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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 003-040	Report Date 12/31/20	Period Covered by Report (December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020)
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Project Name
North Dakota Pheasant Habitat Initiative

Project Sponsor Name
North Dakota Game and Fish Department

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Kading, Kevin J.	Responsible Official's Title Private Lands Section Leader
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Project Sponsor Address
100 N. Bismarck Expressway

City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58501	Telephone Number 701-328-6371
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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 \$28,535.38 Other Project Sponsor's share \$88,856.00

In-kind Funding \$0

OHF Funding **Requested for Reimbursement** \$28,562.00

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$57,097.38, with other Project Sponsor's share \$145,953.38

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$225,755.91

In-kind Funding \$0

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$93,219.00

Total Funding Expended to Date \$318,974.91

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$777,024.09

In-kind Funding \$0

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$2,906,781.00

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$4,200,000 (\$3M OHF, \$1.2M applicant's match. Does not include additional funding from USDA-CREP, which is approximately \$24M)

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain
/x/ Yes // No

It is possible that an extension will be needed for this grant depending upon the future of the USDA CREP agreement. The Department is in discussions with USDA FSA as to whether meaningful changes can be made to the CREP program to make it a more palatable program for producers. Changes made in the 2018 farm bill have made program eligibility for CREP more difficult for producers to enroll. Furthermore, if the Department requests to modify the CREP agreement between the State of North Dakota and USDA, a new environmental assessment is required and additional changes to new farm bill provisions need to be updated to be in compliance with new rules. If it is determined that this is the only course, the Department will likely consider termination of its USDA CREP agreement and we would not request an extension for this grant.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

Payments totaling \$28,562.00 were made using OHF funds for six CREP agreements during this reporting period. These were OHF incentive payments made on 285.62 acres under a USDA CREP contract. Additional payments totaling \$28,535.38 were made using Game and Fish funds. These payments were for adjacent acreage (non-CREP) that was also planted to grass and enrolled into the Department's PLOTS program.

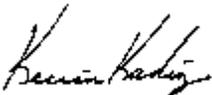
Compliance assessments were completed on 8 CREP contracts in 2020. Department personnel conduct these assessments in the fall of the year. Assessments include an overall evaluation of the project, presence/absence of planted species and species composition, presence of noxious or annual weeds, haying or grazing compliance and presence of boundary signs. All CREP contracts assessed were in full compliance. A summary of CREP assessments is provided with this report; a more detailed report is available upon request.

Attachments:

- North Dakota CREP annual performance report. (USDA implemented an online reporting system for 2020. Once submitted the information is not available immediately and must be reviewed by USDA personnel. Because of this, the report was not available at the time this report was due. A copy of the final CREP annual performance report will be provided at a later date)
- CREP annual assessment summary.
- Expenditure summary and matching funds documentation.

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



The project reports shall be provided to the Commission in both electronic and hard-copy formats with permission for unrestricted distribution. The electronic versions shall be in a suitable format for posting on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Commission website.