

**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:** Forward Sheridan **PHONE:** (307) 673-8004

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jay Stender, Executive Director **ADDRESS:** 203 S. Main St. Ste. 2003

**AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$125,000--\$25,000 per fiscal year for fiscal years 2011 through 2015  
**AMOUNT APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX STATUS:** 501(c)6 **FEDERAL ID NO:** 27-0041430 **EMAIL:** jay@forwardsheridan.com

**DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION:**

1. Economic Development for Sheridan County –Existing organizations
2. Business Retention and Expansion in Sheridan County
3. Recruitment of new businesses, creating new jobs and revenues in Sheridan County
4. City/County Collaboration on economic development projects

**DESCRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION PROCESS:**

The board has a standing nominating committee, which nominates from within the investor group to fill expired terms and/or unexpired terms when a director vacates office prior to term expiration.

**NO OF BOARD MEMBERS:** up to 17 **TERM:** Board members serve 3-year terms, 2 term maximum.

**LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Dick Weber, Chair	Kim Cannon, Counsel	David Ferries	Bob Rolston
Dixie See, Vice-Chair	Dayton Alsaker	Michael Fox	Anthony Spiegelberg
Dick Kindt, Secretary	Troy Baker	Bruce Garber	Myrlene Wallander
Bill Huppert, Treasurer	Paul Del Rossi	John Heath	Dave Kinskey, Ex-Officio

**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):**

1. Address and implement solutions to current workforce issues
2. Attract adequate workforce to ensure health and growth for local businesses
3. Maintain an ongoing business retention and expansion program, which includes visitations to existing companies in the county and providing resources to fulfill expressed needs
4. Work with local high schools and Sheridan College to respond to workforce training needs
5. Improve available commercial/industrial site inventory relative to competitor communities
6. Aggressively market Sheridan County to out-of-state prospects and potential "cluster" industries
7. Educate the community regarding the importance of planned growth for the area
8. Maintain a comprehensive business retention and expansion program for Sheridan County
9. Implement strategies identified in the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Sheridan County and monitor successes

**OBLIGATIONS:**

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

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1. \$15,000	General Operations/Maintenance
2. \$10,000	Technology-Based Business Recruitment, Community Grant Management, and Sustainable Business Development

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

We anticipate the quality of life for all residents in Sheridan County will increase as a result of this program.

- Employers will benefit from increased business and a stable, capable workforce.
- Employees of all ages will benefit from increased wages and increased employment opportunities.
- City and County government will benefit from increased tax revenues.
- School districts will benefit from increased enrollment and relationship development with the business community.

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

1. Hired new Executive Director for Forward Sheridan.
2. Successfully negotiated land exchange for use for the proposed Sheridan High-Tech Business Park in North Main area of Sheridan. Submitted a two-phase grant application for \$3 million to the Wyoming Business Council to install water, sewer, electrical and telecommunications infrastructure to the site. Completed a conceptual plan for the proposed High-Tech Business Park.
3. Submitted a grant application for \$978,000 to the Wyoming Business Council to purchase a facility for the proposed Sheridan Business Incubator.
4. Assisted Apollo Telemedicine, a start-up business, in obtaining state funding to successfully complete a beta test of tele-psychiatry initiatives; Apollo Telemedicine has been asked to implement telemedicine state-wide.
5. Assisted Ptolemy Data Services in their application for grant funding for a power and telecommunications utility abatement.

**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.**

Forward Sheridan is applying for Optional One-Cent funds from Sheridan County.

Amount: \$30,000

Purpose: see above obligations and goals

~~\*\*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).~~

SIGNED: Jay V. Stender  
Jay Stender

Title: Executive Director

Date: 31 March 2010

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

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