

**SHERIDAN COUNTY**  
**APPLICATION FOR ONE CENT OPTIONAL TAX FUNDS**

FISCAL YEARS 2011 TO 2015  
(July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: American Red Cross of Wyoming \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: 307-686-8407

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$5,000 per year \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT APPROVED:  
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1. The American Red Cross is a 501©3 organization.
  2. The American Red Cross of Wyoming has a governance board of directors.
  3. The American Red Cross of Wyoming has an independent annual audit.
  4. Detailed financial information is available for review that demonstrates accountability for the use of public funds.
  5. 1% optional tax funding represents less than 1% of overall agency budget (.0048).
  6. The narrative below demonstrates the benefit the Red Cross has to the Sheridan County community.

**DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION:** To accomplish our mission, the American Red Cross of Wyoming-Northeast Branch provides the following services: disaster response and preparedness; health and safety education; Armed Forces Emergency Communications; and International Services. A description of these services is as follows:

**Disaster Services:** volunteers and staff work with local agencies such as Emergency Management, Fire, Law Enforcement, Schools, local merchants and others to provide disaster relief for single family fire victims; disaster relief for larger events such as multi-unit apartment fires; and disaster relief for natural and man-made disasters such as wild fires, tornados, earthquakes, severe winter conditions, chemical spills, and other disasters that create individual and community disaster-caused needs. The Red Cross Disaster Services provides mass care (sheltering); financial assistance for food, clothing, temporary shelter, medicines, rent assistance, household items and relocation assistance; health and mental health services to help disaster victims cope and recover when disasters strike. Red Cross involvement in **Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Response Training** through community disaster education and participation in local emergency services management activities helps prepare our community and residents to prevent, cope and respond to disasters.

**Health and Safety** courses are provided in community settings, City and County programs, business/workplace settings and several non-profit organizations to educate people in how to prevent and respond to personal crises. Many businesses and public facilities seek Red Cross First Aid, CPR, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Aquatic training programs to meet OSHA and policy requirements. Course instruction is provided that contains the latest learning theories and includes classroom presentations, written materials, audio-video materials and hands-on practice sessions.

Courses are designed for various participant skill levels, skill requirements and situations. All Red Cross Health and Safety Programs are recognized as meeting national safety standards.

Our **Armed Forces Emergency Communication Services** has a unique tradition of service with our military families in providing Emergency Communications, Deployment Briefings, and Financial Assistance to Families. This 24-hour/7days a week service is provided to all Active, Reserve and National Guard members of the Armed Forces and their direct family members to help reduce family stress with personal crises during periods of separation and deployments. Retired military personnel can also access the Red Cross services for assistance in seeking aid through military organizations and benefits. The Red Cross is the only agency authorized by the Federal government to offer this service.

**DESCRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION PROCESS:** The American Red Cross of Wyoming has two distinct Board structures. As a single state Chapter, governance authority rests with a state Chapter Board. Members of this Board are selected through a Nominations Committee that reviews applicant qualifications and refers qualified applicants to the full Board for approval.

Each Branch office in the state has a local advisory board, comprised of citizens who are committed to helping the local branch in service delivery and fund development. New members are recruited to the advisory board by the branch manager and advisory board members.

**NO OF BOARD MEMBERS:**   9   **TERM:**   6 years maximum  

The local advisory board has 6 members and the state Chapter Board has nine members. The local advisory board does not have term limits. State Chapter Board members are limited to six years.

**LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:** **State Chapter Board** - Dustin Kukuchka (Chair)-Dyno Nobel, Michael Von Flatern (Vice Chair)-President-innovative Mining, Irene Archibald (Treasurer)-Silver Spur land and Cattle, Tammy Goich (Secretary)-CH2M Hill Energy Operations, Lavertha Gotier-Past Mayor Worland, Brenda Keith-VP First Interstate Bank, Michael Morris-Under Sherrif Rawlins, Shane Schulz-Questar Corporation, and Edward Wright-Wyoming National Guard Adjutant General.

