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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 003-048	Report Date May 1st, 2015	Period Covered by Report (03/25/15 – 4/30/15)	
Project Name Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative			
Project Sponsor Name Audubon Dakota			
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Johnson, Marshall E.		Responsible Official's Title Executive Director	
Project Sponsor Address 118 Broadway N. Suite 716			
City Fargo	State ND	Zip Code 58102	Telephone Number 701-298-3373
<u>Financial Update</u>			
Please provide the following information regarding the funding for your project based on the contract award:			
<u>Funds Spent this Reporting Period</u>			
(As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases)			
Match Funding \$ 309.60			
In-kind Funding \$ 5,760.72			
OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$ 0			
Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$ 0			
<u>Total Funds Spent to Date</u>			
Match Funding \$309.60			
In-kind Funding \$5,760.72			
OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$16,444 (upon execution of contract)			
Total Funding Expended to Date \$ 0 (our seeding begins in early June)			
<u>Balance of Grant Funds</u>			
Match Funding \$ 22,190.4 (this money is for signage seed cost, to be expended here in June)			
In-kind Funding \$38,310.28 (we still have site prep on a couple sites as well as out-year resource surveys)			
OHF Funding still to be Requested \$65,773.50 (installation and seed)			
Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$82,217.50			
Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension If yes, please explain			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

In March and April of 2015, the Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative has been focused on project administration and site preparation as well as planning for seeding and enhancements.

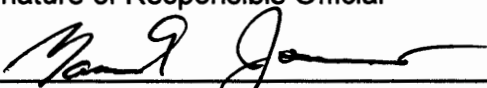
Initially, the project included 6 sites owned and managed by the Fargo Park District and City of Fargo. A 7th site was added after consultation with the City of Fargo and the site (a former site for snow-dumping in the winter) was determined to fit in with the goals and objectives of the project.

In terms of site preparation, the Industrial Commission and the Outdoor Heritage Fund distributed funding for the establishment of 5 sites. To date, site preparation has begun on 2 of those sites, with anticipated prep beginning on the other 3 soon as well. The Fargo Park District has done the site prep work on Unicorn Park and Pontes Prairie. Their site prep methods (in accordance with the guidelines described by Prairie Restorations) included mowing, herbicide application, and ground work where it was realistic (on land that was flat and at small risk of erosion, full disking of the land was done; on areas that were sloped or at risk for erosion, a light harrow was used to scratch the surface and stimulate weed growth). The next step for these sites will be to wait for the flush of new weeds and then apply one more application of herbicide. This will conclude the site prep and these sites will then be ready for seeding.

In February and March, Audubon Dakota met with experts and professionals from North Dakota State University, the University of Minnesota Crookston, the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Prairie Restorations Inc., and other leading botanists to create a diverse mix of prairie vegetation native to the area that will succeed in our distinct Red River Valley soil structure. These mixes include varying species and amounts of grasses, forbs, and wildflowers, based on the different conditions at each site, will be dispersed in specific quantities at each site by Prairie Restorations Management. This is the next phase of the project, which is being funded by the Industrial Commission through the Outdoor Heritage Fund, and will begin as weather and site prep allow here in the upcoming weeks/months.

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



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