

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

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _Sheridan Area Search and Rescue_ **PHONE:** _307-763-2085

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$120,000.00 _____ **(Total amount of the 4-year period)**

TAX STATUS: ___501c3 non-profit_____

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

Sheridan Area Search and Rescue is a volunteer team of highly trained individuals who serve the residents of Sheridan County, and Wyoming in general. Our purpose is to conduct search and rescue missions at the behest of the Sheridan County Sheriff's office.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 5 officers and 4 board members at large

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Robert Aksamit

Vice President – Rene DeLuna

Treasurer – Colin R. Ferriman

Secretary – Darren Olsen

Training – Ron Condos

Board member at large – Dave Searle

Board member at large – Josh Hutson

Board member at large – Kolby Drake

Board member at large – Kevin Bare

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

Sheridan Area Search and Rescue was incorporated into a 501c3 non-profit organization in 1994. Our mission is to serve the residents of Sheridan County, Wyoming as a Search and Rescue operator at the behest of the Sheridan County Sheriff. In order to do so we maintain a highly trained team that is effectively able to respond to multiple emergencies throughout the year. Our missions focus on searching for lost individuals, rescuing stranded individuals, recovering individuals, and occasionally we assist with evidence searches. A secondary component of our mission is providing educational programs to the public (especially children) about being safe in the woods, and what to do if they become lost as well as providing assistance to various outdoor events.

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)*

Sheridan Area Search and Rescue will use the 2018 1% funds to help subsidize our yearly operating expenses ranging from building utilities, equipment up keep, vehicle maintenance, and team training.

In past years Sheridan Area Search and Rescue has received funds in the form of the 1% sales tax from Sheridan County and the City of Sheridan. We have also received SRS/Federal Pilt funding. Currently, none of these sources of revenue are available. Therefore, we are operating at a significant deficit that will eventually exhaust our monetary resources. In order to decrease the deficit Sheridan Area Search and Rescue has participated in several private fund raising events throughout fiscal year 2017 including Dining for a Cause, Pint Night, several raffles, and private donations. These ancillary sources of income are very much appreciated but cannot be relied upon to sustain our operating expenses and ensure that Sheridan County has a trained and prepared Search and Rescue team.

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

Collectively, through our missions and our support of annual events we provide a service to every member of Sheridan County. We are an all-volunteer team of dedicated individuals; therefore expenses are minimal when compared to the loss of life and revenue should there not be a team to respond to emergencies. Over the years Sheridan County Search and Rescue has fiscally set aside a significant amount of funds in order to be well prepared and financially stable should we have a prolonged, overly expensive, or unusually busy mission year. Sheridan Area Search and Rescue fronts all funds for missions that we are called upon of which a fluctuating percentage is reimbursed by the State of Wyoming. A lengthy or problematic mission could significantly reduce these reserves. Consequently, we rely upon the 1% sale tax funding as much as the people of Sheridan County rely on their search and rescue team. Without Sheridan Area Search and Rescue emergency situations could easily lead to the death of the subjects involved. Sheridan Area Search and Rescue is also intimately tied to the operations of multiple events in Sheridan County including the Big Horn Run, Beaver Creek Slide, Bike MS, the Gravel Grinder, etc. Without search and rescue these events would likely have to be significantly curtailed or cancelled entirely which would lead to a drop in the economic benefits associated with these events that Sheridan County has profited from. Because of Sheridan Area Search and Rescue people are able to enjoy the wilds of Sheridan County either on their own or through publically sponsored events knowing that we are there to help should things go poorly.

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

Amount Awarded: \$15,000.00

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: No

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?*

Past 1% cent sale funds have helped with the following training programs:

1. Two search and rescue members attended a three day avalanche training course.
2. Two search and rescue members were recertified as Wilderness First Responders.
3. Multiple search and rescue members were CPR certified.
4. Multiple search and rescue members were certified in wilderness first aid.
5. Multiple search and rescue members were SAR Tech II and III certified.
6. Multiple search and rescue members were MLPI (Managing the Lost Person Incident) certified.
7. Multiple search and rescue members were certified in high and low angle rescue.
8. Multiple search and rescue members were certified in confined space (cave) rescue.
9. Monthly team wide trainings.

Past 1% cent sale funds have helped purchase the following items:

1. An Incident Command trailer.
2. An ATV rescue sled.
3. An ATV trailer.
4. New ATV tires and rims.

Past 1% cent sale funds also help us maintain our current fleet of vehicles and equipment.

SIGNED: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celia R. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.

Title: Treasurer of Sheridan Area Search and Rescue

Date: 27 April 2018

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED