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 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.

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| 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

005-082

1/26/2016

(xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx) 8/6/2015 to 1/26/2016

Project Name

Emmons County Grassland and Cropland Effort

Project Sponsor Name

Emmons County Soil Conservation District

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)

Responsible Official's Title

Kelsch, Rhonda M

District Administrator

Project Sponsor Address

318 S. Broadway Street

City Linton State Zip Code ND 58552

Telephone Number 701-254-4653 Ext. 3

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 \$

In-kind Funding \$

OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$ none at this time

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$63,000.00 received at time of grant execution

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$

In-kind Funding \$

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$ 63,000.00 received at time of grant execution Total Funding Expended to Date \$ 63,000.00

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$

In-kind Funding \$

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$ 567,000.00

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$63,000.00

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension

If yes, please explain

/_/ Yes /X_/ No

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

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

The Emmons County Soil Conservation District since approval of OHF contract has implemented the following policies, procedures, and practice structures that will be allowed to implement the OHF dollars for The Emmons County Grassland and Cropland Initiative. The Board of Supervisors along with staff have gathered on several occasions to discuss, promote and move the project forward in a positive and beneficial way for the landowners of Emmons County. The project has received \$63,000.00 upon execution of the project when the agreement was signed. The first application batching period for acceptance will be March 1st, 2016. The SCD staff is required to provide an application form completed by landowner, database entry, map development, resource concerns, and a cost estimate of the project. Costs will be developed on the estimated cost of the Field Office Tech Guide provided by NRCS not to exceed 60% of actual costs.

Promotion of the grant acceptance has been done by word of mouth, publications, and will be a focus topic at this years' first Annual Agricultural Appreciation Banquet. The Board of Supervisors will announce the funding we have received with our local producers that have been awarded as well. The Board of Supervisors requires that all applicants received on site field visits to ensure proper planning is being conducted and to open the door for an educational component out in the field and not behind the desk. We will also take the applications from EQUIP that is yet to be determined for funding with Federal allocation and work with those landowners if they wish to move forward with practice implementation. We have a great deal of support from our local Farm Service Agency with boots on the ground projects and have shared with them our recent grant acceptance and anticipate overflow traffic. The Board of Supervisors has since hired a District Technician with an agricultural degree to work with this workload and to provide proper offsite and office support for this project.

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.