



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS

Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

RESOLUTION 19-04-82-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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, according to 3 MLBS § 2(b), the Band Assembly is empowered to “appropriate all Band revenue regardless of source[;]” and

WHEREAS, according to 3 MLBS § 2(d), the Band Assembly is empowered to adopt resolutions to promote the general welfare of the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly has established as a priority the improvement of spiritual, physical, mental, social, and economic well-being of the people of the Band; and

WHEREAS, Band Assembly recognizes the importance and purpose of access to Broadband and Internet Connectivity for adequate public access to existing services offered by the Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly recognizes that the Band is not required to commit cost-sharing monies or in-kind resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Band Assembly does hereby authorize and approve the executive branch’s submission of an application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program for the purpose of building tribal broadband infrastructure across all Band lands.

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 9th day of September, 2021 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.

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Sheldon Boyd, Speaker of Assembly

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Band Assembly
FROM: Brittany Wind, Grants Director
CC: Peter Nayquonabe, Commissioner of Administration
SUBJECT: Tribal Resolution- Approval to Submit a National Telecommunications
and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce
DATE: 8/30/2021



This Tribal Resolution is requesting Band Assembly support in applying for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program for Connectivity Infrastructure throughout MLBO

NTIA is a federal program that works with tribes to offer Broadband Infrastructure Deployment and Broadband Adoption and Use

Overview:

The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program provides new federal funding for grants to expand access to: broadband service on Tribal Land; or for programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth.

Additionally, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated funds to Treasury to establish capital projects that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring and remote options in response to the public health emergency.

Benefits of NTIA for MLBO:

- Building Infrastructure network that connects all of MLBOs districts to a hybrid middle mile/ last mile network.
- Control of overall telecommunications infrastructure
- Closed Network for data privacy and Sovereignty
- Reliability in network connection and speed
- Connectivity of MLBO businesses, operations, schools, health centers, and economic development.
- Flexibility to control costs and scalability
- Leverage for future technological applications

There is no funding match needed for this application.

Funding Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce

Grant Name: Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

If Band Assembly has questions, please contact Commissioner of Administration Peter Nayquonabe or Grants Director, Brittany Wind at 320-532-7517. Thank you