

Grant Round 1 Status Report
September 5, 2014

On January 14 the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board recommended 18 projects to the Industrial Commission for funding. Of those 18, 17 were funded and 1 was tabled. At the request of Chairman Moser 001-TTT Recreational Trail Reconstruction in Response to Mineral Development at Little Missouri State Park - North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department was tabled. Subsequently the Advisory Board at their meeting in May withdrew their recommendation based on a request from the applicant, North Dakota Parks and Recreation.

Here is the status of the 17 approved projects:

Directives C, A, B & D

001-OFF - LSC 20,000 Trees by 2020

Ludden Sportsmen Club

Original Request - \$130,000

Awarded Amount - \$50,000

Contract 001-001 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: None. The Club responded to the reduced funding by stating that they would work to find additional funding so the entire project could be completed as submitted.

9/5/14 - First planting of 2,057 trees was done on May 1st on Project Rifle Range (4.82 acres - 19 rows by 700 ft.) This is no tilled (no plastic barrier) due to highly erodible and will be mowed and watered and will look at fencing if wildlife becomes an issue.

Directives D & B

001-00B Community Outdoor Fitness Park

Minot Family YMCA

Original Request - \$50,000

Awarded Amount - \$45,000

Contract 001-002 - Executed

9/5/14 - Waiting for status report

Directives C, A, B & D

001-0LL Aquatic Habitat Infrastructure Enhancement

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Original Request - \$800,000

Awarded Amount - \$322,000 - OHF Funding cannot be used for the \$150,000 of professional fees identified in the budget

Contract 001-003 - Executed.

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: Although this is not final, it is anticipated that they will do fewer sites although the final sites have not been determined. The original request was for five sites

9/5/14 - As a result of the reduced funding three projects have been identified to be done with the possibility for a fourth project if first three projects come in under budget. The three sites selected are: Jim Ehlert (12 acres) (private land in Mountrail County); Bowman Haley - Alkali Creek Impoundment (58 acres) (land owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and managed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in Bowman County; and Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge - Unit G19 wetland (10 acres) (owned and managed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife located in Kidder County). A Ducks Unlimited Civil Engineer began the engineering design plans for the 58-acre Alkali Creek Impoundment enhancement project. They expect to complete this project enhancement work this fall. The DU Civil Engineer and a DU Biologist met with landowner Jim Ehlert. DU performed the topography survey of the project site and the DU engineer has begun developing the engineering design for repairing and enhancing this wetland impoundment.

Directives B, A, C & D

001-AAA Enhanced Grazing Lands & Wildlife Habitat (Phase I)

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Original Request - \$1,500,000

Awarded Amount - \$828,000 - OHF Funding cannot be used for staffing and those items identified in the budget as communications & outreach (\$15,000) or Staff/Benefits/Travel/Indirects (\$80,400)

Contract 001-004 - Contract is in the final stages of negotiations. A meeting has been scheduled for later this week to look at a revised budget based on the amount of the reduced funding.

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: Although this isn't final, it is anticipated that there will be a 55% reduction in the number of acres - from 20,000 to 11,000.

9/5/14 - Contract is still under review due to IC staff workload

Directives C & B

001-MMM North Dakota Hen House Project I

Delta Waterfowl

Original Request - \$60,530

Awarded Amount - \$34,000 - OHF funding cannot be used for staffing and those items identified in the budget as Annual Reporting, Contractor Recruitment and Training and Annual Evaluation and Mapping which totaled \$8,000.

Contract 001-005 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: There will either be one larger Hen House Supersite near Bismarck or Woodworth, ND, or one smaller Supersite (59 structures per site) in both of the proposed areas. The number of hen houses will be reduced from 200 to 118.

9/05/14 - First status report is due November 30, 2014.

Directives B & C

001-0VV North Dakota Statewide Conservation Tree Planting Initiative

North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts

Original Request - \$2,500,000

Awarded Amount - \$1,878,000

Contract 001-006 - Executed

9/5/14 - Rhonda Vetsch will give an oral report at the meeting. First status report due June 30, 2015

Directives B, A, C & D

001-0II The Marcus Friskop Nature Center

Hankinson Public School

Original Request - \$297,850

Awarded Amount - \$30,000 - OHF Funding can only be used for the outdoor projects

Contract 001-007 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: The applicant has selected as their projects the Outdoor Classroom; Amphitheater and Access to South Lake Elsie.

