



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

JOINT RESOLUTION 17-02-05-17

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING A DONATION FROM THE MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE FOUNDATION TO THE CITY OF ISLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band Assembly (“Band Assembly”) is the duly-elected governing body of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (“Band”), a federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA § 2 (d), the Band Assembly has the power to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 2, the Chief Executive of the Band is empowered to exercise the Executive Branch powers of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Band has established as a priority the improvement of the social and economic conditions and quality of life for the people of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, according to Joint Resolution 14-04-71-11 dated September 27, 2011, Band funds in the former multi-tribal foundation were set aside to form the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation is a wholly owned foundation of the Band; and
- WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation funds continue to be invested and managed by the Minnesota Community Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, the Band’s contact person with the Minnesota Community Foundation is the Band’s Commissioner of Finance; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and Band Assembly wish to donate one hundred thousand dollars and no cents (\$100,000.00) from the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation to The City of Isle Fire Department; and

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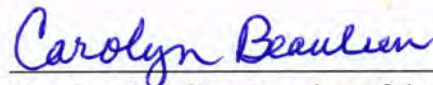
WHEREAS, the Band Assembly and the Chief Executive acknowledge that the aforesaid donation amount is well within the desired six (6%) percent of the average quarterly value of the funds (health, educational, cultural, environmental and economic development purposes) as set forth in Joint Resolution 14-04-71-11 and hereafter require notification of all donation awards to be via Joint Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive and Band Assembly hereby approve a donation in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars and no cents (\$100,000.00) to The City of Isle Fire Department and acknowledge that such amount is well within the six (6%) percent of the average quarterly value of the funds; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED, as approved in Joint Resolution 14-04-71-11, the Chief Executive and Secretary-Treasurer shall continue to jointly notify the Minnesota Community Foundation via Joint Resolution of any applications approved by the Chief Executive, Secretary-Treasurer and Band Assembly members and direct the Minnesota Community Foundation to make such grants from the Band's funds held for such purpose.

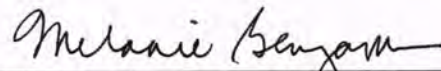
WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing resolution was duly concurred with and adopted at a regular session of the Band Assembly in Legislative Council assembled, a quorum of legislators being present held on the 20th day of October, 2016 at Chi Minising, Minnesota by a vote of 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 SILENT.

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



Carolyn Beaulieu, Speaker of the Assembly

IN CONCURRENCE with the action of the Speaker of the Assembly, I hereunto set my hand to this resolution.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND

GRANT RECOMMENDATION FORM



The standard processing time for a grant is two weeks. While we make every effort to process all recommendations in a timely manner, more than two weeks may be needed for due diligence on organizations not currently in our database.

*Fund Name: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Foundation 100067

As an advisor to the above named fund, I suggest the following grant:

*Organization's official name Isle Fire Department			
Organization's mailing address PO Box 427	*City Isle	*State MN	Zip 56342
Organization's area code and phone 320-676-3641	Organization contact's name/title Jamie Hubbell - Clerk/Treasurer		Phone/email jamie@cityofisle.com
*Amount of grant (minimum of \$250) \$ 100,000.00	Purpose (e.g. for general support, unless otherwise indicated) New fire hall building		
Special instructions (if any) Please see the attached grant request supportive documentation		<input type="checkbox"/> Make fund name anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Make advisor name anonymous	

**Without this information, we may need to contact you which may delay the grant process.*

If you would like someone else to be acknowledged by the organization for this grant, please indicate below:

Name(s)		Area code and phone	
Address	City	State	Zip

I certify that the above recommendation does not represent the payment of any irrevocable or legally binding pledge or other financial obligation, nor does the undersigned or any family member, advisor or any other individual expect any personal benefit from this charitable distribution.

