

## Instructions

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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	Report Date	Period Covered by Report (xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx)
013-142	December 13, 2019	8/1/2019 to 12/15/2019

Project Name  
**Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project II**

Project Sponsor Name  
**Ducks Unlimited, Inc.**

Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)	Responsible Official's Title
<b>Gue, Tanner</b>	<b>Regional Biologist – ND</b>

Project Sponsor Address  
**2525 River Road**

City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
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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*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding	\$51,083.73	\$51,083.73	\$814,896.27
In-kind Funding	\$0.00	\$11,403.00	\$0.00
OHF Funding	\$40,889.08	\$40,889.08	\$1,209,900.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,972.81</b>	<b>\$103,375.81</b>	<b>\$2,024,797.19</b>

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension?    /\_/ Yes    /X/ No

If yes, please explain:

\*As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

**Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:**

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

The Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project II (CCLIP2) was designed to provide North Dakota farmers and ranchers with the financial assistance needed to kick-start sustainable agricultural practices that meet their operational goals and diversify their operations while improving soil health, water quality, grassland health, and wildlife habitat. Interest in the program continues to be very strong. During this reporting period, Ducks Unlimited biologists have worked directly with more than fourteen different farmers and ranchers interested in CCLIP2. To date, a total of approximately 27% (\$333,896.38 / \$1,250,790.00) of awarded funds have been obligated to sixteen different CCLIP2 agreements for grazing infrastructure and cover crop seeding costs. Direct benefits of the sixteen projects underway include enhancement of 5,457 acres of cropland (52% of goal: 5,457 / 10,560) and 6,243.8 acres of adjacent grasslands (164% of goal: 6,243.8 / 3,800).

During this 2nd reporting period, Ducks Unlimited biologists and agronomists have conducted extensive outreach and effectively advertised the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP2. For example, biologists have continued to meet with several Soil Conservation District boards or NRCS staff within project area counties to discuss program objectives and distribute flyers (Figure 2).

Pulse USA also featured the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP2 in their 2020 product guide (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Thanks to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP2, several farmers and ranchers have started planting cover crops already. Diverse cover crop mixes like this provide alternative fall and winter livestock forage. Cover crops and livestock grazing on cropland acres improve soil health, can increase rest and recovery time on perennial pasture, and enhance wildlife habitat on both cropland and grassland acres.



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Figure 2: Flyer describing the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project.

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## DIVERSIFY YOUR OPERATION

Cover crops and livestock will improve soil health and functionality by restoring organic matter, increasing aggregate development, reducing soil compaction, and increasing water infiltration.

### ✓ 5-Year Program

### ✓ Technical Assistance

Experts from **Pulse USA** and **Millborn Seeds** and **Ducks Unlimited** can help design custom mixes and grazing plans for your operation

### ✓ 60% Cost Share

#### - GRAZING INFRASTRUCTURE ON CROPLAND

- Perimeter Fence
- Cross Fence
- Water Wells
- Pipe
- Pumps
- Tanks
- Windbreak Panels

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#### - COVER CROP SEED

- Grazing Mixes
- Wildlife Mixes
- Custom Mixes
- Aerial Seeded Mixes



**Improve Soil Health!**

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**Reduce input costs!**

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**Increase your bottom line!**

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**First-Come, First-Served**

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**No Batching Periods**

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Figure 3: CCLIP and North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund advertisement in Pulse USA's 2020 product guide.

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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.

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