9/5/14 - The applicant is waiting on bids for the construction of the access to South Lake Elsie. The other phases of the project are in the design stages.

Directives D, A, B & C

001-00T Bismarck Trailhead/Neighborhood Park

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District

Original Request - \$313,960

Awarded Amount - \$105,000 - OHF dollars cannot be used for paving/parking lot

Contract 001-008 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: The project as presented to the Advisory Board has been scaled back and the junior tennis courts/pickleball courts will not be constructed as part of this project and the number of playgrounds has been reduced to one.

9/5/14 - At the May 13, 2014 meeting Mr. Bina updated the Board and indicated that other funding sources had been obtained and the project will go forward as originally planned depending on bids with no increase in funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. In their August 28, 2014 status report, Mr. Greg Smith stated: Bid amounts received were much higher than expectations. Project was separated into smaller components. Projects not listed below will be bid in early 2015 and work completed prior to November 1, 2015. This plan is based upon reasonable and affordable bids being received. Projects included in the 2015 work schedule include sidewalks, tennis/pickleball courts, park signage and park amenities.

- Grading and earthwork as well as construction of the shared use path is underway and nearing completion as of August 28.

- Bids were solicited and received for play equipment and installation. Bid recommendation was approved by the BPRD board of commissioners at August 21 meeting. Awarded to Cunningham Recreation. Gametime equipment is on order and is expected to be installed in fall of 2014. Included in this order is the shade shelter referred to in the OHF Grant application.
- Providing a water supply to future community gardens will hopefully be completed in the fall of 2014 also. Specifications are being developed and price quotes for this project will be solicited prior to October 1, 2014. Project will be completed using partial funding from the BPRD Matching Grant program in cooperation with the Bismarck Community Gardens organization.

Directive B

001-00A Sheyenne River Sedimentation Reduction Project

Barnes County Soil Conservation District

Original Request - \$200,000

Awarded Amount - \$126,000

Contract 001-009 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: Did not indicate any changes.

9/05/14 - Several projects were undertaken involving Pasture/Hayland Plantings (126 acres); Fencing (22,320 feet); Septic System Renovations (2 each); Clean Water Diversion (37121 cu/yds.); Critical Area Planting (12 acres).

Directives B & C

001-00J Antelope Creek Wild Rice Corridor Watershed Restoration Project

Richland Soil Conservation District

Original Request - \$220,000

Awarded Amount - 105,000

Contract 001-010 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: Did not indicate any changes.

9/05/14 - Staff has been working with several producers in the planning stages of River Bank Stabilization. No projects have been completed at this time.

Directive B

001-00N Ransom County Water Quality Improvement Board

Ransom County Soil Conservation District

Original Request - \$450,000

Awarded Amount - \$115,000

Contract 001-011 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: Applicant will be able to do only 2 of the 5 manure management systems.

9/05/14 - A final design was completed for one agwaste system and the second one is being developed. One CNMP has been completed and the second one is being developed. A permit from the NDDH has been received for one of the agwaste systems.

Construction has not been started yet because of weather delays due to the wet spring. Construction of the agwaste systems will commence next spring.

Directives C, A, B & D

001-0KK Warwick Dam - Modification & Rehabilitation (Water Comm. Project No. 0240)

Eddy County Water District

Original Request - \$95,002

Awarded Amount - \$55,000 - OHF Funding cannot be used for engineering or legal fees

Contract 001-012 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: None

9/05/14 - As of today's date, no on-site work has taken place. Some materials (sheet piling) have been acquired. The successful bidder, Harvey Sand & Gravel, intends to start (and complete) this project yet this fall. As I understand it, it is necessary to shut down the Devil's Lake west-end outlet prior to commencement of construction. So, it is necessary for us to coordinate the closure of the west-end outlet with the schedule of HS&G.

Directives C, A, B & D

001-00W - Artificial Nesting Habitat Improvement

Spirit Lake National Fish and Wildlife Department

Original Request - \$5,565

Awarded Amount - \$5,565

Contract 001-013 - Executed

9/05/14 - Working on payment methods in order for Ms. Duafala to acquire the building materials and cameras.