**BRIEFLY LIST PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES FOR REQUESTED FUNDS** (Indicate if the funds are to be used for an operational subsidy or for one-time expenditures such as a project or equipment acquisition or capital improvements; indicate whether other sources are available and been applied for; indicate the reason County, rather than the City, Optional One Cent Sales tax funds are appropriate; if possible, estimate the number of citizens that will benefit):

The American Red Cross of Wyoming- Northeast Branch is committed to providing disaster relief services to the citizens of Sheridan County. County funds are being requested exclusively because this project encompasses the entire geographic region of Sheridan County. In order to provide an effective response to natural and man-made disasters in Sheridan County, the Red Cross is maintaining a small office that acts as a communication center where requests for disaster assistance are received and transferred to our operations manager in Gillette who is responsible for mobilizing disaster relief services in Sheridan County. The Red Cross has trained disaster relief volunteers in Sheridan County who will respond to small disasters like house fires. Recruitment and training of additional volunteers will continue during the next fiscal year. The Red Cross allocates a percentage of time for the Gillette regional manager to supervise operations in Sheridan County. The Gillette regional manager is supervised by the American Red Cross of Wyoming's Chief Operations Officer who is responsible for ensuring that the disaster relief services provided to Sheridan County residents meets both statewide and National Red Cross standards. This includes the appropriate training of disaster relief volunteers. Financial assistance to disaster victims of small disasters like house fires includes food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene supplies, medicines, rent subsidies and household supplies. During a larger disaster, the Red Cross would set up a shelter and mobilize personnel and equipment from around the state as needed.

The \$5,000 being requested for each of the next 5 years (2011-2015) will ensure that the above services can be continued. The County funding for these services is supplemented through a direct mail campaign.

**OBLIGATIONS:**

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES OF APPROVED FUNDS (Indicate amount per year and years for which funds are requested):**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1. \$300	Office Space
2. \$1,800	Gillette staff oversight and operations support
3. \$140	Staff taxes and benefits
4. \$3,000	Financial assistance for disaster victims
5. \$500	Travel- Gillette manager to Sheridan County
6. \$5,740	<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>

**\*\*\* REQUEST IS FOR \$5,000 for each of the next five years (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015).**

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**GOALS AND BENEFITS TO THE SHERIDAN AREA COMMUNITY RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURES LISTED ABOVE:**

1. **24/7 disaster response for victims of small and large disasters.**
2. **Financial assistance and casework support for disaster victims.**
3. **Sheridan County disaster response volunteers trained to provide Red Cross disaster response services. Supervised by Gillette branch manager who is supported by Cheyenne Headquarters senior management personnel.**
4. **Ongoing recruitment and training of disaster response volunteers.**
5. **24/7 communication link with Gillette to ensure proper mobilization of disaster response resources.**

**DESCRIBE LAST YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BENEFITS ATTRIBUTED TO CURRENT ONE CENT OPTIONAL FUNDS RECEIVED (If applicable):**

1. **The Red Cross purchased a disaster relief equipment trailer and stocked it with 100 cots, linens, and personal hygiene kits. Total investment was \$7,360.**
2. **Red Cross trained new disaster relief volunteers.**
3. **Red Cross maintained office communication center, ensuring 24/7 disaster response.**
4. **Gillette manager provided direct supervision for disaster operations.**

**PLEASE INDICATE IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS APPLYING FOR THE CITY OF SHERIDAN OPTIONAL ONE CENT TAX FUNDS. IF SO, THE AMOUNT REQUESTED AND FOR WHAT YEAR(S) AND PURPOSE.**

Not applying

**\*\*PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR LAST FISCAL YEAR AUDIT (Or a Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement).**

**\*\*PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

**\*\*PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LATEST IRS FORM 990 (If Applicable).**

**\*\*\*\*\*Only The American National Red Cross files a FORM 990 for the entire national organization.**

SIGNED: *David Black*

Title: *CEO*

Date: *3/11/10*

**Please complete this application. You may provide additional information if you wish.**