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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 010-116	Report Date September 23, 2020	Period Covered by Report (1/1/2020 to 9/20/2020)
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Project Name
Planting for the Future

Project Sponsor Name
North Dakota Petroleum Council

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Sandstrom, Tessa Marie	Responsible Official's Title Communications Director
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Project Sponsor Address
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City Bismarck	State ND	Zip Code 58501	Telephone Number 701-223-6380
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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 \$5,975.95

In-kind Funding \$225.00

OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement **\$0.00**

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$6,200.95

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$72,709.27

In-kind Funding \$38,261.00

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$108,125.00

Total Funding Expended to Date \$219,095.27

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$0.00

In-kind Funding \$0.00

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$10,812.50

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$196,375.00

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)

Activities for this grant report period included monitoring of 2018 and 2019 projects and replanting of some trees in projects that suffered as a result of drought conditions the summer of 2018 and/or excessive moisture and an early and cold fall in 2019. Match funding that is included in this report period include the replanting of 3,100 cedars, 100 ponderosa pines, and 100 scotch pines. To date, the replanted trees have fared very well.

Monitoring activity was limited last year (2019) as a result of very wet conditions throughout much of the late summer in central North Dakota, followed by substantial snow very early in the fall. These conditions, including an early freezing before Cedars went dormant, also affected the survival rate of some projects.

Because of the conditions that made many projects inaccessible last fall, monitoring had to be completed in the spring of 2020. All project inspections were completed in mid-October of 2020. Despite the difficult weather conditions, the projects that have been monitored in 2020 were considerable successes with an overall survival rate of 57%. According to the USDA, NRCS Tree Care and Management Guide, projects with a 50% survival rate or higher meet the definition of a successful tree planting for Wetland and Upland Wildlife Habitat Management.

Projects that were planted in the spring of 2019 had far better moisture than those planted in 2018, which resulted in better survivability. Of the total number of projects counted, the overall survival rate was 65%. Two projects were not counted. One was not counted because the property was sold and another was not counted because, unfortunately, the contractor had not made it to the project with fabric and the area was overgrown, and the 1,500 trees that were planted were recorded as 0% survival. One issue that did impact survivability was the cool temperatures, excess rain and then early freeze that came in the fall/winter of 2020. According to Towner Nursery, trees had not gone dormant when colder temperatures hit, shocking many of them.

The expenditures in this report include contract labor and program administration for 2019 plantings, as well as the cost of the replacement trees that were planted this spring. Offers will be made to landowners to order replacement trees this fall.

The goal of this grant was to plant 55,000 trees over the three-year period of this grant. Over two planting cycles, Planting for the Future was able to plant 88,000 trees, plus 3,300 replacement trees. Because of this, all grant funds have been expended, but the North Dakota Petroleum Foundation will continue filing reports in the third year of the grant to report on additional monitoring activities and work with landowners to replant trees to ensure stronger projects for habitat.

Appendices:

Appendix A: Invoices and expenses

Appendix B: In-Kind documentation

Appendix C: Monitor Report

Appendix D: Budget

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

