

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 Public Library System **PHONE:** 307-674-8585 ext. 112

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$640,000 (Total amount of the 4-year period)

TAX STATUS: Tax Exempt - County Government (No Form 990 is filed with IRS)

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Library is to support the informational, cultural, recreational, and life-long learning activities of Sheridan County residents through 4 library locations. Library services are provided via books, audio and visual materials, newspapers, Internet access, and electronic materials. Meeting room space and a variety of programming for all ages are offered. Those unable to access a physical library are offered services through our homebound program.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 5

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Shannon Anderson - Chair	Dick Shackelford - Treasurer	Jami Kessner - Member
Fran Wolfe - Vice Chair	Christy Green - Secretary	

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

Sheridan County Public Library System - "Dynamic Gateways for Lifelong Learning" Library Service in Sheridan began in 1883 as a reading room and became the County Library System in 1886. By 1905, Andrew Carnegie provided money to build an official library in the City. Harry S. Fulmer donated money in 1971 to build the Fulmer Library while branches were added in Clearmont, Tongue River (Ranchester) and Story. Residents of the County average 13,000+ visits and 24,000 items checked out per month. Meeting room usage at all 4 locations are important for the community. For the surrounding communities, the library is sometimes the only option to access the Internet.

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 Library is requesting \$160,000 per year (\$50,000 more than in the past).

The Library is undergoing a Facility Needs Assessment which will help identify any repairs and maintenance needed to the existing Fulmer Library. The assessment will also identify opportunities to more efficiently utilize our current space for the future. Those projects we anticipate will cost over \$1.5 million over the course of 4 years with the majority of the funds being raised by the Library Foundation. In addition, funds will be used for other capital projects including technology upgrades, books and materials, HVAC repairs, and grounds maintenance.

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

Residents of the County average 13,000+ visits and 24,000 items checked out per month. Meeting room usage at all 4 locations are important for the community. For the surrounding communities, the library is sometimes the only option for computer or Internet access for job hunting, resume writing, research, and connecting with friends/family in other areas. All 30,000+ residents of Sheridan County have access to library services with more than 15,000 library cards issued to individuals or families.

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

Amount Awarded: \$110,000 per year

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?*

The Library serves over 30,000 residents of Sheridan County with over 170,000 visits last year. More than 330,000 items were circulated. The library serves residents of all ages from baby storytime through to programs for seniors. We make no distinction based on race, income levels or socio-economic backgrounds. Without the One Cent funding, the library would have limited our ability to expand our services. Technology upgrades to our infrastructure included adding server capacity, GigaByte fiberoptic Internet service, expansion of WiFi services at all 4 locations, self check out stations, and an update to our website. The funding for books and materials was leveraged with the general public in order to obtain donations to the Friends of the Library and Library Foundation which were designated for books. We did attempt to leverage the One Cent funding with the City of Sheridan One Cent funding to assist with some maintenance of the Fulmer facility. All One Cent funding will be expended by June 30, 2018.

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)