Directives A & B

001-RRR Mapping of Tribal Land for Sportsmen

Spirit Lake Nation Fish and Wildlife Department

Original Request: \$8,568

Awarded Amount: \$8,568

Contract 001-014 - Partially Executed

9/05/14 - Waiting on fully executed contract. Working on payment methods in order for Ms. Duafala to acquire computer and appropriate computer programs.

Directives D, A, & B

001-JJJ Trail Restoration & Improvement Program

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

Original Request - \$132,456

Awarded Amount - \$112,000

Contract 001-015 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: The items removed from the Project are: Trail identification and signage from Lake Ashtabula to the McCluskey Canal and reduction in the purchase of signing and building materials (Less puncheons, boardwalks, fence stiles and kiosks). The Department is seeking additional funding from the Garrison Diversion Conservation District. If that funding is received then the project will be completed as originally submitted.

9/05/14 - (See attached report)

Directives C, A, B & D

001-0QQ Natural Resource Stewardship in North Dakota's Parks, Preserves and Natural Areas
North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

Original Request - \$274,344

Awarded Amount - \$129,000 - OHF funding cannot be used for annual maintenance costs or staffing and the \$71,000 identified in the budget for technicians

Contract 001-016 - Executed

5/13/14 - Project changes as a result of partial funding: Although full funding was not received it is anticipated that all objectives will be met within the 5 year time frame. The reduction in funding for supplies and materials will directly affect the total number of acres seeded and the number of acres planted to trees but in any event both will show an increase in acres.

9/05/14 - First Status Report is not due until November 30, 2014.

Directives A, B, C & D

001-0TT North Dakota Game and Fish Department Outdoor Heritage Habitat Initiative
North Dakota Game and Fish Department

Original Request - \$2,000,000

Awarded Amount - \$1,900,000

Contract 001-017 - Executed

9/05/14 - First Status Report is not due until November 30, 2014

Prepared by Karlene Fine

9/04/14

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.

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.

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| Contract Number 001-015 | Report Date 08/27/14 | Period Covered by Report (03/25/14 to 07/31/14) |
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Project Name
Trail Restoration and Improvement Program

Project Sponsor Name
North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department

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| Responsible Official (Last, First Middle) Gardner, Matthew S. | Responsible Official's Title Recreation Division Manager |
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Project Sponsor Address
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| City Bismarck | State ND | Zip Code 58503 | Telephone Number 701-328-5369 |
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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 \$ 0.00

In-kind Funding \$ 17,790.00 (1,186 hrs. x \$15.00)

OHF Funding Requested for Reimbursement \$32,100

Total Funding Expended for this Reporting Period \$24,975.98

Total Funds Spent to Date

Match Funding \$0

In-kind Funding \$17,790

OHF Funding Received and Requested for Reimbursement \$43,300.00

Total Funding Expended to Date: \$24,975.98

Balance of Grant Funds

Match Funding \$72,000.00

In-kind Funding \$12,270.00

OHF Funding still to be Requested \$68,700

Total Funding to be Expended on this Project \$112,000

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)

See Attached for Full Report.

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

Matt Darden

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.

**North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund
Trails Restoration and Improvement Program
001-015**



Respectfully submitted by:

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September 1, 2014

Trails Restoration and Improvement Program 001-015 continued



- Moved materials to remote construction sites and built 8 puncheon sections totaling 126 feet
- Moved materials to remote construction sites and built and/or remodeled 10 fence stiles and gates
- Identified, marked, mowed, cleared, and signed about 1.5 miles of new trail
- Identified about 2 miles of new potential trail routes, with construction planning underway



Additional NCT Activities this summer

- GPS'd over 29 miles of trail to produce permanent mapping of route, also included GPS locations for trail signage, stiles, boardwalks, telespar posts, trail heads, interpretive panels etc. built in past 3 years
- Drafted and prepared mailing materials for 3 easements and working on 12 additional for approximately 11 ¾ miles of trail
- Initiated many conversations regarding trail access and development with Corps of Engineers, Griggs County Water Board and their engineer;
- Mowed over 50 miles of trail
- Initiated many conversations regarding trail access and development with city officials, land-owners, government employees, etc.
- Developed new maps and informational materials for distribution to trail users

