Project Name
Central Coteau Prairie Management Toolbox

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List Names of Co-Applicants (if this is a joint proposal)

Major Directive (choose only one response)

- Directive A: Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;
- Directive B: Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;
- Directive C: Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and
- Directive D: Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Additional Directive (choose all that apply)

- Directive A
- Directive B
- Directive C
- Directive D

Type of Agency
- State Agency
- Political Subdivision
- Tribal Entity
- Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation

Abstract/Executive Summary

Summarize the project, including its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants. (No more than 500 words)

The Central Coteau Prairie Management Toolbox (CCPMT) will build on the success of the previously OHF funded conservation tools, the Grand Forks and Stutsman Counties Prairie Management Toolboxes, by providing forage and habitat enhancement resources to landowners within Burleigh, McLean and Sheridan counties. Audubon and partners recognize that farmers and ranchers producing in each county face local realities and challenges unique to their counties. Therefore, The Prairie Management Toolbox projects are designed by Audubon Dakota and partners to work within specific counties to enhance wildlife habitat and grazing lands in ways that are supported and make the most sense locally. Support will fund native prairie restoration, invasive species control, and grazing system support to private landowners.

For this OHF grant application, Audubon Dakota and partners are requesting financial support for the initiation of the Central Coteau Prairie Management Toolbox from December 1st, 2018 to November 30th, 2020, to impact up to 4,050 acres of rangeland in Burleigh, Mclean, and Sheridan Counties. The distribution of the funding resources will be led by Audubon Dakota working with private landowners interested in financial support for projects related to CCPMT goals. The main goal of CCPMT is to provide private and landowners the support programs that offer financial and/or technical assistance, and promote conservation practices on approximately 2,700 acres of grazing lands. Additional objectives of CCPMT relate to increasing habitat biodiversity by providing financial and field resources for prairie enhancement and restoration on 750 acres and delivering financial support to landowners for the control of invasive vegetation species on 600 acres, and 9,000 additional acres of invasive species control through partner in-kind match.
**Project Duration**

Indicate the intended schedule for drawing down OHF funds.

- **December 1st, 2018 - November 30th, 2020**

Grazing infrastructure support and prairie restoration will be spent of April - October each year of the project period. Invasive species control support will be spent over May - January each year of the project period.

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**A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required.** Indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash. Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project. Note that effective as of July 1, 2015, no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose.

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**Certifications**

☑️ I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

☑️ I certify that if awarded grant funding, none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions listed at the back of this form.

**Narrative**

Organization Information - Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (No more than 300 words.)

Audubon Dakota is the North and South Dakota state program within the National Audubon Society. Since 1905, the National Audubon Society has been focused on conserving bird habitat, promoting avian education, and engaging communities in conservation. Audubon Dakota as a state program was instituted in 1997, however Audubon's role in the Dakotas spans back to the mid-1970s.

The mission of the National Audubon Society is to protect birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow. Audubon seeks partnerships that advance its habitat conservation goals, including partnerships that support grassland habitat projects and the production agriculture industry. Currently, Audubon Dakota manages roughly 150,000 acres and administers a multitude of conservation-based programs aimed at enhancing and protecting North Dakota's natural heritage in rural and urban settings. ND Outdoor Heritage Fund has been a committed supporter of this work by providing financial support for a number of these programs, including the Grand Forks County and Stutsman County Prairie Management Toolbox projects and the continued support of the Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative expansion throughout North Dakota. These programs would not be possible without the support and help of many different private cooperators, agencies and programs, local businesses and individuals, many volunteers and local Audubon Chapters. As a state office, Audubon Dakota has eight full time staff members for the two-state region. Audubon Dakota's Advisory Board is comprised of six ND citizens, and one SD citizen.
Purpose of Grant - Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project. Note: if your proposal provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request. (see additional notes below)

The first phase of the CCPMT, if funded, will begin December 1st, 2018 and continue until November 30th, 2020. During the first year of implementation, CCPMT will provide private landowners support programs that offer assistance for conservation focused agricultural practices. CCPMT will support grazing systems on approximately 2,700 acres of grazing land, prairie enhancement/restoration on 750 acres, and invasive species removal on 600 acres - plus an additional 9,000 acres of invasive species control through partner in-kind match. The goals meet Directives B and C. An additional objective of CCPMT is to provide financial support for grazing infrastructure, prairie restoration, and 9,000 acres of invasive species control on the John E. Williams Nature Preserve (McLean County), Davis Ranch (Sheridan County), and the Coteau Ranch (Sheridan County), with the aim of improving public land habitat for game species by providing private landowners the opportunity to graze these sites. This meets Directives A and C.

