

**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:** Dog and Cat Shelter      **PHONE:** 307-674-7694

**CONTACT PERSON:** Julie Chadwick      **MAILING ADDRESS:** 84 East Ridge Road, Sheridan Wy 82801

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**AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$80,000 (Total amount of the 4-year period)

**TAX STATUS:** Non Exempt

**DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Dog and Cat Shelter provides an increasingly important role in the community which is both as a public safety and a community awareness facility. We humanely house and care for unwanted, abandoned or stray animals until they can be adopted, or reclaimed by their owners, if they are stray. We provide a space for dogs and cats under rabies quarantine. We spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinate all adoptable animals that come in to our shelter that are adoptable and we provide discounted spay or neuter opportunities for those that can't afford the entire amount that reside in Sheridan County. We provide rabies shots and city licenses annually at a discounted rate. We work to increase awareness and educate about pets and the value they bring to our lives as well as our responsibility to them. Also, (newly implemented) we are establishing a training program for emotional support and service dogs that are adopted from the Dog and Cat Shelter.

**NO OF BOARD MEMBERS:** 8

**NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Cassandra Morss, President  
Kayla Wilbanks, Treasurer  
Rebecca Skyler, Secretary  
Liz Wright, Board Member  
Christina Schmidt, Board Member  
Kris Walker CSO & Board Member  
Kimberly Deines, Board Member  
Theresa Bonnet Nelson, Board Member

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

The Dog and Cat Shelter has been in Sheridan since its' inception in 1969. It started in a building on Fort Road, and now is located at 84 East Ridge Road. The Shelter has provided a place for unwanted, abused or neglected and stray animals where they can be humanely and lovingly cared for until they are adopted, or relocated with their owners. This has been primarily dogs and cats, but we've also re-homed goats, chickens, geese, and lately we've seen a large increase in guinea pigs, rabbits, as well as some reptiles and pigeons. Through the course of the years, we've also had a spay neuter program, that has expanded to include a spay neuter fund that we use to offset the expenses of spaying and neutering Sheridan County Residents who already own pets that are unsprayed or unneutered. Additionally we contract with the city to be the holding area for stray animals, or animals that are part of a cruelty investigation

**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 if you have requested 1% funding from the City of Sheridan and/or the towns of Dayton, Ranchester and Clearmont)***

The Dog and Cat Shelter is asking for \$80,000. of our \$367,452 budget. The Dog and Cat Shelter provides a public safety function by holding stray dogs and cats that are brought in by ACO Officers, by the public or surrendered by their owners. 90% off animals brought in as strays are **not** spayed or neutered. These animals can cause exponential population increases, and increase safety concerns for people and other animals. No animal that becomes Shelter property leaves without being spayed or neutered, has a health check, is observed for behavior and socialized by staff and volunteers. In addition each animal is microchipped. The Shelter also functions as a holding facility for cruelty investigations, bite cases and rabies quarantine. The Dog and Cat Shelter also provides wonderful enrichment opportunities to Veterans that come up to spend time with the animals, and walk our dogs, to children through our outreach programs, and to anyone who chooses to adopt a shelter animal. Finally we are an outlet for teens and adults to perform their community service hours when they have violated the law. These non-violent offenders often leave with a greater sense of compassion and insight.

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

Our goal is to be of service to our community by reducing pet overpopulation, providing housing for unwanted, stray and quarantined animals. We also provide service to the community by hosting days each week for Veterans, and our newly opened reading room for children to come and read to animals. We bring animals to the College every May, to help reduce test anxiety. Finally, we have reached out to NSI to have their kids come up to spend time with the animals as well. We are also developing a program where we can partner senior cats with seniors in senior housing. These programs are both in development at this time. We educate the community from grade school to college. Studies have shown the value animals bring to a person's life, whether its' through care giving or the emotional attachment or both. We support and embrace this.

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

**Amount Awarded: \$68,000**

**Have all the funds been expended: each quarter they are**

**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: \$80,000**

**Briefly describe the impact that the previous award has had on your program, project or organizational operations. Some discussion items to cover in this section may include:**

- *Number of persons served, and demographics of persons served (income level, age, race, etc.)*
- *Describe the overall impact of these funds on your program, project or organization*
- *If your agency has not yet to spent all the awarded funds, please briefly describe your plans to expend the funds by the end of the fiscal year*
- *Did your agency use One Cent funding to leverage additional funds, either through grants or other means?*

The Dog and Cat Shelter accepted a total of 547 dogs/puppies, and 395 cats/kitten in 2017. 240 dogs were brought in by the City of Sheridan Animal Control Officers. 94 Cats were brought in by Sheridan Animal Control Officers. Approximately 90% of these dogs and cats were not spayed or neutered. There are ONLY the animals brought in by city Animal Control, not the animals the public brought in as strays. If the animals become the property of the shelter, they are given a health check, are spayed or neutered, and given all necessary shots as well as micro-chipped, prior to adoption. In Addition, our Animal Control Officers responded to hundreds of “Dog at Large” calls, Wildlife incidents, vicious dog and dog and cat bite complaints. These animals are then quarantined at our facility, along with animals that are part of cruelty investigations. For example, in April of 2017 ACO’s reported 57 cases of “Dog at Large, with 1 vicious dog as well as 10 animal cruelty/welfare checks. The city funds help to offset the expenses of housing, spaying neutering, feeding, training, vaccinating and microchipping the animals that come into the shelter. This reduces the animal population, which can become a health and safety concern. Furthermore, the Shelter provides enrichment opportunities for people to spend time with animals that don’t live where they can have a pet. The Shelter has provided dogs to Sheridan College to help alleviate Finals stress, and Veterans housed at the Sheridan VA come once a week to walk and play with shelter dogs. Finally, the Shelter is a resource for non-violent offenders to work off community service hours. The Dog and Cat Shelter has long term objectives, however we are only asking for the funds from the city to continue to provide the services we already provide.

**SIGNED: Julie Chadwick**

**Title: Executive Director**

**Date: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED**

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)