

## Instructions

Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> ) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided. After completing the report, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to [outdoorheritage@nd.gov](mailto:outdoorheritage@nd.gov) AND print it and mail it to: North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505. If you are unable to scan attachments, mail them with your paper copy of the report. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your report and attachments.

### 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 002-032	Report Date October 1, 2014	Period Covered by Report (08/01/2014 to 09/30/2014)
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Project Name  
**Conservation of Grasslands and Long-billed Curlews on Private Lands in SW North Dakota**

Project Sponsor Name  
**American Bird Conservancy**

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) <b>Mandich, Cheryl</b>	Responsible Official's Title <b>Long-billed Curlew Conservation Specialist</b>
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Project Sponsor Address  
**P.O. Box 249**

City <b>The Plains</b>	State <b>VA</b>	Zip Code <b>20198</b>	Telephone Number <b>540-253-5780</b>
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#### Financial Update

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

#### Funds Spent this Reporting Period

(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)

Match Funding \$ 0

In-kind Funding \$ 0

**OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$ 0**

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$ 0

#### Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$ 0

In-kind Funding \$ 0

**OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$ 2,932**

Total Funding Expended to Date \$ 0

#### Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$

In-kind Funding \$

**OHF Funding still to be Requested \$ 26,390**

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension    If yes, please explain

Yes  No

**Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:**

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

We are in the process of finalizing our ranking criteria for projects. To provide the greatest ecological benefit to grassland birds, we will use a quantitative and qualitative process. Our intent is to implement projects on grassland blocks  $\geq 120$  acres (native prairie, expired or soon to expire CRP lands) although areas  $>80$  will be considered if in the vicinity of a wetland or native grasslands. Criteria will include a perimeter/area ratio (interior habitat is preferable to grassland birds so a square area would rank higher than a long, thin, rectangular one of the same area), implementation of a voluntary grazing program, whether or not public access is allowed, distance from vertical structures and how likely is the project to benefit grassland birds.

We have been working with our partners to identify specific opportunities where the funds could be best applied. We have held preliminary discussions with producers who are interested in using temporary electric fencing to distribute livestock grazing with the goal of controlling noxious weeds on native grasslands and areas recently seeded with native grasses and forbs.

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.

Signature of Responsible Official



David Younkman, Vice President for Conservation

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