

SHERIDAN COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR ONE CENT OPTIONAL TAX FUNDS

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Sheridan County Public Library System PHONE: 674-8585 x 12

CONTACT PERSON: Cathy Butler ADDRESS: 335 W. Alger Street, Sheridan, WY 82801

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$109,000 /yr AMOUNT APPROVED: _____

TAX STATUS: Exempt FEDERAL ID NO: 83-6000034 EMAIL: cbutler@will.state.wy.us

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: The library provides informational, cultural, and recreational materials in print, audio, video and electronic formats as well as informational and cultural programming for all ages.

DESCRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION PROCESS: The Trustees are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to a maximum of two 3-year terms.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 5 TERM: 3 years

LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: Cissy Dillon, Bob Orrell, Joe Gingles, Jenny Heuck, Tony Wendtland

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 funds requested will be used as an operational subsidy. It will fund our books and materials budget (\$83,700) at \$2.92/capita (state average is \$5.48/capita). \$12,925 will purchase supplies to process those materials for circulation. It will also fund a programming budget that has been reduced by more than half to \$5,325. Programming promotes literacy for all ages throughout the county. \$7,050 will be used to upgrade computer hardware and software. Computers are a critical tool for today's library: the integrated library system - card catalog, bibliographic records and patron records - is totally computerized. Many Sheridan County residents rely on library Internet computers for their "connection" to the world - job hunting, resume writing, submitting job applications, research, etc. 28,662 Sheridan County residents are served by libraries in Clearmont, Story, Ranchester, Dayton and Sheridan. Additionally, many families from southern Montana use Sheridan as their "shopping town" and also take advantage of Sheridan County's public libraries.

OBLIGATIONS:

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

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1. <u>\$ 83,700</u>	<u>Books, Periodicals, Books on CD, DVDs, Informational Databases</u>
2. <u>\$ 5,325</u>	<u>Programming: Story time, summer reading programs, exhibits, and book discussions at Clearmont Branch, Story Branch Tongue River Branch and Fulmer libraries.</u>
3. <u>\$ 6,150</u>	<u>Computer hardware upgrades</u>
4. <u>\$ 900</u>	<u>Computer software</u>
5. <u>\$ 12,925</u>	<u>Supplies to process books, periodicals, Books on CD and DVDs for circulation.</u>

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

1. 2009 Circulation: 324,885 items; 11.3/capita - state average is 9.5/capita
2. 2009 Program attendance: 13,103
3. 2009 Public Internet users: 58,049
4. 2009 Registered borrowers: 16,469
5. 2009 Patron visits: 193,874

Funding the expenditures listed above will help the library serve the needs of Sheridan County residents.

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

See above # 1-5. The library serves the informational and recreational reading needs of Sheridan County residents regardless of age, race or socio-economic standing. It is a well-used library and one cent optional funds help to maintain quality services and to acquire up-to-date and authoritative materials.

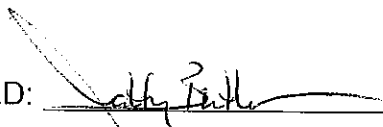
PLEASE INDICATE IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS APPLYING FOR THE CITY OF SHERIDAN OPTIONAL ONE CENT TAX FUNDS. IF SO, THE AMOUNT REQUESTED AND FOR WHAT YEAR(S) AND PURPOSE.

The S.C.P.L.S. is applying for \$109,000 in optional one cent sales tax revenue. The funds will be used to provide materials, programming, and computer access to the residents of Sheridan County.

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

****PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.** On file: Courthouse

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

SIGNED: 
Title: Director
Date: 4-8-10

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