

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

FISCAL YEARS 2020 TO 2023
(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Compass Center for Families **PHONE:** 307-675-2272

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$100,000 **(Total amount of the 4-year period)**

TAX STATUS: 503©3 (FIN: 86-06875212)

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

Compass Center for Families advances family-centered, child focused positive relationships

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 10

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Art McCulloch, Rosemary Garber, Kathy Owen, Jake Brooks, Kathy Smith, Gail Symons, Sharyn Siler, Cynthia Pallister, Elaine Kozisek, Kathryn Landis, Alexandra Stevenson

PROVIDE A BRIEFLY HISTORY OF YOUR ORGANIZATION IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY SERVICES PROVIDED TO AREA RESIDENTS:

Compass – Center for Families has been providing services in Sheridan County since 1991 and have worked carefully and intentionally with community partners to identify and allocate resources provided with quality, best practice services to families and children. Collaborating with our community partners ensures we do not duplicate services while working together to identify much-needed services in Sheridan County. In 2017, Executive Director, Susan Carr, was recognized by the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault with the PRIDE Award specifically for her and the agency’s ability to collaborate successfully throughout the Sheridan community.

Compass is the only organization in Sheridan County focused on providing researched and evidenced based quality supervised access and visitation services (supervised visitation and custody exchanges) and shared parenting planning. Supervised visitation services provide emotional and physical safety for children in families affected by parental substance abuse, mental illness, incarceration, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence and other difficult circumstances. Our services allow family relationships to be maintained and/or strengthened in a safe way, until the issues preventing it are addressed.

We offer intensive parenting classes that are designed to prevent child abuse. The classes last about 16 weeks. Classes like these are designed to reduce recidivism rates, reduce child abuse and neglect in our communities and to strengthen families. These classes give moms and dads the tools and skills, as well as a place to practice those skills, which are necessary to rebuilding a loving, safe home. We also offer free community-wide classes for “Parenting the Love and Logic Way”.

BRIEFLY LIST PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:

We have received 1% funding from the City of Sheridan and Sheridan County in the past. It is our intent to use these 1% funds for direct service to children and families in Sheridan County. As services are provided through our staff in immediate face to face contact with our families, very little of our funding goes to what would be considered “administrative” costs. Funds are also used to assist in paying rent, utilities and communication as the need arises, but primarily are placed into direct services or programming for families and children.

Every dollar received from our permanent endowment fund, individual or foundation grants, and federal, state or local government funding goes directly to services for our families. Our services ARE people. People who provide the needed supports, coaching, education, mentoring and case management of our families.

Strong families are the foundation of a strong and healthy community and local economy. Families in crisis or living in violence are a tremendous drain on the services a community may provide. Some untreated child victims of abuse and neglect do not grow up to be well-functioning and productive tax-paying members of society. Research tells us that these children grow up to recreate the generational negative outcomes they experienced as children.

We work with children and families in the 4th Judicial District who are victims of child abuse and neglect. We provide advocacy, education, prevention and case management and treating the family as a whole and reducing returning families to the criminal justice system. We work with the community, volunteers, families and children to provide a safe, conflict free place for all to gain new skills and strengths to move more Buffalo and Johnson County families to a strong and healthy unit. We increase positive outcomes of families who struggle to provide a loving, nurturing, positive and successful home.

In 2015, we introduced Parenting the Love and Logic Way as community parent education classes open to the public. These classes are provided at no cost to participants. These parenting classes are just one example of how we are putting a renewed focus on child maltreatment prevention. We believe that giving parents the tools to be successful and to be better parent role models is paramount in reducing child abuse and neglect. Studies show us over and over that early intervention can make the difference to a child who is at risk of falling into the system as a teen and adult. It is our plan to expand these free classes to Tongue River, Big Horn and Story.

We know that untreated children who are victims of child abuse and neglect can grow up with chronic and high-risk issues. They are more likely to be perpetrators and victims of crime, more likely to drop out of school, live in life-long poverty, have higher rates of unplanned pregnancy, and suffer with substance abuse and mental health issues. All of these issues allow another generation to never leave the cycle and very expensive to treat and punish down the road.

Our programs are designed to break the cycle of dysfunction and to build and support loving, nurturing families that are self-sufficient and healthy. To be even more successful, we work closely with our many community partners to ensure children and families at risk are getting everything they need to be together in a loving and nurturing way and that we are not duplicating services.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION GOALS AND ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF PERSON YOU SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY:

We anticipate that numbers will remain steady for the next year or so. A recent needs assessment, conducted by Compass Center for Families in 2015, estimated a 30% increase in demand for services by 2025. Please the next page for a listing of services provided in 2017.

Calendar Year 2017 service numbers.

CASA children	147	Volunteers	54	Volunteer Hours	2515
Sheridan	92	Sheridan	29	Sheridan	1498
CASA cases	84	CASA closed	51	Total Children ages 14-21	36
Sheridan	54	Sheridan	26	Sheridan	21
Visit children	135	Visit families	83	Total service Hours	2447
Sheridan	106	Sheridan	67	Sheridan	1760.5
Hours of visits	2207	Number of visits	1226	Number of exch	480
Sheridan	1580	Sheridan	856	Sheridan	361

Services numbers for Parent Liaison Program

	2015-16	2016-2017	2017-2018 as of Mar. 2018
Families Receiving Info & Supports	765	610	508
Engaged Families (ongoing support)	252	211	141
Welcome Calls	403	377	377
Parent Education	68	76	76
Thriving Kinders	Not offered	95	TBD

Complete this section if your agency has previously been awarded One Cent Funding for the period of July 2015 through March 2018:

Amount Awarded: \$13,000 each year

Have all the funds been expended: Yes

Did you receive 1% Optional Tax Funds from the City of Sheridan or the towns of Dayton, Ranchester and Clearmont. If so what amount was awarded: City of Sheridan - \$6,667

Briefly describe the impact that the previous award has had on your program, project or organizational operations.

These funds are critical to the continued support of Compass Center for Families. We run an extremely tight budget and without these 1% funds, we would not be able to fully fund many of the programs and services we offer to our community. Families would have to experience waiting lists before services could be started or receive no services at all. It is also important to note the support of our community and local governments when providing services. It is our passion to work with families and children, to provide solutions for families facing challenges or barriers to their success and health.

This funding we receive allows us to continue this important prevention work. Without it, the reach we have into the community and the supports and education we provide to families in crisis would decrease and it would almost certainly have negative impacts to our community and in our way of life. Future impacts include:

1. Increased incidents of child abuse/neglect with little to no intervention beyond removing children from their home
2. Increased educational drop-out rates,
3. Increased crime and substance abuse rates,
4. Higher levels of unemployment and under employed workers, reduced tax collection pool.
5. Increased numbers of single parent households
6. Increased levels of untreated substance abuse and mental illness populations.

SIGNED: _____

Title: ___ Executive Director _____

Date: ___ 04/23/2018 _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED - Attached

1. VISIT <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SC1CentNonProfit> TO UPLOAD INFORMATION AND PHOTOS REGARDING YOUR ORGANIZATION.
2. PROVIDE A SUMMARY COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
3. PROVIDE A SUMMARY COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
4. PROVIDE PAGE 1 OF YOUR MOST RECENT 990 (IF APPLICABLE)