Burleigh, Mclean and Sheridan Counties are located in the central Missouri Coteau, a North Dakota ecoregion that is composed of significant native prairie range that supports extensive cattle grazing. Despite the region's impressive intact native rangeland, conversion to cropland and industrial development is a prevalent threat to productive range and the many grassland and wetland wildlife species that rely on contiguous intact habitat. Therefore, enhancing and conserving the remaining tracts of the mixed-grass prairie ecosystem of the Missouri Coteau for not only grassland/wetland birds and wildlife, but also for cattle, has become a critical conservation issue. The enhancement of these prairie tracts will directly benefit landowners through increased forage production and profitability.

The CCPMT will offer a native wildlife and pollinator seed mix ($240.83/ac.) for prairie restoration/enhancement projects. A landowner cost share rate of 40% will be required, and a 2-year establishment agreement will be developed between the landowner and Audubon Dakota. It is important to recognize that environmental conditions, like climate, soils and fertility, will impact the establishment of restored stands. Therefore, the landowner and program partners will monitor newly restored acres to determine when land management through grazing will be appropriate to implement. Grazing infrastructure support through the CCPMT will provide financial support for perimeter (4 string barbed wire), cross fencing (single string), and water structures (wells, pumps, and pipelines). A landowner cost share rate of 40% will be required for this program element. The invasive species control component of this project will not require a landowner cost-share. All restorations and enhancement projects will adhere to USDA-NRCS grass planting specifications with assistance with local NRCS or USFWS staff during the development of the site work plan.

Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:

Burleigh, Mclean and Sheridan Counties

Is this project part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

☐ No  ☑ Yes, If yes, provide copy of plan with the application.

Note: Projects involving buildings and infrastructure will only be considered if part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Please refer to the “Definitions” section at the back of the form for more details.

- For tree/shrub/grass plantings: provide a planting plan describing the site design, planting methods, number of trees/shrubs by species and stock size, grass species and future maintenance. A statement certifying that the applicant will adhere to USDA-NRCS tree/shrub/grass planting specifications along with the name of the governmental entity designing the planting may be substituted for a planting plan.
- For projects including Section 319 funding: provide in detail the specific best management practices that will be implemented and the specific projects for which you are seeking funding.
- For projects including fencing: A minimum cost share of 40% by the recipient is preferred. Include detailed information on the type of fencing to be installed, whether funding is requested for boundary fencing, new or replacement of existing fencing, and/or cross fencing.
Management of Project - Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met. Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project. Priority will be given to lands adjacent to fee title lands or other lands enrolled conservation programs to enhance impact. Producers in this project who are interested in additional cost share or public access incentives will be encouraged to apply to the Private Lands Open To Sportsmen (PLOTS) program through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Producers who are already enrolled in PLOTS will be provided opportunities for additional enhancements (grazing systems, woody removal) through funding from this project. From Audubon Dakota, the staff members associated with the project will be Marshall Johnson, Sarah Hewitt, Lucy Love, and Jodi Meisch. Marshall Johnson is the Executive Director of Audubon Dakota and has been practicing conservation in North Dakota for the past 9 years. His background in business and his leadership skills make him a natural manager for this project. Sarah Hewitt, Audubon’s conservation programs manager, has been with Audubon Dakota for 3 years, and has technical training in grassland restoration and management in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota through North Dakota State University and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Lucy Love is the North Dakota range technician for Audubon Dakota and focuses on providing ranchers technical assistance for enhancing grassland wildlife habitat through adaptive grazing management. Lucy has been a part of the Audubon team since December 2017. Jodi Meisch, Audubon's office manager, will lead contract development and execution of all landowner agreements, in addition to connecting landowners with project contractors. Jodi has been with Audubon since May 2018.

Evaluation - Describe your plan to document progress and results. Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

The CCPMT project will be considered successful if, during the project period, acreage goals for each project objective are met, and landowners are approving and supportive of the services provided. For the grazing system support objective, Audubon Dakota and partners plan to impact up to 2,700 acres by collaborating with Burleigh, Mclean and Sheridan County private landowners and agencies. An important aspect to grazing support is the technical assistance that project partners can provide to landowners aimed at enhancing forage productivity and sustainable land use. This feature will be evaluated through site and cattle health monitoring reports by the landowner. Audubon staff and partners will be responsible for connecting area landowners to the CCPMT, and determining necessary project support. By working with landowners, the CCPMT is expected to deliver invasive vegetation species control on 600 acres, while prairie restoration support is anticipated to impact 750 acres within Burleigh, Mclean and Sheridan Counties. Game species habitat improvement on public lands (impacting up to 9,000 acres) at John E. Williams Reserve, Davis Ranch, and the Coteau Ranch will be monitored and reported to Audubon Dakota by the respective landowning entities, The Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited.

