

**South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund 2016 Large Grant Awards**

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Project Title</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Project Description</u></b>
Ducks Unlimited	James River Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program	\$100,000.00	A partnership of funding and outreach from USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Davison and Beadle Conservation Districts, James River Water Development District, South Dakota Wheat growers, and the South Dakota Grassland Coalition will be combined to offer a number of Conservation Stewardship Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program contracts to landowners to support a wide variety of conservation projects, including: (1) grassland restoration, (2) grassland enhancement, (3) fencing (both perimeter and cross fencing) to improve grazing systems and promote retention of grasslands, (4) livestock water development, (5) wetland restoration, enhancement, and establishment, (6) promoting the use of cover crops, (7) adoption of beneficial long term crop rotation plans that include cover crops, perennial grasses and/or small grains, (8) establishment of perennial vegetation in problem soils, and (9) growing alternative crops in problem soils.
Ducks Unlimited	Summit Tract Restoration Project	\$60,000.00	A total of 26 drained or partially drained wetlands will be restored by plugging drainage ditches and 64 acres of the upland that are currently farmland will be restored to a diverse mix of native grassland species on a tract of land in Sanborn County.
Ducks Unlimited	Vig and Kemnitz Restoration Project	\$100,000.00	A total of 63 drained or partially drained wetlands will be restored by plugging drainage ditches and 364 acres of the upland that are currently farmland will be restored to a diverse mix of native grassland species on a tract of land in Roberts County.
Pheasants Forever	Saline Soils Pheasant Habitat Program – East River	\$204,000.00	Create a Saline Soils Pheasant Habitat Program that will establish 1,050 acres of dense nesting cover on salt affected cropland soils in Beadle, Brown and Spink County. Participants will receive seed mixture at no cost, and a one-time payment of \$150/ac. Contracts must remain intact on the landscape for 5 years.
	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>\$464,000.00</b>	