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Outdoor Heritage Fund Status and Final Report Form/Guidelines

This report is used to show progress of grant projects funded through the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Status Reports and the Final Report must be submitted as required in Contract.

Contract Number	Report Date	Period Covered by Report (xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx)	
005-074	6/30/2022	07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022	
Project Name FY16 OHF Windbreak Renovation Initiative			
Project Sponsor Name ND Industrial Commission			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)		Responsible Official's Title	
Thomas Claeys		State Forester	
Project Sponsor Address North Dakota Forest Service			
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
Bottineau	ND	58318	701-328-9945

Financial Update

Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:

	Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding	\$260,611.00	\$1,570,424.21	\$0
In-kind Funding	\$68,757.18	\$354,501.61	\$0
OHF Funding	\$306,010.04	\$1,618,268.46	\$181,731.54
Total	\$635,378.22	\$3,543,194.28	\$181,731.54

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension? /_/_ Yes /X/_/ No

If yes, please explain:

*As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) staff and partner agency staff assisted with the final 70 participating landowners with completing their windbreak renovation projects and applying for reimbursement.

As of the final date of this project – June 30, 2022 – NDFS has awarded grants and provided reimbursement to 317 landowners statewide. These completed windbreak renovations provide direct protection to 268 rural farmsteads, 4.9 miles of road, and 1291.27 acres of cropland.

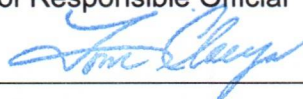
Photos of work completed are welcome (If appropriate, please submit photos of key elements of the project completed or in progress during reporting period) Do not exceed five photos per project report.

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Signature of Responsible Official



OHF FINAL REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Number: 005-074

Recipient: North Dakota Forest Service

Award Amount: \$1,800,000

Total Project Costs: \$3,543,194.28

Total OHF Funds Received: \$1,618,268.46



Goal of Project:

The goal of this project is to provide landowners with technical assistance for managing deteriorated windbreaks and to provide a simple, effective, statewide cost-share program that leverages landowner's match with a source of grant funds for a variety of windbreak renovation practices.

Work Accomplished:

NDFS, in partnership with local natural resource professionals, worked with interested landowners to inventory their windbreak resources and develop individualized written windbreak renovation plans. Using this plan to guide management activities, landowners applied for cost-share assistance. Landowners were awarded grants and completed their renovation according to their renovation plan. When completed, landowners submitted a reimbursement request and were reimbursed 50% of their windbreak renovation costs.

Project Results:

Through this project, over 600 landowners have been provided with an individualized written plan for managing and improving their deteriorated windbreaks. NDFS has awarded grants and provided reimbursement to 317 landowners statewide, with payments to landowners totaling \$1,618,268.46. These completed windbreak renovations provide direct protection to 268 rural farmsteads, 4.9 miles of road, and 1291.27 acres of cropland.

Value to North Dakota:

By providing technical and financial assistance for managing deteriorating windbreaks, this project reduces the number of windbreaks destroyed by offering advice and incentives to replace dead/deteriorating windbreaks. This project also incorporates species diversity into windbreaks to mitigate future losses due to abiotic factors or insect and disease issues. This project ensures that windbreaks remain a part of North Dakota's conservation heritage and viable part of the agricultural landscape.