

Contract No. 014-154
Working Grassland Partnership IV
 Submitted by North Dakota Natural Resources Trust (NDNRT)
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PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor		Cost Share
NDNRT (Cash)	\$140,000	
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NDNRT (In-Kind)	\$ 50,000	
Landowner Cost-Share (Cash/In-Kind)	\$800,000	
Ducks Unlimited (In-Kind)	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	
Subtotal Cash & In-Kind Cost Share		\$1,010,000
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$1,225,000</u>	
Subtotal OHF Funding		<u>\$1,225,000</u>
Total Project Cost		\$2,235,000

Project Schedule: 4 years

Start Date: 7/19/2019

Contract Date: 7/19/2019

Completion Date: 11/30/2023

Project Deliverables

Status Report:	May 31, 2020 ✓
Status Report:	November 30, 2020 ✓
Status Report:	May 31, 2021 ✓
Status Report:	November 30, 2021 ✓
Status Report:	May 31, 2022 ✓
Status Report:	November 30, 2022
Status Report:	May 31, 2023
Final Report:	November 30, 2023

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

This objective of this project is to help provide one stop shop for landowners that would like to convert expiring CRP acres into working grazing lands. Technical expertise along with cost share for livestock and grassland bird friendly development practices will be provided. NDNRT will provide a lease payment to participating landowners.

STATUS:

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

August 2020

During the reporting period, 10 agreements were signed obligating \$347,690 of OHF funds and covering 5,666 acres.

Agreements	Acres	Feet of Fence	Water Systems	Feet of Pipeline
1	76	6,085	1	0

December 2020

Currently, there are 18 agreements signed obligating \$580,618 of OHF funds and covering 10,336 acres. Habitat lease payments have been provided covering 2,314.52 acres of expiring CRP. New agreements have slowed due to Covid and the availability of CRP. An extension may be needed. All agreement holders have been informed of public access options.

Agreements	Acres	Feet of Fence	Water Systems	Feet of Pipeline
10	5,096	121,390	6	13,894

August 2021

Currently, there are 29 agreements signed obligating \$956,700.73 of OHF funds and covering 15,905 acres. The drought has increased interest by landowners to participate in grazing system cost-share on expiring CRP. It is anticipated that all funds will be obligated in 2021 with much of the work completed by next year.

Agreements	Acres	Feet of Fence	Water Systems	Feet of Pipeline
3	3,840	5,552	1	38,894

December 2020

The drought of 2021 has accelerated the interest by landowners to participate in grazing systems cost-share on expiring CRP acres. The Trust has fully obligated all WGP4 grant funds in 2021 and many of the development activities should be completed in 2022 and 2023.

Agreements	Acres	Feet of Fence	Water Systems	Feet of Pipeline
14	10,518	171,437	14	48,717

July 2022

2 new landowner agreements have been signed since the last status report for a total of 39 agreements covering 19,053 acres. All available grant funding has now been obligated.

Agreements	Acres	Feet of Fence	Water Systems	Feet of Pipeline
8	6,139	94,184	6	4,931

Dated 8/3/2022