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SHERIDAN COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR ONE CENT OPTIONAL TAX FUNDS

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHERIDAN COUNTY WYOMING

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Sheridan County Conservation District PHONE: 672-5820 x. 3

CONTACT PERSON: Carrie Rogaczewski ADDRESS: 1949 Sugarland Drive, Suite 102; Sheridan, WY 82801

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$30,000 per year AMOUNT APPROVED: _____

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DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: As a political subdivision of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, our mission is to provide for the protection and development of the natural resources in Sheridan County. We do this through outreach and education, watershed assessment and planning, and providing technical and financial assistance for water quality and other resource improvement projects. In addition, we work in a close partnership with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service to deliver Farm Bill programs as well as other agencies such as the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and the USDA Forest Service.

DESCRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION PROCESS: Supervisors are elected in the general election in November to serve staggered four year terms. Candidates file an application for election with the County Elections office and appear on the general election ballot. Upon election, supervisors complete an Oath of Office, which is filed in the District office, with copies submitted to the Sheridan County Clerk. The Board consists of 3 rural representatives, 1 urban representative, and 1 at-large representative.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 5 TERM: 4 years (staggered)

LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: Doug Masters, chairman, rural; John Kane, vice-chairman, rural; Larry Ligocki, secretary, at-large; Roger Wilson, treasurer, urban; Roger Reinke, supervisor, rural.

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):

If awarded, funds would be used to help with administrative costs and to provide matching dollars to the state and federal grants that are used to provide the financial assistance for improvement projects and watershed assessment and planning projects. The funds would be used to partially fund salaries of the three positions that provide the technical assistance, encourage participation in the improvement projects, and administer the grant funds. Improvement projects are typically done by rural County residents, however, improvements to water quality benefits City and Town residents, also. Water quality and other resource improvement projects ultimately provide a benefit to all County residents.

OBLIGATIONS:

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

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1. <u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>Technical assistance and administration for resource improvement projects, including stream restoration, septic systems, livestock facilities, living snow fences,</u>
2. <u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>Outreach/education to improve awareness on resource issues and to encourage participation in improvement programs</u>
3. <u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>Administration, including financial audit/review, or "agreed to procedures"</u>
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5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

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

1. Leverage of other funds: helps to bring additional grant and USDA funds for use in Sheridan County
2. Improvement in water quality:
ultimately allow removal of streams from the state list of impaired waters
retain high quality of life that Sheridan County residents enjoy
3. Directing and prioritizing conservation programs and assistance from USDA and other sources to meet the unique needs of Sheridan County residents and natural resources
4. Offer low cost conservation seedling trees and technical assistance for conservation plantings including windbreaks, noise/dust barriers, wildlife plantings, and living snow fence
5. Offer low cost rain barrels and composters to City and County residents
6. Leadership and statutory authority for local watershed planning efforts to retain local control over natural resource issues
7. _____
8. _____

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

Funding provided in FY 2009-2010 allowed the District to maintain a part-time Outreach Coordinator and a part-time technician. The Outreach Coordinator organized natural resource education activities for youth and adults, initiated a rain barrel demonstration project, administered the seedling tree program, developed and distributed quarterly newsletters, maintained the web-site, developed and distributed annual watershed newsletters for the Tongue River and Goose Creek watersheds, updated watershed progress registers and maps, and assisted with watershed monitoring, data management and reporting. The technician is responsible for watershed monitoring and planning activities, providing technical assistance to landowners for resource improvement projects and other activities. Optional One Cent Funds were used for the above activities as match for the federal Prairie Dog Creek Watershed Assessment and Planning Grant (WDEQ) and the Sheridan County Watershed Improvements Grant #1 (WDEQ), and state Water Quality Grants from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Specific Activities included 2009 monitoring on the Goose Creek Watershed and 2010 monitoring preparations on the Tongue River Watershed, and work on the Prairie Dog Creek Watershed Plan and Goose Creek Watershed TMDL.


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.

The SCCD will apply to the City of Sheridan for \$15,000 per year in Optional One Cent Tax Funds. SCCD is requesting \$8,000 for technical assistance and administration on urban resource improvement projects (including rain barrels and composters), \$5000 for outreach/education to improve awareness on resource issues, and \$2,000 for administration (including financial audit/review or "agreed to procedures"). The SCCD will also request funds (~\$1000 each) from the Towns of Dayton, Ranchester, and Clearmont.

****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: 
Title: District Manager
Date: 3/26/2010

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