

## 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 003-040	Report Date 12/31/21	Period Covered by Report (December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021)
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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) <b>Kading, Kevin J.</b>	Responsible Official's Title <b>Private Lands Section Leader</b>
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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 \$13,432.25, Other Project Sponsor's share \$48,192.00

In-kind Funding \$0

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

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$13,432.25, with Other Project Sponsor's share \$61,624.25

#### Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$239,188.16

In-kind Funding \$0

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

Total Funding Expended to Date \$332,407.16

#### Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$960,811.84

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

The Department received a two-year extension in March 2021. It is unknown at this time if this length extension will be sufficient to get the program

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

Payments totaling \$13,432.25 were issued for six CREP agreements during this reporting period, These payments were issued using Game and Fish funds for 1,232.1 of adjacent acreage (non-CREP) that was also planted to grass and enrolled into the Department's PLOTS program. No OHF funds were used during this reporting period due to program inactivity, lack of landowner workshops and outreach due to COVID restrictions. There are two CREP offers currently being reviewed.

Compliance assessments were completed on 8 CREP contracts in 2021. 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.

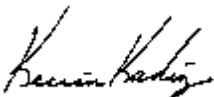
North Dakota's CREP has suffered from many challenges and needed a thorough review by the partners. In March 2021, the Department received a two-year OHF grant extension. Shortly after receiving the extension, a small group of partners set out to identify some of the issues and challenges. The partners identified three areas; getting all of the partners on the same page, developing localized CREP teams and holding a refresher training for all those involved. Since this initial meeting, the group has developed a CREP signup activity checklist, a new fact sheet, a platform on Box to share progress of offers, hosted a webinar training, developed point of contacts for all staff and will begin working on outreach and promotional efforts next. We feel this will give the project some guidance and consistency across county USDA offices and expect renewed interest by producers.

Attachments:

- North Dakota CREP annual performance report. (USDA implemented an online reporting system for 2020. The submitted information is not available immediately and must be reviewed by USDA personnel. Because of this, the report is not available at the time this report. A copy of the 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.