

**Contract No. 011-124**  
**“Working Grassland Partnership (Phase III)”**

Submitted by North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation  
 Districts, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever.

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**PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>
North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (Cash)	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
Subtotal Cash Cost Share	\$ 60,000.00
North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (In-Kind)	\$ 10,000.00
Landowners (In-Kind)	\$256,400.00
Ducks Unlimited (In-Kind)	\$ 10,000.00
ND Partners For Fish and Wildlife Program (In-Kind)	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Subtotal In-kind Cost Share	\$ 286,400.00
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$396,850.00</u>
Subtotal OHF funding	<u>\$ 396,850.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$ 743,250.00

Project Schedule – 10 years  
 Contract Date – 6/11/2018  
 Start Date – 6/11/2018  
 Completion Date – 12/1/2028

Project Deliverables:  
 Status Report: December 1, 2018 ✓  
 Status Report: June 1, 2019 ✓  
 Status Report: December 1, 2019 ✓  
 Status Report: June 1, 2020 ✓  
 Status Report: December 1, 2020 ✓  
 Status Report: June 1, 2021 ✓  
 Status Report: December 1, 2021 ✓  
 Status Report: June 1, 2022 ✓  
 Status Report: December 1, 2022  
 Status Report: December 1, 2023  
 Status Report: December 1, 2024  
 Status Report: December 1, 2025  
 Status Report: December 1, 2026  
 Status Report: December 1, 2027  
 Final Report: December 1, 2028

**OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:**

Provide livestock water and fencing cost-share assistance to landowners to retain CRP acres in grasslands and develop technical rotational grazing plans to utilize livestock as the primary management tool. Phase III will expand the Working Grassland Partnership Program (WGP) to include Benson, Pierce, McHenry, and Stutsman counties, with minor overlap in some of the counties that had previously been allowed at up to 10% of the prior WGP programs. This funding will provide landowners a 60% cost-share payment based on the Best Management Practices cost-share payment rates for fencing projects. For water development projects the cost-share will be based on actual costs. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share for the projects.

**STATUS:**

The contract has been approved and executed by all the parties.

### **December 2018**

Status report received. The report states in part:

- Total acres impacted – 2,385.84
- Total feet of fencing completed – 130,230
- Total number of water systems installed – 9
- Total feet of pipeline installed – 2,741

### **June 2019**

Status report received. The report states in part:

- 16 agreements have been signed covering 3,228.84 acres
- \$252,811.63 of OHF funds have been obligated. Landowners will match with \$168,541.50.
- \$170,110.90 of OHF funds have been paid out for livestock and bird friendly development practices to date.
- The Trust has provided habitat lease payments to expiring CRP contracts for 1,196.87 acres in the amount of \$59,268.50.
- All agreement holders have been informed about public access options.

### **December 2019**

Status report received. The report states in part:

- 19 agreements have been signed covering 4,013.84 acres
- \$297,588.06 of OHF funds have been obligated. Landowners will match with \$198,391.51.
- \$211,389.65 of OHF funds have been paid out for livestock and bird friendly development practices to date.

OHF funds have been fully obligated at

#acres	#feet of fence	#water systems	# feet pipeline
420	31,554	3	0

### **June 2020**

Status report received. The report states in part:

- 23 agreements have been signed covering over 4,900 acres
- \$369,311 of OHF funds have been obligated. Landowners will match with \$246,207.25.
- NDNRT has provided the final habitat lease payment for 60.2 acres of expiring CRP in Nelson County.
- During the next reporting period, NDNRT estimates a majority of the development activities will be completed.

OHF funds have been fully obligated at

#acres	#feet of fence	#water systems	# feet pipeline
954	33,133	2	10,933

### **December 2020**

During this reporting period, 8 landowner agreements were completed. Additional details available in full report.

#acres	#feet of fence	#water systems	# feet pipeline
1879	59,483	3	10,610

**June 2021**

During this reporting period, 2 landowner agreements were completed. Additional details available in full report.

#acres	#feet of fence	#water systems	# feet pipeline
202	6,850	2	3,770

**December 2021**

During this reporting period, 2 landowner agreements were completed. Additional details available in full report.

#acres	#feet of fence	#water systems
239	9,450	1

**June 2022**

During this reporting period, 1 of the landowner agreements was completed. Additional details are available in the full report.

#acres	#feet of fence	#water systems
400	9,450	1

Dated 8/3/2022.