

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

After reviewing the [EPA's guidebook](#) for setting up and maintaining an [air monitoring network](#), can your organization easily follow these guidelines?

Yes, this is manageable with current expertise

What barriers do you see in undertaking this project?

Site logistics

In addition to covering the cost of the sensors and their maintenance, how would you use the grant funding?

Secure location, including power and Wi-Fi

Data collection and sharing

How should the MPCA consider an applicant's approach to community outreach and engagement during the grant application process?

Although this is geared towards those volunteer citizenry science participants in the 7 county metro area, if there are those who want to volunteer located within the Twin Cities CSA in Minnesota who are not within the 7 county metro area, their request should be evaluated carefully to see if their participation would benefit this program with its goals and objectives, and not just automatically reject them.

For the Mille Lacs Band, if I find volunteers in the southern areas of our Service Territory, I can refer them to you, and their participation in your program would benefit both the State and the Band. Then, in a separate funding stream, I can focus on finding volunteers not in the southern areas of our Service Territory that can benefit the Band, which would also benefit Minnesota and Wisconsin.

What other information should the MPCA consider during the community air monitoring grant process?

Be sure to provide the volunteer citizen science participants not just with grant monies to get them started, but periodically thank and encourage them for their participation, provide additional knowledge-growth materials, workshops, and networking opportunities.