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Community Action Overview

Who We Are

Our History

The Community Action Agency (CAA) network was **established in 1964 to create opportunity and move Americans out of poverty**. Today the Minnesota network includes **24 Community Action Agencies** and **11 Tribal Nations**, serving all 87 counties with social services and wraparound programs specific to their communities' needs and strengths. As a statewide network, CAAs are able to leverage each others resources to pivot quickly when opportunities or crises arise. The federally-funded Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Minnesota Community Action Grant (MCAG) provide the backbone funding for CAAs, their identity and core mission. CAAs receive additional funding through various federal and state programs, foundations, individual gifts and corporate funding. **CSBG and MCAG funds provide the flexibility** necessary to meet each community's evolving needs.

What Makes Us Unique

Tripartite Board Made Up of Local Community

CAAs must have a tripartite board comprised of one-third community members representing individuals with low incomes, one-third local elected officials, and one-third local business owners or community leaders.

Services Based on Local Needs & Strengths

Every 2-3 years, CAAs complete a community needs assessment. Based on this needs assessment, CAAs tailor their programs and services to meet the greatest needs and opportunities in their community and fill gaps -- from food access, to transportation, childcare access, and housing assistance.

Jobs and Funding brought to Communities

CAAs receive federal, state, and local government funding, leverage individual and private funding sources and bring jobs and dollars into local Minnesota communities.

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What We Do

Local Poverty Solutions

Community Action Agencies (CAAs) serve Minnesotans from birth through older adulthood, focusing on services that support whole families. CAAs' approach poverty with integrated, equitable and accessible solutions that work to remove systemic and structural barriers and build community resiliency and self-sufficiency. In addition to their innovative community-specific programs, many CAAs run or refer people to these core services: Head Start and child development, Energy Assistance (utility bills) and Weatherization, food and nutrition assistance, housing and homeless services, employment and training programs, crisis and benefits assistance, financial asset building, and transit.

Over 355,000 Minnesotans are served annually by the Community Action network

Learn More about:

- **Our History**
>> minncap.org/history
- **Our Programs**
>> minncap.org/tools-and-resources
- **Our Impact**
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24 Local Agencies & 11 Tribal Governments

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MinnCAP Leadership

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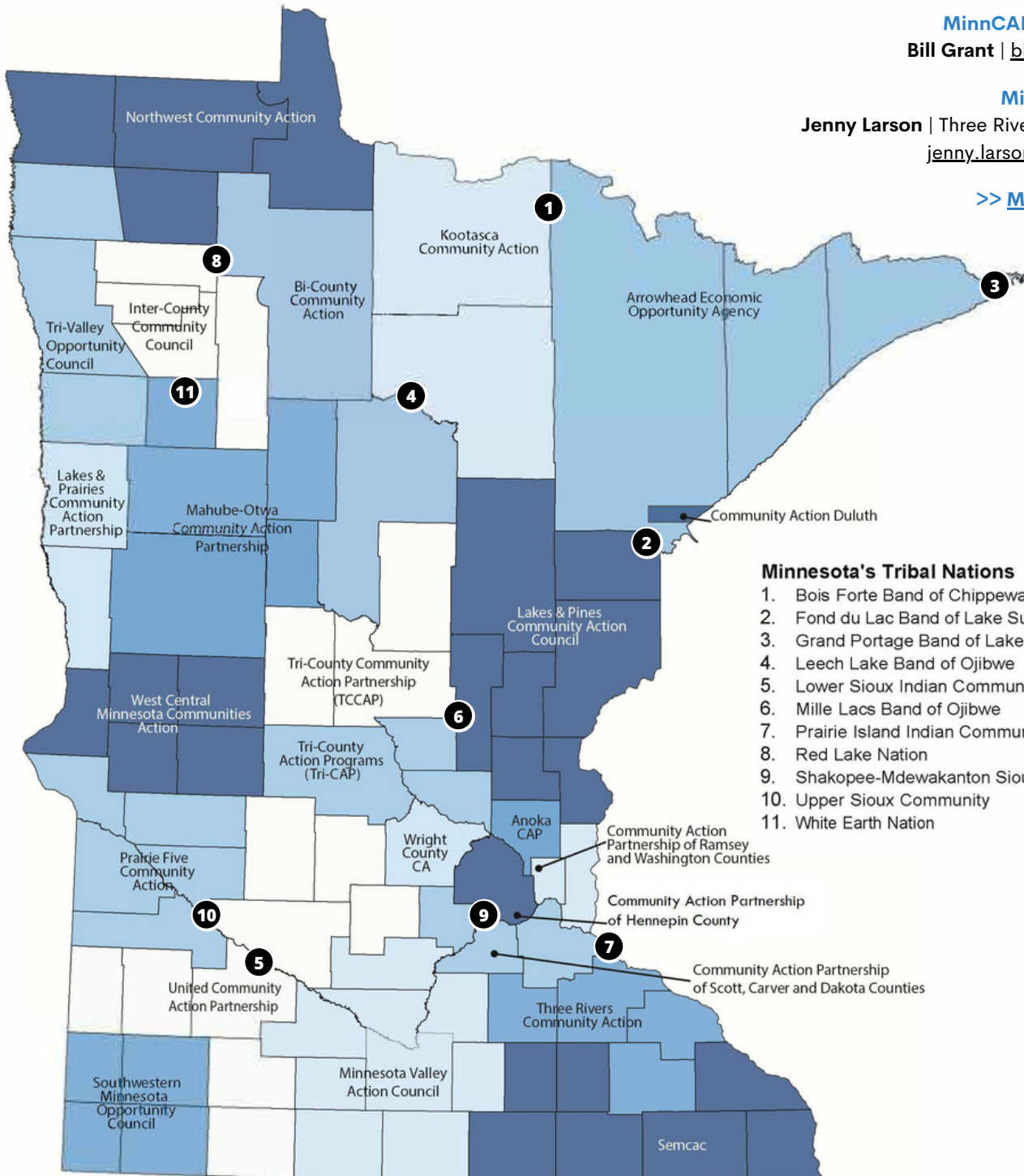
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Minnesota's Tribal Nations

1. Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
2. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
3. Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior
4. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
5. Lower Sioux Indian Community
6. Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
7. Prairie Island Indian Community
8. Red Lake Nation
9. Shakopee-Mdewakanton Sioux Community
10. Upper Sioux Community
11. White Earth Nation

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