

FREE Tax Preparation Assistance

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Some Community Action Agencies help with Tax Preparation

Tax time can be stressful. Community Action Agencies (CAAs) that run Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs can provide free tax preparation for those who qualify. If a local CAA doesn't provide tax preparation services, they can refer people to resources or another local nonprofit organization that can help.

COVID-19 has changed the way CAAs provide tax preparation services. Some CAAs are offering help in one or all of these ways:

Tax Preparation Options:

Virtual:

For households with internet access, CAA volunteers can prepare the participant's taxes while they stay in the safety of their home.

Drop off:

Households can pick up and drop off paperwork at a local CAA site at specified times.

Participant Files on their Own:

If a participant wants to file on their own, there is software supported by United Way that is free for most.

About Our Volunteer Tax Preparers

Our **tax-prep volunteers are IRS-certified**. They offer qualified services and meaningful support to families with low incomes in their community.

About Community Action

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 created the Community Action Network of national and local organizations that connect millions of people, with low and moderate incomes, to essential services. The network works to build community resiliency and self-sufficiency, including removing systemic and structural barriers to move people out of poverty. In Minnesota, 24 Community Action Agencies and 11 Tribal Nations serve all 87 counties, providing poverty solutions with equitable access to various services: homeless prevention and housing assistance, utility bill assistance, healthcare enrollment, food and nutrition services, Head Start early childhood programming, financial asset building, regional transit, and more.

- Over **18,500 households** received **free tax preparation services** from MN CAAs
- Over **\$15 million in tax refunds** and credits was obtained by CAA program participants

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24 Local Agencies & 11 Tribal Governments

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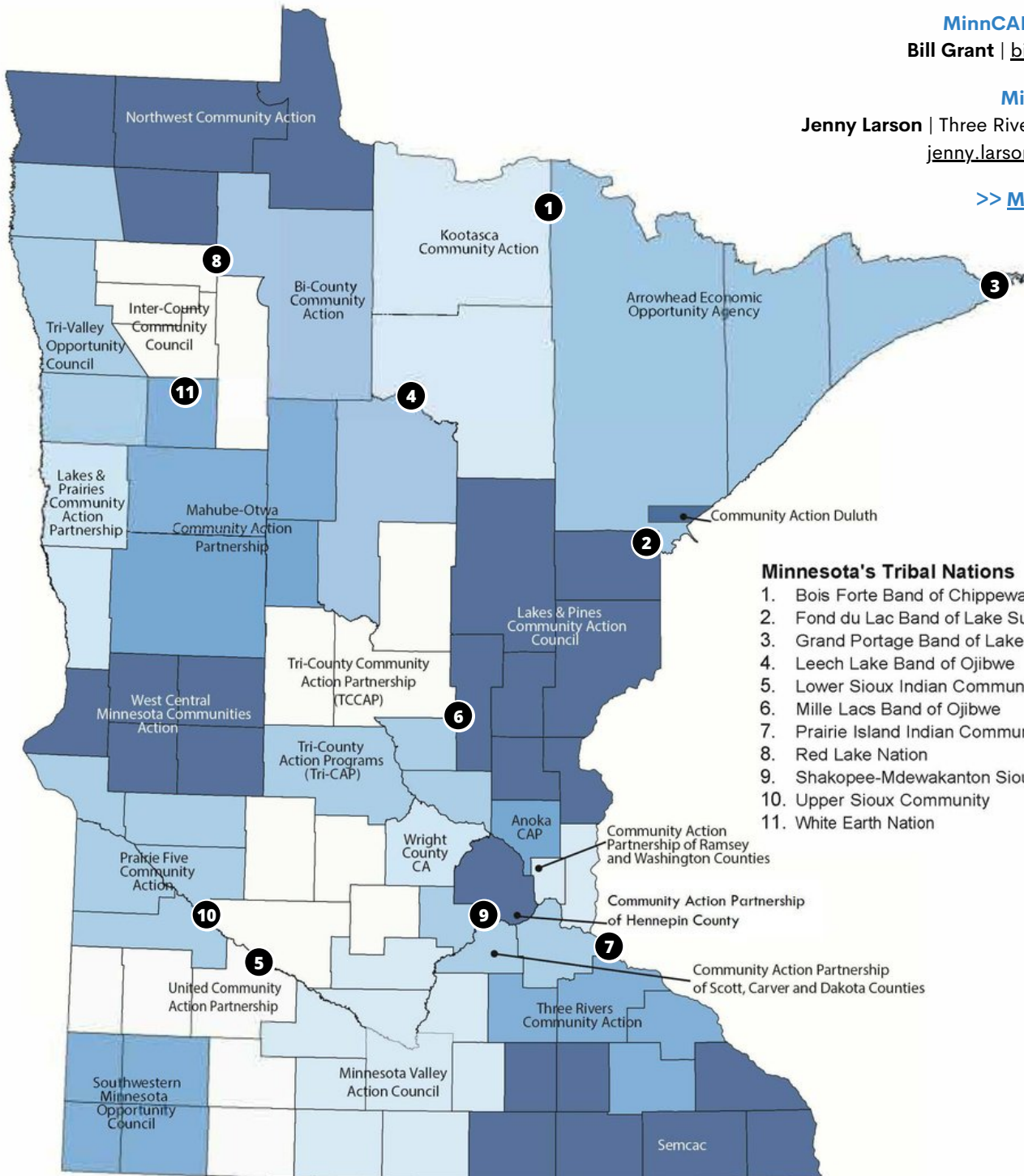
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2. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior
3. Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior
4. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
5. Lower Sioux Indian Community
6. Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
7. Prairie Island Indian Community
8. Red Lake Nation
9. Shakopee-Mdewakanton Sioux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

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