

**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:** Sheridan County Conservation District      **PHONE:** 672-5820 x. 3

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**AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$120,000 (\$30,000 per year) (Total amount of the 4-year period)

**TAX STATUS:** Government

**DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:** The Sheridan County Conservation District (SCCD) is one of 34 conservation districts in the State of Wyoming whose purpose is to coordinate available technical, financial, and educational opportunities to benefit soil and water resources. SCCD works closely with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and other partners to address natural resource and conservation needs in Sheridan County, including the City of Sheridan. The SCCD is funded primarily through state and federal grants, which support a water quality monitoring and improvement program. This program includes engaging landowners through participation in local watershed steering committees and planning efforts, increasing awareness on watershed issues through information and education, providing technical and financial assistance for improvement projects, and monitoring to document changes in water quality over time.

**NO OF BOARD MEMBERS:** 5 (Five) elected on general election ballot to serve staggered 4-year terms

**NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Susan Holmes, Chair, at-large  
Edith Heyward, Vice-Chair, urban  
Orrin Connell, Secretary-Treasurer, rural  
Emerson Scott, III, Supervisor, rural  
Doug Masters, supervisor, rural

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

Conservation Districts in the State of Wyoming are political subdivisions of state government, organized under the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (11-16-101 through 11-16-135). Each District is governed by a 5-member Board of Supervisors elected on the non-partisan, general election ballot. Three local districts (formed in 1942 and 1948) combined in 1972 to create what is now known as the Sheridan County Conservation District (SCCD). The SCCD has a long history of partnering with Sheridan County on a variety of projects, including the Goose Creek Watershed Assessment, the Tongue River Canyon Channel Assessment, Septic System inventories, and other activities. District staff participated in the development of the Comprehensive Plan and on subsequent committees. Through local cost-share programs, SCCD has assisted landowners/county residents on 130 water quality improvement projects and has served as a sponsor for assessments and projects through the Wyoming Water Development Commission and the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection Program. In addition, the District provides soils reports for subdivisions, oil recycling facilities for rural residents, workshops, and low-cost seedling trees.

**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)* Funds will continue to be used to assist with administrative costs and to provide matching dollars to the state and federal grants used to provide cost-share assistance to landowners/homeowners for improvement projects, watershed monitoring and planning; and education/outreach activities. The funds would be used to partially fund the salaries of the two positions that provide the technical assistance on projects, encourage participation in projects/programs through outreach, and administer the grant funds. Improvement projects are typically done by rural County residents, so they are directly benefitted. Water quality improvements also benefit City and Town residents who use and/or recreate in these waters. SCCD also applies for local funding support through the City of Sheridan, the Towns of Dayton, Ranchester, and Clearmont, and local residents through a membership program.

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

The SCCD mission is to protect Sheridan County's water and land quality through assistance programs, education, monitoring, and planning. Among other things, SCCD provides financial assistance for water quality improvement projects (such as relocating livestock facilities away from waterbodies, replacing septic systems, and stabilizing stream banks and channels), classroom demonstrations on water quality, and water quality monitoring. SCCD has provided assistance directly to landowners/residents for over 100 water quality improvement projects. In addition, SCCD has approximately 50 customers each year participate in the seedling tree program. Over 2000 gallons of used oil are recycled annually through the oil recycling facilities. Workshops, classroom demonstrations, and other presentations are provided to approximately 200 youth and adults annually. Ultimately, all County residents benefit from improved water quality and natural resources.

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

**Amount Awarded:** \$ 40,830 - \$30,000 FY16, \$27,600 FY17 & \$13,200 FY18 (with April & June payments remaining)

**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:** Yes-\$10,000 City of Sheridan Contingency FY16; \$600 Town of Clearmont (\$200 each in FY16, FY17, and FY18); \$1500 Town of Dayton (\$500 each in FY16, FY17, and FY18); and \$3000 Town of Ranchester (\$1000 each in FY16, FY17, and FY18)

**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?*

Funds from Sheridan County have enabled the District to stabilize the local program. Funds are used to leverage outside funding sources and for activities not covered under existing grant programs. Specifically, these activities included Ag week demonstrations on food origins and importance of agriculture to over 500 Kindergarten students; costs associated with a Soil Health workshop attended by nearly 200 people and other workshops (workshops are partially funded by other grants); costs associated with the initiation of a reclamation effort for the former Acme Power Plant; and costs associated with administration of the seedling tree and oil recycling programs. Most of the expenses with water quality monitoring and improvement projects are funded through outside grants; however, One-Cent funds have been used for supplies and incidentals, which are then included as matching dollars.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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)