**North Dakota Statewide Windbreak Renovation Initiative Grant Program**

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**2016 Program Overview**

**PURPOSE**

Windbreak Renovation Grant Program will provide financial assistance to private landowners to restore, protect and enhance their planted forest.

**ELIGIBLITY**

An assessment of existing forest resources and Renovation Plan are required. Plan practices eligible for financial assistance may include:

• Coppicing

• Thinning

• Row removal

• Tree/ shrub pruning

• Site preparation

• Tree/ shrub machine-planting

• Tree/ shrub hand-planting

• Weed barrier installation

• Chemical or mechanical weed control

• Tree tubes

• Exclusion fencing for wildlife or livestock

• Erosion control measures

• Herbaceous seeding between rows

**FUNDS AVAILABILITY**

Grant Funds will be distributed to the landowner on a reimbursement basis. Reimbursement (cost-share) will be 50% of the actual cost of project implementation including all credits, in-kind and cash. Documentation of inspection of the completed project by the North Dakota Forest Service or authorized representative and documentation of qualified cash expenditures must be submitted for reimbursement. Restoration practices undertaken directly by the landowner are not reimbursable but may be used as in-kind match. Reimbursement is limited to the total qualified cash expenditures up to a maximum of $10,000.

**DEADLINE**

Grant applications are accepted on a continuous basis. There are no deadlines for submitting an application. However, grant applications must be submitted far enough in advance to allow a realistic schedule for the completion of proposed project activities.

Site assessments and plans required for submitting an application are offered on a seasonal basis, so landowners are encouraged to contact a North Dakota Forest Service staff member early.

**PROJECT COMPLETION**

On or before December 31, 2018.

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**2016 Grant Application**

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| **LANDOWNER INFORMATION** |
| **Landowner Name:**  | **Phone:**  |
| **Mailing Address:**  | **City:**  | **State:**  | **Zip:**  |
| **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  |
| **County: QTR: SEC: TWP: RNG:**  |
| **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (Practices and Units from Renovation Plan)** |
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| Practice Description | Units (acres, feet, etc.) | Estimated Cost (\*Attach vendor estimate(s)) | Who will perform this practice? (Vendor or Landowner) | When will this practice be completed? |
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| **Forest Restoration Credit**Acres of Forest Restored X 5-year average per acre rental rate for Non-Irrigated Cropland in this county X 10 Years.See current County Rents and Values for North Dakota, available from the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands: http://www.land.nd.gov/surface/RentSurvey.aspx.  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Acres | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Value In Kind |  |
| **ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST** |  |
| Estimated Cash Expenses |  |
| **Reimbursement will be 50% of the ACTUAL project costs, NOT TO EXCEED total documented cash expenditures up to a maximum of $10,000. Landowner effort may be used as match but are not reimbursable expenses.****Receipts must be retained and submitted for reimbursement.** |
| **ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT is $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (does not to exceed total cash expenses, does not to exceed $10,000)** |

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| **LANDOWNER CERTIFICATION** |
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| **Submit this Application and Complete Forest Restoration/Windbreak Renovation Plan & attachments to:**liz.smith@ndsu.edu or North Dakota Forest Service 300 2nd Ave. NE, Suite 208A Jamestown, ND 58401 |

**TO BE COMPLETED BY FOREST SERVICE OR PARTNER STAFF**