

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 Community Land Trust **PHONE:** 307-673-4702

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

TAX STATUS: Exempt

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

Sheridan Community Land Trust works to preserve our heritage of open spaces, healthy rivers and creeks, working ranches, wildlife habitat, and vibrant history, while expanding recreation opportunities to connect people with the places they love.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 12

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: Mike Evers, Chair; Dan Rieder, Vice Chair; Julie Greer, Secretary; Jeff Way, Treasurer; Craig Achord; Don Crecelius; Holland Duell; Susan Holmes; Susanna Meyer; Sarah Heuck Sinclair; Margie Taylor; Jan Windsor

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

Sheridan Community Land Trust (SCLT) is a local organization that serves the communities of Sheridan County. SCLT was founded as a 501(c)3 organization in 2006 as a solution to concerns community members expressed through a regional community assessment conducted by Sheridan County and the City of Sheridan. Citizens were asked to identify the County's major problems and challenges, its strengths and assets, and what projects they would like to see completed in 5, 10 and 20 years. The results of that assessment illustrated that community members placed a high value on land conservation, including preservation of working ranches, historic preservation, and access to recreation opportunities. These results lead to SCLT's mission which focuses on preserving working ranches, open spaces, wildlife habitat, and historic sites, as well as increasing recreation opportunities.

Since its inception, SCLT has successfully initiated and completed many projects that have accomplished the goals identified by the Sheridan County communities. We are a community-supported land trust that works with willing landowners to hold conservation easements on private land, develop and enhance recreational opportunities, and preserve local history, while engaging the next generation as stewards of these valuable resources.

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)

SCLT is a strategically-positioned and well-led organization with committed board members who reside in the communities we serve. We have been successful in forging partnerships with numerous public and private entities and individuals interested in project-specific funding. City of Sheridan and Sheridan County One Cent Funds are critical operational support needed to develop projects to the point of being ready for accepting grant and private dollars. The ongoing support of both the City of Sheridan and Sheridan County One Cent Funds is essential to our continued success. We were recently awarded support from the City of Sheridan 2019 Optional One Cent Funds for July 2019 – June 2023.

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

SCLT will use Sheridan County One Cent Funds to develop projects with significance for our community including increased access to recreation, conservation of open space, and the celebration of our Community's history. We have and will continue to leverage Sheridan County One Cent funding to attract private and public funding from local, state, and national levels. The projects that we work on with the support of Sheridan County One Cent funding provide significant value for the citizens of Sheridan County. Our trails project directly impacts trail users and volunteers; while, our conservation and historic work are appreciated by a wider audience both directly and indirectly. We have approximately 300 members, 2,000 individuals and businesses receive our regular newsletters and eNew, and 250 individuals are on our volunteer list. We hold 8 conservation easements and 2 historic preservation easements. Our events draw hundreds of participants from historic walks to run/biking events. We estimate that our trail networks receive roughly 75 unique visits/week during the summer and fall seasons, and roughly 20 unique visits/week during the winter and spring seasons.

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

Amount Awarded: \$17,600

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 - \$13,333

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?*

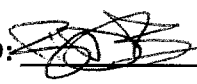
We estimate that our trail projects receive roughly 75 unique visits/week during the summer and fall seasons, and roughly 20 unique visits/week during the winter and spring seasons. Our trails are open to all and are used by all ages, abilities, and socioeconomic status. Our conservation and historic preservation easements are enjoyed by a wide number of individuals both directly and indirectly. Some of our easements allow for public visitation while others are appreciated through the preservation of open space and viewsheds.

Your investment in SCLT pays returns in the amenities of our community – For every \$1 you give us, we'll find \$35 more which we'll put on the ground here in Sheridan County for maximum public benefit. SCLT's recent projects over the last 12 months include:

- Completed an additional 3.5 miles of trail in our Red Grade Trail network for a total of 5.2 miles. We have had trail users register their home location from all over Sheridan County, Wyoming, and some further afield.
- Started scooping additional trail mileage at Red Grade and other locations across the County.
- Celebrated our 7th annual Biketober Festival at Red Grade Trails with over 155 participants.
- Worked with various partners to clear the title allowing the Sheridan County Conservation District to secure ownership of the Acme property. Future uses will focus on access, history, and soil and water quality.
- Worked with various partners to secure and transfer the North Gateway property to the City of Sheridan with conservation easement in place.
- Secured funding and installation for signage for the Tongue River Water Trail and the Doc Huson historical site.

- Developed three additional access points for the Tongue River Water Trail – all on private property.
- Completed feasibility study on an Outdoor Education Center and engaged a group of teachers to implement outdoor science education this summer.
- Leading the development of the first conservation easement through the Tongue River Initiative and exploring conservation easements with additional landowners along the Tongue River.

SIGNED: _____



Title: _____

Executive Director

Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED
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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)