Financial Information

Project Budget - Use the table to provide an itemized list of project expenses and describe the matching funds being utilized for this project. Indicate if the matching funds are in the form of cash, indirect costs or in-kind services. The budget should identify all other committed funding sources and the amount of funding from each source. A minimum of 25% match funding is required. An application will be scored higher the greater the amount of match funding provided. (See Scoring Form.)

Certain values have been identified for in-kind services as detailed under “Budget Information” at the back of this form. Refer to that section and utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.
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| Total Costs                                         | $669,175.10 | $30,000.00 | $7,398.00 | $383,359.10 | $1,089,932.20 |

Note: Costs for seeding, fencing, pipelines, wells, and cover crops cannot exceed NRCS Field Office Tech Guide without justification. Projects involving perimeter fencing must follow NRCS eligibility standards.

Budget Narrative - Use the space below to provide additional detail regarding project expenses.

All landowner match has been considered under "Other Project Sponsor's Share".
Livestock and Wildlife Friendly Grazing Systems: perimeter (barbed multi strand) and cross fencing (electric high tensile) were priced through FOTG (2019), at the rates of $1.28/ft and $0.78/ft, respectively. Installation price was determined by industry average of $1.08/ft. The CCPMT is expected to assist in the installation of 138,780 feet of fence. The Nature Conservancy will contribute $10,000 as landowner match for interior fencing at Williams Preserve.
High Diversity Seeding: Project expense rate was based upon NRCS FOTG rate for Range Planting, Native Wildlife or pollinator Cover at $240.83/acre. The CCPMT will fund 750 acres of restoration.
Prairie Restoration Labor: Project expense rate was based upon NRCS FOTG rate for Range Planting, Standard Native Prep at $163/acre.
Invasive Species Control: Project expense rate is a tiered approach for infestation ranging from medium ($79.76/acre, 500 ac.), <6in DBH ($690.36/acre, 50 ac.), and >6in DBH ($1,298.06/acre, 50 ac.) based upon NRCS FOTG rates. No landowner match is required.
Water Systems: Project expense rate was based upon NRCS FOTG rates and industry average across the three counties for wells, pipelines, pumping costs, and tanks.
Project Implementation: Audubon Dakota's in-kind match of $30,000 accounts for the project implementation related to each of the tools offered through the CCPMT. Indirect costs (24.66%) associated with this in-kind match totals $7,398. TNC will provide $8,028.90 salaries/benefits plus $1,971.10 of in-kind match, in addition to $2,455 indirect costs associated with fence installation. DU has committed to $10,000 in-kind match.
Sustainability - Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years.
Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

Like the two previous Audubon led Prairie Management Toolboxes, CCPMT will be a phased project, and will remain ongoing as long as the interest from landowners exist. Audubon Dakota and project partners are dedicated to seeking outside funding support through additional granting parties and foundations in order to sustain the toolbox program and ensure that the overall habitat management support resources it provides can be accessible to all within Burleigh, Mclean and Sheridan Counties.

Partial Funding - Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.

Audubon Dakota and partners are seeking funding through avenues outside of the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund for the CCPMT project. However, if the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund is unable to fund this initial phase of CCPMT then program implementation may potentially be delayed, which could lead to missed opportunities for effective conservation within Burleigh, Mclean and Sheridan Counties.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? * There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate.

At each participating site that utilizes the toolbox, signage will be an option for the landowners to install recognizing the financial support provided by OHF and other project supporters. Additionally, as the project becomes fully implemented through the project landscape and collaborations with landowners begin, Audubon Dakota and partners will place an emphasis on promoting CCPMT and project supporters through newspaper articles and local news exposure.


Can you meet all the provisions of the sample contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:

Instructions
After completing the form, applications and supporting documentation may be submitted by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol - Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to outdoorheritage@nd.gov.

You are not limited to the spacing provided, except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. If you need additional space, please indicate that on the application form, answer the question on a separate page, and include with your submission.

The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application. You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline.