Fund advisor signature

Date

Fund advisor(s) name

Email

Daytime Phone

Please mail, fax or email this form to:

Mariah Mousel, 101 Fifth Street East, Suite 2400, Saint Paul, MN 55101-1797

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August 30, 2016

Legal Name of Organization:
City of Isle - Isle Fire Department

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Mailing Address:
PO Box 427
Isle, MN 56342

W-9:
Please see attached

Contact Person(s):
David G Miller, Fire Co-Chief
Rodney Schultz, Mayor
Jamie R Hubbell, City Clerk

Amount of Request:
\$100,000

When Donation is Needed:
Prior to loan closing (as soon as possible, plans to begin construction within the next 30 days)

Project or Event Name:
New Fire Hall Construction Project

Brief History of Organization and Our Mission:

The City of Isle, a city and port of Mille Lacs, named for their excellent harbor, partly enclosed and sheltered in storms by Malone Island, also called "Chi-minising" or Big Island. The town site was established in 1906 and incorporated as a village on November 1, 1913. Shortly after its incorporation, the village established the fire patrol. The goal of the City of Isle's Fire Department has always been to ensure the safety and security of its residents and visitors. The mission of our fire department is to protect the lives and property of the people

of Mille Lacs and surrounding communities from fires, natural disasters, and hazardous materials incidents; to save lives by providing emergency medical services; to prevent fires through prevention and education programs; and to provide a work environment that values cultural diversity and is free of harassment and discrimination. We aim to provide an efficient and effective response time (3-5 minutes) to emergency situations, and continuously strive to increase that. We serve not only the people in Isle, but also people across the region. We have a service area of over 400 square miles, a service area population of nearly 5,000 people, and over 50 resorts or tourist destinations that need protection. These are the key stakeholders we have to protect. We currently have 24 firefighters on staff, and 23 city employees/councilors on staff. Our new fire station will allow us to safely expand up to 30 firefighters. Each firefighter is paid \$25 per call. Our department's operating revenue is comprised almost entirely by tax revenues. Roughly 70% of our primary service area is classified as wild land, open space, agricultural and trust lands; so tax revenues are generally difficult to increase. We attempt to raise funds each year, but since the size of the community is so small, additional funds are not sizeable for a project like this. Our department brings many non-financial resources to the proposed project. First, we have many years of fire protection and emergency response experience. Many of the firefighters on our roster have been serving the City of Isle and surrounding communities for over ten years. They bring a bevy of knowledge and on-the-job experience that cannot be duplicated. In addition, our department also has all of the necessary gear, equipment, and vehicles needed to successfully utilize the proposed new fire station. Without that, there would be no need for this project. We value the community, and are grateful for their help and participation in this project. We have a long standing relationship with the Mille Lacs Tribe; working together with Tribal law enforcement and emergency services personnel, to protect and serve all of the band members, properties and trust lands in Isle, Wahkon and Onamia. Also, in terms of training, we aim to effectively utilize the new training room in the proposed fire station. We continuously train our firefighters on a variety of specialized courses to offer our stakeholders the best protection possible.

Detailed Description:

The main objective to this project is to replace our existing fire station with a new fire station. The new fire station will be located on the same site as the existing one. The main components of the new fire station are the garage area and the office/meeting area. Specifically, the project consists of replacing the current ageing, undersized building with a new approximate 9,200 square foot structure that will include a 7,000 square foot garage area for gear, equipment, and vehicles. The remaining space will be offices, a kitchen/meeting area, and bathroom/changing areas. The larger garage area will allow the department to store all gear, equipment, and vehicles in one area, rather than the three facilities they currently use. In all, results from the project include: everything will be in compliance with state and federal codes; our vehicles will be securely stored in one facility; the building itself will be resistant to leaks that damage our equipment and pose a safety risk to our firefighters; and the new training/meeting/education room will allow us to continually train new and experienced firefighters on basic and advanced courses in fire prevention and emergency response. This project will move the community forward by allowing our city and our fire department to adequately provide the most basic of all services: emergency response. The current fire station (and two storage areas) do not allow us to efficiently respond to fires, hazardous material incidents, or natural disasters. The delayed response time, even if just by a few minutes, has dramatic negative effects on the safety and security of the people we serve. In an emergency, every minute is crucial, and we absolutely need to put our firefighters in the position to maximize response time. The new fire station will have all gear, equipment, and vehicles in one space, and we plan to train the firefighters on proper use of the building. This will allow the maximization of response time, thus better protecting our community and the surrounding communities, and providing the most basic of services to everyone. The new fire station will have a tremendous positive impact on local economic opportunities. As stated, we protect over fifty resorts, tourism hotspots, and one of the largest casinos in Minnesota. The sense of protection local business owners have with our fire department will be amplified when the new fire station is operational. They will know that their firefighters are in the best possible position to respond to emergencies. Right now, there is a growing concern over the obstacles our department faces when responding to an emergency. The new fire station will alleviate that stress and allow our local business community to be better protected. Civic and social participation will also be improved after this project is complete. The new meeting

room will allow various civic groups, like Boy Scouts, Mille Lacs Ambulance EMT and 4-H, to have a fantastic place to hold meetings, training sessions and events. The new fire station also allows our department to expand on outreach efforts with the local school, and will give us the opportunity to further educate younger generations on proper fire prevention techniques. Proactive measures like this mitigate the risk of fire disaster in future years. In all, the new fire station will have tremendous beneficial impacts to our department, our economy, and our population for generations to come.

