



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 20-02-39-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR ELDER SERVICES FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI NUTRITION, SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AND CAREGIVER GRANTS (PARTS A/B AND C) AND PARTICIPATION IN CYCLE VIII OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON NATIVE AMERICAN AGING NEEDS ASSESSMENT “IDENTIFYING OUR NEEDS: A SURVEY OF ELDERS”

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly-elected legislative body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally-recognized Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS §§ 3(d) and 3(f), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band and to ratify agreements, contracts, cooperative and reciprocity agreements, and memoranda of understanding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBS § 1(m), a “resolution” is defined as “a formal expression of the opinion, will, or intention” of the Band Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living endorses the National Resource Center on Native American Aging (“NRCNAA”) and its partnership with Tribal Nations to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide via the needs assessment, in which the NRCNAA and the Tribe/Consortium assume the following responsibilities:

The NRCNAA will provide:

Needs assessment instruments, assistance in sampling, training of interviewers, consultation with interviewers via email or telephone, data entry and analysis, data storage on a secure server, production of tables and comparisons with national statistics; and,

The Tribe/Consortium will provide:

A tribal resolution documenting participation in the needs assessment, a count of elders, interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey, interpretation of the results with local input, development of recommendations for actions, dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials; and

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WHEREAS, summary information from the needs assessment, along with a national comparison report, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

WHEREAS, data sovereignty, confidentiality, and safeguarding is of utmost importance; therefore, the information is collected anonymously, data is stored on a secure server for the life of the NRCNAA, and physical copies of the needs assessment will be stored within a locked storage cabinet at the University of North Dakota (“UND”) School of Medicine & Health Sciences for a period of ten (10) years as outlined in the UND’s Records and Retention Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Band Assembly respectfully supports the request for funding for the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants (Parts A/B and C) for the grant period of April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Band Assembly supports the participation in the “Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders” needs assessment and grants permission to the National Resource Center on Native American Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in an aggregate format for disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe belongs to the Band and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional tribal authorization.

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a special session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present on the 5th day of October, 2022, at Nayahshing, Minnesota by a vote of 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Band Assembly hereunto cause to have set the signature of the Speaker of the Assembly to be affixed to this resolution.


Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of the Assembly

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND



Sponsor: District II Representative