Please review the back of this form to determine project eligibility, definitions, budget criteria, and statutory requirements.
ABOUT OHF:
The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations, with higher priority given to projects that enhance conservation practices in this state by:

**Directive A.** Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

**Directive B.** Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

**Directive C.** Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

**Directive D.** Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

EXEMPTIONS
Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:
- Litigation;
- Lobbying activities;
- Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

OHF funds may not be used, except after a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission, to finance:
- A completed project or project commenced before the grant application is submitted;
- A feasibility or research study;
- Maintenance costs;
- A paving project for a road or parking lot;
- A swimming pool or aquatic park;
- Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
- Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the cost of the equipment not exceeding $10,000 per project and all playground equipment grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year (see Definitions/Clarifications for how this will be calculated);
- Staffing or outside consultants except for costs for staffing or an outside consultant to design and implement an approved project based on the documented need of the applicant and the expenditures may not exceed 5% of the grant to a grantee if the grant exceeds $250,000 and expenditures may not exceed 10% of the grant to a grantee if the grant is $250,000 or less (see Definitions/Clarifications for how this will be calculated);
- A building except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project (see Definitions/Clarifications for definition of comprehensive conservation plan and new or expanded recreational project); or
- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

The goal of the Industrial Commission is that at a minimum 15% of the funding received for a biennium will be given priority for recreation projects that meet Directive D.

The following projects are not eligible for funding, unless there is a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission include:
- Construction or refurbishment of indoor/outdoor ice rinks,
- Construction or refurbishment of indoor/outdoor athletic courts and sports fields,
- Other substantially similar facilities.
- Infrastructure that is not part of a comprehensive conservation plan.
- Projects not meeting a minimum funding request of $2,500.
Budget Information

In-kind services used to match the request for Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars shall be valued as follows:

- **Labor costs**: $15.00 an hour
- **Land costs**: Average rent costs for the county as shown in the most recent publication of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services, North Dakota Field Office
- **Permanent Equipment**: Any equipment purchased must be listed separately with documentation showing actual cost. (For example: playground equipment)
- **Equipment usage**: Actual documentation
- **Seed & Seedlings**: Actual documentation
- **Transportation**: Mileage at federal rate
- **Supplies & materials**: Actual documentation

More categories will be added as we better understand the types of applications that will be submitted. We will use as our basis for these standards other State and Federal programs that have established rates. For example, the North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program has established rates. If your project includes work that has an established rate under another State Program, please use those rates and note your source.

Definitions/Clarifications:

- **Building**: Defined as "A structure with a roof either with walls or without walls and is attached to the ground in a permanent nature."
- **Comprehensive Conservation Plan**: Defined as "A detailed plan that has been formally adopted by the governing board which includes goals and objectives—both short and long term, must show how this building will enhance the overall conservation goals of the project and the protection or preservation of wildlife and fish habitat or natural areas. " This does not need to be a complex multi-page document. It could be included as a part of the application or be an attachment.
- **New and Expanded Recreational Project**: means that the proposed building cannot be a replacement of a current building. The proposed building must also be related to either a new or expanded recreational project—either an expansion in land or an expansion of an existing building or in the opportunities for recreation at the project site.
- **Playground equipment calculation**: Only the actual costs of the playground equipment (a bid or invoice showing the amount of the equipment costs must be provided) - cannot include freight or installation or surface materials or removal of old equipment, etc.
- **Staffing/Outside Consultants Costs**: If you are requesting OHF funding for staffing or for an outside consultant, you must provide information in your application on the need for OHF funding to cover these costs. For example, if you are an entity that has engineering staff you must explain why you don't have sufficient staff to do the work or if specific expertise is needed or whatever the reason is for your entity to retain an outside consultant. If it is a request for reimbursement for staff time then a written explanation is required in the application of why OHF funding is needed to pay for the costs of that staff member(s)' time. The budget form must reflect on a separate line item the specific amount that is being requested for staffing and/or the hiring of an outside consultant. This separate line item will then be used to make the calculation of 5% or 10% as outlined in the law. Note that the calculation will be made on the grant less the costs for the consultant or staff.

Scoring of Grants

**Oral Presentation.** Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

**Open Record.** Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking form that will be used by the Board is available on the website at [http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm](http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm).

Awarding of Grants

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. The Commission can set a limit on duration of an offer on each application or if there isn't a specific date indicated in the application for implementation of the project, then the applicant has until the next Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board regular meeting to sign the contract and get the project underway or the commitment for funding will be terminated and the applicant may resubmit for funding. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant.

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Andrea Pfennig at 701-328-3786 or apfennig@nd.gov.