies by promoting skills to build human capital, business plans/development and problem solving.
- All data and graphics included in this plan have been updated based on the latest information.
- Child care assistance remains available to Band members in Urban.
- Added information in Issues and Barriers section to include housing data, substance use disorder data and information on suicide statistics.

A red-lined version of the document has been submitted for your convenience.

**Letter from Chief Executive Virgil Wind to Band Assembly**  
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Sincerely,



Virgil Wind  
Chief Executive

CC:

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Enclosures:

1. Memorandum from Kristian Theisz, Interim Director of Aanjibimaadizing, to Darla Roache, Deputy Assistant, Public Law 102-477 Plan Approval FY2026-FY2028 (Aug. 20, 2025).
2. Proposed Resolution for Public Law 102-477 Plan