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Work Accomplished*:

ND Partners for Wildlife Project (NDPWP) has four parts: 1) Wetlands 2) Grazing Systems 3) Grass Seeding and 4) Cover Crops. There are 8 wetland agreements signed for 75.8 acres. There are 25 grazing system agreements for 11,580 acres. There are no grass seeding agreements. Finally there are two cover crop agreements. The grazing systems and cover crop funds will be obligated in early 2022. The wetland and grass seeding will be partially obligated in 2022. The anticipated completion is in 2024.

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Tasks Report

Tasks

Task	Start Date	Completion Date	Percent Complete	Comments
1) Coordination Meetings	11/01/2020	12/31/2020	85.0%	The bulk of the coordination of this project has been completed. All partners are aware of the program details and the program components.
2) Promotion	01/01/2021	10/31/2021	85.0%	Additional promotion of the wetland restoration and grass seeding portion will need additional attention.
3) Landowner Coordination	01/01/2021	10/31/2023	50.0%	The NWPWP will need landowner coordination to ensure the practices are completed.
4) Progress and Budget Tracking	01/01/2021	08/31/2024	50.0%	The Trust and Partners will continue to track all progress and budget of the program.

Description of Tasks

Please Describe Tasks:

1) Coordination meetings with Trust and ND PFW staff. Discuss all delivery options, priorities, locations, details and funds available for NDPWP. 2) Promotion of NDPWP with landowners & other conservation partners. 3) Provide one-on-one planning and technical assistance to landowners. Complete project management, expense documentation and project completion checkout. 4) Track the budget and obligation of grant and match. Complete all budget and progress reporting for NDPWP.

Deliverables Report

Deliverables

Deliverable	Quantity	Unit of Measurement, if applicable	Status
Cover Crops	1000	Acres	Signed 2 agreements for cover crops for 217.8 acres during status reporting period. Cover crop interest is increasing and all funds should be obligated in early 2022. The grant will reach and exceed the goal of 1,000 acres.
Grass Restoration/Seeding	600	Acres	Currently there are no signed grass seeding agreements. It is anticipated that over half the funds will be obligated and spent in 2022. The remaining portion will be obligated and spent in 2023.
Grazing Systems	14000	Acres	The program has signed 25 agreements for 11,580 acres. The remaining funds will be obligated in early 2022. The majority of the grazing systems practices of water and fence development will be completed in 2022.
Wetland Restoration/Creation	70	Acres	There were 7 projects completed during this status period for 74.9 acres. The remaining grant funds should be obligated and spent in 2022.

NDPWP Budget:

Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash/In-Kind)	ND PFW Match Share (Cash/In-Kind)	Landowner Match Share (Cash/In-Kind)	Total Each Project Expense
Wetland Creation/Restoration	\$52,500	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$0	\$105,000
Grazing Systems	\$600,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$400,000	\$1,030,000
Grass Seeding	\$30,000	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$27,000	\$73,000
Cover Crops	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	\$40,000
Contracted Services/Support	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Staffing	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$40,000
Total Costs	\$716,500.00	\$79,000.00	\$64,500.00	\$443,000.00	\$1,303,000.00

Budget Narrative

Wetland Restoration – Provided cost-share and incentives to restore and/or create wetland habitat in North Dakota. The cost-share is based on average of \$1,000 per acre for a restoration goal of 70 acres. OHF would provide \$750 or 75% per acre and ND PFW would provide \$250 or 25% per acre. Costs include dirt work, materials and all associated contractor costs necessary to complete the work. Payment will be based on actual costs of the construction activity. The Trust will provide an incentive to landowner willing to restore or create wetlands at \$500 per acre.

Wetland Creation/Restoration – 70 acres goal

OHF (\$750/acre) = \$ 52,500

ND PFW (\$250/acre) = \$ 17,500

Trust Incentive (\$500/acre) = \$ 35,000

Total \$105,000

Grazing Systems – Grazing systems will include components of both fencing and water developments with a goal of 14,000 acres. Fencing will follow the NRCS Office Tech Guide Allowable Cost recommendations by OHF. The grant will provide landowners a 60% cost-share payment based on these cost-share payment rates. Landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share. The water development will follow the NRCS Office Tech Guide Allowable Cost recommendations by OHF. The OHF grant will use these rates for agreement development, but will pay 60% cost-share based on actual costs. The landowners will provide the remaining 40% cost-share. The Trust will provide 60% cost-share for components of the grazing system that would be classified as equipment, such as portable power supplies, portable water delivery

systems, and/or other additional cost-share on any unique practices. The ND PFW will provide cost-share for other fencing such as boundary fence and/or additional cost-share on any unique practices.

Grazing Systems - 14,000 acres goal

OHF (60% of costs) =	\$ 600,000
Landowner (40% of costs) =	\$ 400,000
ND PFW (\$20,000 =	\$ 20,000
Trust (\$10,000) =	\$ 10,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,030,000</u>

Grass Restoration – Grass restoration will provide cost-share based on total seeding and management costs per acre of \$120, this includes \$75 per acre for native/tame grass seed (OHF \$50/acre, Trust \$15/acre, ND PFW \$10/acre). The ND PFW will fund any additional seed costs over \$75 per acre up to \$110 per acre (estimated total cost at \$1,000) and \$45 per acre in landowner match for seedbed preparation, seeding, and establishment management. The goal is to restore 600 acres of grassland.

Grass Seeding - 600 acres goal

OHF (\$50/acre) =	\$30,000
Trust (\$15/acre) =	\$ 9,000
ND PFW (\$10/acre) =	\$ 6,000
ND PFW (> \$75/acre) =	\$ 1,000
<u>Landowner (\$45/acre) =</u>	<u>\$27,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$73,000</u>

The majority of the landowners will be planting native multi-species perennial grasses and/or introduced perennial and native mixes. The total OHF cost-share amount will follow the 2020 or most up-to-date NRCS Field Office Tech Guide Allowable Costs.

Cover Crops – The total cost of seed bed preparation, seeding, seed and management costs are estimated at \$40 per acre. This would be split with OHF paying up to \$24 per acre (60%) for the actual cover crop seed and the landowner will provide up to \$16 per acre (40%) to seedbed preparation, seeding and management (OHF \$24/acre and landowner \$16/acre). The goal is plant 1,000 acres of cover crops.

Cover Crop - 1,000 acres goal

OHF (\$24/acre) =	\$24,000
<u>Landowner (\$16/acre) =</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>

Contracted Services/Support – This grant proposal is requesting \$10,000 for any additionally required contracted services for items such as engineering, cultural resources, surveys, specialized equipment rentals, soil testing, habitat assessments, partnership coordination meetings and for any additional delivery and/or program monitoring. If contracted services request is not utilized during the grant period for these

services, the funds would be used for additional conservation practices identified in the proposal. The Trust will provide a cash match of \$5,000 toward outreach, education, support, and workshops that help landowners receive information about technical assistance and the availability of the grant proposal activities.

Staffing – This grant proposal is not requesting any staffing funding from OHF for this proposal. All staffing will be funded by Trust and ND PFW. Staffing in-kind match will be based on costs of Trust and ND PFW staff salary, benefits, and travel. These in-kind activities include Trust and ND PFW time to complete program promotion and outreach, meeting with landowners, providing technical assistance, completing landowner agreements, partnering with state, federal, local, and nongovernmental organizations, processing payments, providing agreement monitoring, and completing all grant administration.