Impact of Donation:

The success of our new fire station can be evaluated in measurable and non-measurable ways. In terms of measurable evaluations, the average emergency call response time is critical. Our current use of three facilities to store equipment and gear delays our average response time. By having everything we need properly stored in our new fire station, our average response time will likely increase. As discussed earlier, average response time is absolutely critical to the security and protection of our community. In emergency situations, every minute we can save dramatically improves our chances of saving lives and property. Another measurable evaluation will be the effect this new fire station has on our annual budget. We fully expect a cost savings for gear and equipment after our new fire station becomes operational. The secure storage areas in our new fire station will allow the longevity of gear and equipment to expand, which results in not having to seemingly make large purchases every year. In addition, the security of our new facility will protect our equipment and gear from damage, vandalism and theft, both of which are huge concerns right now. Finally, another measurable way of defining the success can be found in the number of firefighter injuries within the fire station. Currently, our station is vulnerable to water leakage, which not only damages equipment, but also causes floors and walkways to become slippery and hazardous. Over the years, a number of our firefighters have slipped on the floors and have become injured while responding to emergency calls. This is absolutely unacceptable, and further demonstrates the dire need our community has for a new, safe, and secure fire station. In terms of financial evaluation, we must report our financials to the State every year. This helps ensure our budget and financials are up to par with state regulations, and that we properly manage everything. There is also a non-measurable way of evaluating the success of this project. The "knowing" our community will have that their firefighters are properly protected and in a position to respond in the most efficient manner possible, will collectively reassure our community and businesses within our community that they are in good hands. Right now, it is well documented that our fire station is not in the best shape. This has caused concern for years, and the time to make a change is now.

We will share the results of this project with our community in a number of ways. First, our department is heavily involved with the local schools each year during a "fire prevention week." During this week, our department has the opportunity to educate our youngest of citizens on what they do, and how they protect the community. We plan to continue and possibly expand this program after our new fire station is constructed. Our department also hosts a "national night out", where members of the community have the opportunity to get to know our firefighters better. We plan to invite all to the new fire station, so the community can see how our department uses it. We also plan to become more active in community outreach and hope to continue our relationships with the tribe as they grow and build new homes and businesses in the Mille Lacs area. We would like to host more open houses at the new fire station and keep our community members up to date on what our department is doing. In all, this project has the potential to increase community outreach and participation well into the future.

Timeframe:

We would like to begin construction by the end of September 2016 and have the project completed by late Spring 2017.

How donation will be used:

All monies, donations, grants and in-kind offerings will be applied directly to the purchase of the building and construction. Any amount of donation received will be less that the City will have to obligate in loan funding. The Fire Department is continually fundraising locally. We have already received generous donations from the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers Club, the Isle Lions Club and private donations during brat stand

and pancake breakfast booths. The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded us with a \$75,000 grant in April of this year, but it is contingent on the project coming to fruition. If we cannot start the project within a year, we must return these grant dollars to Bremer. The Department will continue fundraising to offset the expense of the new building annually.

Total project cost:

FIRE HALL PROJECT			
Project Cost	Estimated	Actual	Options
Construction Cost	723,900.00	926,669.00	926,669.00
Contingency	38,100.00	38,100.00	10,000.00
Architectural Fees	52,500.00	52,500.00	52,500.00
Legal Fees	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Interim Interest	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Contingency	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Bond Fee	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
	-	-	
Deduct Slab at Entrance	-	-	-7,158.00
Deduct In-floor Heat	-	-	-25,392.00
Deduct Septic System	-	-	-11,000.00
Deduct Interior Painting	-	-	-8,060.00
Total	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 1,064,769.00	\$980,059.00

Closing:

Our Fire Department is grateful to just have the opportunity to be considered for any funds available from the Mille Lacs Band Ojibwe Foundation. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Jamie Hubbell
Clerk ~ Treasurer