

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 Sheriff's Office **PHONE:** (307) 672-3455

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$600,000.00 (Total amount of the 4-year period)

TAX STATUS: Tax Exempt / Government

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office provides a full spectrum of law enforcement services to all Sheridan County residents and guests, while working under the tenets of our Mission Statement; Integrity, Respect, Honesty, Teamwork, Trust, Service, and Leadership.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: n/a

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: n/a

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

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office was established in 1888 and is the only government law enforcement entity in the county that serves the entire populace in at least some aspect of law enforcement. We are the sole investigatory and reporting agency for citizens and guests outside the City of Sheridan. In that capacity, we serve a population of about 12,000 people in an area spanning 2,527 square miles. We patrol approximately 865 road miles, not including roads within the City of Sheridan. We also provide civil process, court security, and adult detention services to the entire county, including the City of Sheridan. In the civil, court, and detention capacity, we serve approximately 30,000 residents and countless guests.

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)*

We are seeking these funds as an ongoing operational subsidy for our vehicle fleet. In order to provide our services effectively and efficiently, we use a car-per-deputy program. With patrol vehicles interspersed through the county, we ensure a more rapid response to calls for service. We have diligently searched for cost effective means to purchase and maintain vehicles. The fleet now consists of Ram 1500 pickups, which withstand the

rigors of county law enforcement better than any previous vehicle. We replace Rams at the four (4) to five (5) year mark when the vehicles typically have 100,000 miles. At that point, maintenance costs rise exponentially. We also field three (3) detention transport vehicles of varying seating capacity and four (4) other vehicles for special use related to law enforcement services. Those additional vehicles typically are replaced after six (6) to ten (10) years, depending on maintenance issues. On average, we expend about \$150,000 per year replacing our aging fleet and funding the costs associated with upfitting the vehicles for law enforcement usage. We have not sought funding from other county entities and the only other funding source available is through our operational budget.

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

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office goal is to provide full service law enforcement to people within Sheridan County, equitably and in a timely manner. We are available to serve approximately 12,000 people outside of the City of Sheridan in all aspects of law enforcement and proactive community policing efforts. The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office also serves almost 18,000 people inside Sheridan in the areas of VIN inspections, court security, civil process service, and adult detention. It is difficult to quantify how many of those citizens will be served by the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office on a yearly basis, but we maintain that our presence throughout the county via the car-per-deputy program does factor into reduced crime based on perceived presence.

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

Amount Awarded: \$480,000.00

Have all the funds been expended: Yes, with the final amount to be expended in the FY18-19 budget.

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?*

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office has received 1% Optional Tax Funds in the current and past cycles. We used those funds for vehicle acquisition and upfitting of law enforcement equipment to the vehicles. We serve the entire county in an equitable manner, including all walks of life and all portions of the county. Prior to fielding the Ram 1500 pickups, we purchased pre-owned Sport Utility Vehicles and Crossovers. Those vehicles rose in cost and declined in reliability, resulting in greater maintenance costs. We feel our stewardship of the funds previously awarded shows diligence in leveraging that money to its greatest potential. Without the funds secured from the 1% Optional Tax, we would struggle with timely response and adequate funding for vehicle costs that are needed to serve our citizens. Vehicle purchase and upfitting is almost eight percent (8%) of the Sheriff's yearly budget. If we were to cut that amount from our budget, the result would be diminished service and less personnel. We are already well under the national average of deputies per population averages, so any further reductions would be detrimental to our community.

SIGNED: 

Title: Sheriff

Date: 4/23/18

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)