

Act 51-25

An Act Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation for the purpose of authorizing expenditures and budget revision(s)/transfer(s) for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026. This bill has been drafted based on formal documents submitted by the Chief Executive, dated September 18, 2025 and September 19, 2025.

The District I Representative introduced the following Bill on the 24th day of September, 2025.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BAND ASSEMBLY OF THE NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE:

Section 1: Governmental operations. The Band Assembly hereby appropriates and authorizes expenditures for the Executive Branch for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025 and Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2026.

Section 1.01: Appropriation and authorizations of expenditures. The Band Assembly hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditures of supplemental programmatic funds for the following:

<u>Tribal Operations Fiscal Year 2025/2026</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Cross-Reference</u>
Administration		
Aanji SAHA Re-Entry 107-2297 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 State Grant funds	\$120,000.00	CE Wind Item #3 Memo dated September 19, 2025
Health & Human Services		
Elder Nutrition 223-4060 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025-2026 Federal Grant funds	\$19,349.00	CE Wind Item #1 Memo dated September 18, 2025
Social Nutrition Grant 223-4510 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 Federal Grant funds	\$68,371.00	CE Wind Item #2 Memo dated September 18, 2025
WIC 225-4500 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 State Grant funds	\$1,320.00	CE Wind Item #7 Memo dated September 18, 2025
TOR 222-4095 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 Federal Grant funds	\$191,367.00	CE Wind Item #8 Memo dated September 18, 2025
Dental 221-4250		CE Wind Item #4

Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 Perm. Initiative funds	\$283,000.00	Memo dated September 19, 2025
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Natural Resources

EPA-UST 251-5430 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 Federal Grant Funds	\$41,500.00	CE Wind Item #3 Memo dated September 18, 2025
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Government Affairs 107-2260 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 Investment Income Funds	\$795,000.00	CE Wind Item #4 Memo dated September 18, 2025
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Fire Prep 251-5490 Of a Request for Appropriation Of FY 2025 Federal Grant Funds	\$11,959.00	CE Wind Item #1 Memo dated September 19, 2025
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Section 1.02: Budget revision/transfers. The Band Assembly hereby authorizes the budget revision(s)/transfer(s) of programmatic funds for the following:

FY2025 Health and Human Services: a budget revision to move monies within the budget as submitted. (CE Wind letter, Item #5, dated September 18, 2025)

Diabetes 221-4150	\$124,401.05- Total
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FY2025 Health and Human Services: a budget revision to move monies within the budget as submitted. (CE Wind Letter, Item #6, dated September 18, 2025)

Child Advocacy 223-4855	\$83,801.96- Total
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FY2025 Natural Resources: a budget Transfer to move monies from Land Management to Fire Prep as submitted. (CE Wind Letter, Item #2, dated September 19, 2025)

Land Mangement 251-5950	\$59,871.11-to
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Fire Prep 251-5490	\$59,871.11- Total
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Section 1.03: Grant funds. All funds appropriated for federal, state and private grant funds shall be appropriated to align with the grant term so as to automatically carry-over to the next Fiscal Year if appropriated funds remain and if the grant is not completed within Fiscal Year 2025, as appropriate. If, for any reason, the grant term runs over the original end date causing costs to exceed the original appropriated amount, the Band Assembly must be notified immediately so as to take appropriate action. In addition, Band Assembly hereby appropriates and authorizes the expenditure of all federal, state and private grant funds only after receipt by Band Assembly, of signed award letter from grantor agency.

Section 1.04: Purposes of expenditures. All funds appropriated are maximum fund amounts and shall not be exceeded. Funds must be utilized for the purposes for which they were requested, notwithstanding any other active Band law.

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(Band Assembly Bill 21-04-51-25)

Introduced to the Band Assembly on this
Twenty-fourth day of September in the year
Two thousand twenty-five.

Passed by the Band Assembly on this
Twenty-fourth day of September in the year
Two thousand twenty-five.


Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

APPROVED

Date: 10-1-25


Virgil Wind, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND





Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

Office of the Chief Executive

Via E-mail

October 1, 2025

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

Re: Act 51-25

Dear Honorable Members of the Band Assembly:

I have signed into law Act 51-25, an Act appropriating money for the Executive Branch. But I need to highlight that the Act contains an important error.

At the September 24th meeting, the Band Assembly amended Band Assembly Bill 21-04-51-25 to remove the appropriation for Natural Resources for the Beehive Strategic Communication service contract in the amount of \$795,000.00. However, in receiving the Act, the appropriation has not been removed.

I respectfully request that Act 51-25 be repealed and replaced to correct the language to remove the appropriation request for Natural Resources for the Beehive Strategic Communication service contract.

I would also like to note that I still support the Beehive contract and we do have a plan moving forward to utilize other available funding sources to support this very important initiative.

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

Virgil Wind
Chief Executive

CC:

Danielle Smith, Parliamentarian/Clerk of the Band Assembly
Jared Miller, Legislative Counsel
Mel Towle, Commissioner of Finance
Reen Reinhardt, Revisor of Statutes