

**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: Senior Citizens Council PHONE: (307) 672-2240

CONTACT PERSON: Carmen Rideout – Executive Director ADDRESS: 211 Smith Street, Sheridan, WY

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$240,000 AMOUNT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX STATUS: 501 (c)(3)-Exempt FEDERAL ID NO: 83-0222330

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: The primary purpose of the Senior Citizens Council shall be to improve the quality of life for Senior Citizens of all socio-economic levels in the Sheridan area and additionally to prevent premature institutionalization.

DESCRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION PROCESS: The Board of Directors are self-appointed and serve no more than two-three year terms.

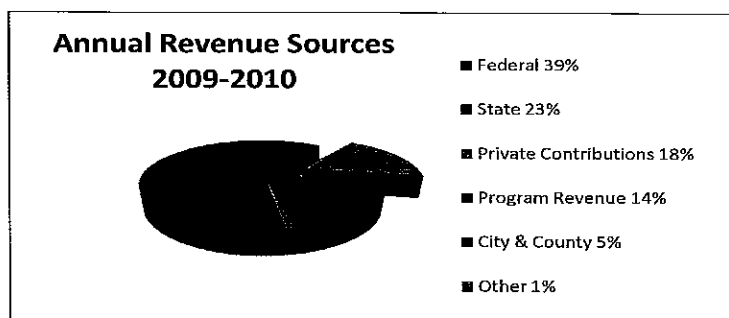
NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 9 TERM: 3 years

**LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Rennetta Mischke-Board President; Susie Ponce-Vice President; Sasha Johnston-Treasurer; Rosemary Brouwer-Secretary; Dan Alsup; Denise Holt; Doris Moeller-Edwards; Dr. Tom Niethammer; Wayne Ransbottom.

**BRIEFLY LIST PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:** The Optional One Cent Tax Funds will be operational subsidy to help the Senior Center pay for the expenses of providing services to the people of our community. The services the Senior Center provides help people remain living at home and in their community. This has a positive affect on the lives of many individuals and also has a positive impact on the local economy. The Senior Center's focus is in serving elders, however many of our services directly and indirectly benefit people of all ages in Sheridan County. In an ideal world the people who utilize our services would pay for the cost of them. This is not possible because a significant percentage of the people we serve are of low-income. Without these services many would be institutionalized and this would cost much more and have a negative impact on our local economy and each taxpayer. The Sheridan Senior

Center will also be requesting Optional One Cent Sale Tax Funds from the City of Sheridan and has received Optional Once Cent Sales Tax funds from the Towns of Ranchester and Dayton in the past. These funds have helped support services provided in these communities. The money received from Sheridan County will be used to help support the operations of four of our programs: Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation and In-Home Services. This local contribution helps the organization cover the costs of services and meets its required funding match. The Center receives percentages of funding from many different sources: Federal 39%, State 23%, Private Contributions 18%, Program Revenue 14%, City & County 5%, and Other 1% (See pie chart below). Although the Center continues to receive a similar level of private contributions yearly, Federal and State funding does not provide increased funding as the senior population in Sheridan County continues to rise. We believe that you should know that due to the current economic scenario the Center has: 1) Cut 2 full-time positions, 2) Not re-hired 2 full-time positions, 3) Is going to have a 3% reduction in payroll for each department in FY 2010, 4) Is going to decrease or eliminate office rental space for administration, 5) Implement staff paying for meals, 6) Make Heritage Towers a satellite site, instead of a fully operational kitchen, and 7) Consider cash infusion from reserves for second half of fiscal year. These budget decisions are very essential as we head into future generations using the Center. By the year 2030 it is projected that Wyoming is projected to have more people 65 and older than under 18. More than one in every four residents will be a senior; and by the year 2030 it is projected that Wyoming is projected to have more people 65 and older than under 18. The Center is proud to serve residents within the entire county and therefore is approaching Sheridan County with this application. The Center will not be able to continue to operate all of its services without this additional funding.



**OBLIGATIONS:**

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

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1. <u>\$25,000</u>	<u>Transportation (FY 2012-2015)</u>
2. <u>\$12,000</u>	<u>Congregate Meals (FY 2012-2015)</u>
3. <u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Home Delivered Meals (FY 2012-2015)</u>

- 4. \$5,000 In-Home Services (FY 2012-2015)
- 5. \$4,000 Family Caregiver Support (FY 2012-2015)
- 6. \$4,000 Day Break (FY 2012-2015)

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

- 1. Transportation will be provided for individuals of all ages throughout Sheridan County.
- 2. Congregate Meals will be provided for people 60 years and over throughout Sheridan County
- 3. Home Delivered Meals will be provided for people 60 years and over throughout Sheridan County
- 4. In-Home Services will be provided for people 60 years and over throughout Sheridan County.
- 5. Family Caregiver Support will be provided for people 60 years and over throughout Sheridan County
- 6. Day Break will be provided for those primarily 60 years of age and over throughout Sheridan County.

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

Last year the Sheridan Senior Center was open 365 days providing services to over 500 people per day.  
The Center had 183,000 service units performed and more than 2,200 individuals served through congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach, health insurance counseling, information and referral, shopping assistance, preventive health services, public information and advocacy, housing assistance, employment, continuing education, recreation, family caregiver supports, day break adult day care, and in-home services. Although revenue has not increased through the traditional Federal grant-funding streams to support these programs, contributions such as One-Cent Optional Tax dollars have allowed the organization to continue providing comprehensive community-based services to Sheridan's older adults. The accountability for the use of the public funds continues to remain high through State, Federal and local reporting mechanisms and data collection procedures. The Center is audited annually.

**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.**

- 1. \$30,000 Transportation (FY 2012-FY 2015)
- 2. \$25,000 Congregate Meals (FY 2012-FY 2015)
- 3. \$21,000 Home Delivered Meals (FY 2012-FY 2015)
- 4. \$12,000 Family Caregiver Support (FY 2012-FY 2015)
- 5. \$12,000 In-Home Services (FY 2012-FY 2015)
- 6. \$50,000 Property Maintenance (FY 2012-FY 2015)

**\*\*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: Executive Director

Date: 3/31/2010

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