

## South Dakota Habitat Conservation Fund Small Grant Awards

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
Ducks Unlimited	Firesteel Wetlands	\$ 10,000	Completion in 2018	Plankinton-area producer and rancher Bob Bruns approached Ducks Unlimited about project assistance to repair a breached dam in some pasture he rents in Aurora County. The earthen dam had run over approximately six years ago and head-cut to the point where it is no longer holding water. Attempts were made to repair the cut, but were unsuccessful. The existing dam is overrun with trees and is unrepairable. This dam retains water that runs into the West Branch of the Firesteel Creek (approximately 1/2 mile downstream), a stream noted for impaired water quality from excessive sediments, bacteria, and nutrients. Ducks Unlimited would like to reconstruct this dam moving the centerline slightly downstream including a water control structure with a primary and emergency spillway capable of handling a 100-year precipitation event. Landowner Darrel Johnson also has four drained temporary basins in an adjacent field currently in CRP, and has agreed to allow DU to restore these wetlands in conjunction with the dam construction. DU feels this is a unique opportunity to assist a private landowner resulting in great improvements in water control and
Ducks Unlimited	Hyde County Right-of-Way	\$ 5,137.50	Completed	Re-seeding road ROW to improved habitat for ducks and pheasants
Ducks Unlimited	SD Highway 37 ROW Habitat Improvement	\$ 7,463	Completed	Re-seeding road ROW to improved habitat for ducks and pheasants
Pheasant Forever-Northern SD Chapter	Aberdeen Pheasants Coalition Project	\$ 30,000	Completed	Offers a one time up front sign up incentive of \$25/ acre for farmers and landowners in Brown County who enroll a minimum of 40 acres into CRP dense nesting cover or brood rearing habitat and also enroll these same acres into SDGFP's Public Walk In Access program
Ducks Unlimited	Swan Lake Restoration	\$ 15,360	Completion in late 2017	Ducks Unlimited owns a 240 acre property along the south shore of Swan Lake in Clark County. Restore the wetland basins on this property and enhance the grasslands to a diverse mix of warm-season native grasses to provide a more robust and resilient upland habitat for many species of wildlife.
Pheasants Forever-Brookings Chapter	Nesting/Rearing Habitat on Working Lands: A Pilot Project in the Big Sioux River Watershed	\$ 30,000	Ongoing	Develop database of high profile landowners, conduct meetings with them hold signups for pilot projects on habitats or agricultural land of various types.
Pheasants Forever	CPR Habitat Enhancement in Deuel County	\$ 30,000	Completed	Enhance 1,000 acres of new and existing CRP plantings in Deuel County with higher forb seeding rates and greater forb diversity
Ducks Unlimited	Mallard Dam Repair	\$ 20,000	Completed	Repair Mallard Dam, a 28-acre small lake south of Pierre on the National Grasslands. The property is heavily used by the public for both hunting and fishing
<b>Total Awarded</b>		<b>\$ 147,960</b>		