



North Dakota Forest Service Forest Restoration Initiative (FRI)

What is the Forest Restoration Initiative Grant Program?

"Caring for, protecting and improving our forest resources for present and future generations."

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Purpose

The FRI Grant Program awards financial assistance to landowners for the management of forestland impacted by major forest health issues, such as: natural disasters, insect and disease outbreaks, aging trees and poor species diversity.

Eligibility

Private landowners in North Dakota are eligible for financial assistance. Projects must include the planting of several suitable tree or shrub species, and emphasize or prioritize North Dakota native species to be awarded an FRI grant. Landowners in the Missouri and Mouse River basins, frequently flooded areas, and native upland forests in the headwaters of flood-prone watersheds are considered high priority for receiving financial assistance through the FRI Grant Program. However, landowners in other areas are still eligible. Landowners will work with a vendor of their choice who will assist with the planning and installation of the project.

Practices eligible for cost-share include:

- Tree and shrub planting
- Planting site preparation
- Weed management (chemical and mechanical)
- Activities to encourage natural tree regeneration
- Weed barrier installation
- Forest stand improvements
- Removal of woody debris

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Funds

Landowners may be eligible to receive a **maximum grant award of \$15,000**. Grant applicants will be eligible for different levels of funding depending on the project size, and on how well the project activities increase plant diversity, protect water quality, enhance native wildlife habitat, and provide flood protection. Other factors will also be considered in deciding grant award eligibility and amount. The grant program is a **50/50 cost-share**; meaning that the landowner and the North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) are both responsible for 50 percent of approved project costs. Cash and in-kind donations will be accepted to contribute to the landowner or land manager's portion of the project total. The contribution from the FRI Grant Program will **NOT exceed \$15,000, or 50 percent** of the total project cost. Grant funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis to the landowner and/or the vendor depending on the activities being performed. Not every application will be funded, as sufficient funds are not be available to meet the need.

Deadlines

The FRI Grant Program accepts grant applications on an ongoing 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. For example, grant applications for spring trees plantings should be submitted by late fall or early winter, of the year before, for adequate consideration.

***The FRI Grant Program is currently funded through June 2015. Projects must be completed by then.**

For more information on the **Forest Restoration Initiative**, the **FRI Grant Program** or to receive a grant application for the program, please contact:

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