

**SHERIDAN COUNTY**  
**APPLICATION FOR ONE CENT OPTIONAL SALES & USE TAX FUNDS**

**FISCAL YEARS 2015 TO 2019**  
**(July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019)**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Advocacy & Resource Center PHONE: 672-7471

CONTACT PERSON: Bonnie Young ADDRESS: 136 Coffeen Ave, Sheridan, WY 82801

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$60,000.00 (Total amount for the 4-year period)

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DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: The Advocacy & Resource Center exists to empower people affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of violence to realize lives of choice, safety and freedom.

**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 Advocacy & Resource Center requested funds from the One Cent Optional Tax Funds to subsidize general operating expenses associated with operating a 24-hour crisis intervention and referral program for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and all other violent crime in Sheridan County. Expenses include providing temporary shelter, food, transportation when necessary, information and accompaniment during court proceedings, liaison with law enforcement and prosecutors, assistance with Crime Victims' Compensation, knowledgeable safety planning and support filing for protection orders, as well as maintaining staff skills and the cost of maintaining a welcoming office. The Advocacy & Resource Center plans to continue the strong bond that has formed between the Center, law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, family services, therapist, faith community and family services. Funds from the County and City also help the Center leverage other funds. Without local support, some funds would be unavailable to the Center. In FY2014, the Center served 471 men, women and children, sheltering 44 people for a total of 98 days. As these numbers are slightly lower than the year before, it is expected that the Center will serve between 450 and 500 people in the next fiscal year.

SIGNED: Bonnie Young

Title: Executive Director

Date: 8/5/14

**Please complete this application and bring 6 copies to the Commission work session. You may provide additional information if you wish.**