



# Aanjibimaadizing

## FY22 HIGHLIGHTS

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### Mission Statement

To assist our fellow Anishinaabe with education, training, work experiences, cultural participation, and support services to be prosperous and change their life.

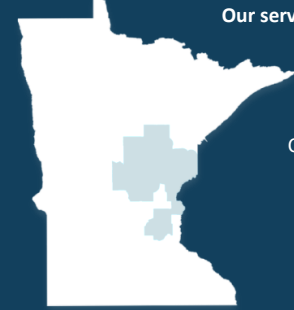
### About Aanjibimaadizing

Aanjibimaadizing is operated as a division of the MLBO Department of Administration. All program services are offered to support obtaining and retaining employment, improving or creating a position of job readiness, and addressing barriers through the Mille Lacs Band 477 Program.

This program provides services to Tribal members seeking to establish self-sufficiency for themselves and their families in accordance with Public Law 102-477.

### About Public Law 102-477 (477) Programs

P.L. 102-477 is a critical program that provides for sovereignty and builds capacity in Indian Country by authorizing tribal governments to integrate eligible employment, training, and related services programs that support workforce development.



### Our service area includes:

- Aitkin County
- Anoka County
- Benton County
- Chisago County
- Crow Wing County
- Hennepin County
- Kanabec County
- Mille Lacs County
- Morrison County
- Pine County
- Ramsey County

*Did you know...*

*In 2022, Aanjibimaadizing received the Department of Interior Chief's Award. The Chief's Award is given annually to the P.L. 102-477 grantee that best demonstrates excellence in service. There are 72 grantees in the nation.*

### FY22 Yearly Statistics

1,252

Clients Served

\$1,396,480

Total Support Services Distributed

116

Businesses Assisted

112

Jobs Created

35%

Expected WPR

\$15.14

Average Earnings Gain

### Career Training and Development



725

Individual Clients Served

4,859

Client Contacts

142

Earned PTCC Certificate (2020-present)

136

Courses Offered

284

Sessions Completed

443

Worked towards getting their Driver's License

### Small Business Development

\$100,000

Amount Distributed

20

Businesses Developed

50

People Employed

A small business development program was started and has become very successful. A weekly business networking group, Endazhi-maawanji'idiing, was began to assist clients with creating a business plan and help meet business goals. Eligible participants who complete a business plan that meets SBA standards can receive up to \$5,000 in funding with a 25% match.

### Adult Support Services

\$908,928

Distributed

744

Adult Participation

53

Cash Assistance

18%

Entered Unsubsidized Employment

### Adult Work Experience (WEX) Program

45,276

Hours Worked

\$447,701

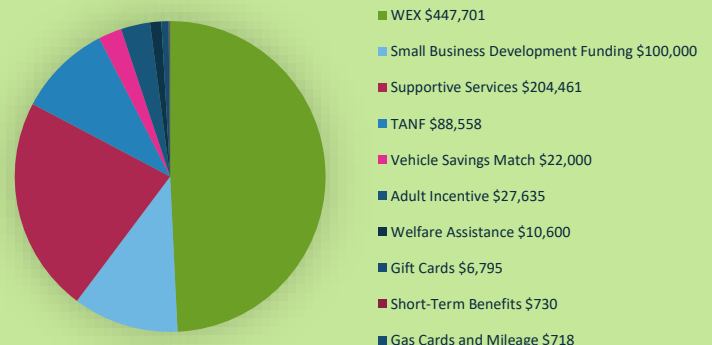
Stipends Paid

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WEX Participants

181

Elder Homes Served



## Childcare Assistance



**\$161,562**

Distributed

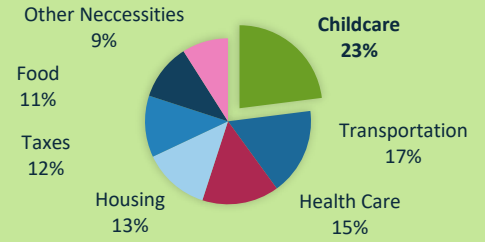
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Families Receiving Assistance

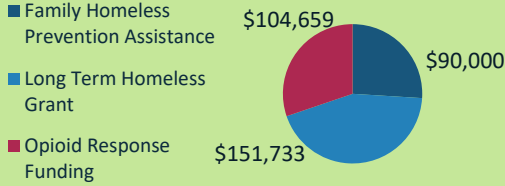
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Children Receiving Assistance

### Average Family Expenses in Our Area



### Minnesota Tribal Housing Collaborative Funding



## Facilitated Services

**64**

Current Clients

**17**

Families Reunited

**49**

Obtained Housing

**20**

Obtained Permanent Housing

**26**

Zakab Units Occupied

## Ge-Niigaanizijig



**508**

Total Participants

**452**

Current Participants

**233**

Youth Participants

**275**

Teen Participants

### Youth Support Services

**\$487,552**

Total Youth Support Services

**16**

Graduated

**40**

Honor Roll

**8**

Entered College or Trade School

**44**

Attended Internships

**24**

Completed Driver's Education

### Youth & Teen Activity Participation

**119**

Traditional Activities

**110**

Ojibwemowin Lessons

**188**

Sports & Fitness Programs

**46**

Camps and Clinics

**27**

MLCV Youth Ambassadors

**9**

Placed in Jobs at the Casino



## Ojibwe Culture and Language

**72**

Received Anishinaabe Name

**8**

Elders Contracted

**110**

Hours of Audio Collected

**11**

Recordings Archived on aanji.org

**9**

Articles Published

**5**

Books Published



### Mille Lacs Band Ojibwe Rosetta Stone



**3438**

Licenses Activated

Approximately

**4,500**

Licenses waiting to be assigned by group

**24,719**

Hours spent learning Ojibwe on Rosetta Stone

**128**

Tribes Registered

**28**

Schools Using

**448**

MLBO Member Rosetta Stone Registration

## Pandemic Assistance Programs

Aanjibimaadizing has been a leader in providing COVID-19 pandemic assistance. Being one of the first to distribute funds in the nation, our procedures were replicated throughout the state. The amounts below represent the amount distributed in total, since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.

**\$5,030,803**

Total Pandemic Funds Distributed

**\$662,357**

COVID Housing Assistance Program

**\$2,965,319**

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance

**\$717,736**

Pandemic Economic Assistance Funds

**\$685,391**

Homeowners Assistance Fund

**3,161**

Number of Applications