

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 Health Center **PHONE:** 307-674-6995

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$48,000.00 (Total amount of the 4-year period)

TAX STATUS: Non-Profit

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Sheridan Health Center promotes health and wellness by providing charitable primary and preventative health care to underserved adults living in Sheridan County, Wyoming.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: Three

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Steve Carroll
Chris Sherwood
Kris Schamber, M.D.

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

In 2004, citizens and local physicians in Sheridan County recognized that uninsured, low income residents could not access primary care services due to the cost of physician visits, medications, and ancillary services. In response to this need, local private funding was sought, and with the assistance of Sheridan Memorial Hospital, The Free Clinic of Sheridan was started in March of 2005. Since its inception, the Free Clinic of Sheridan, now called the Sheridan Health Center, has served over 2,500 unique low income residents of Sheridan County.

According to the 2014 United States Census Bureau, there were 980 uninsured low-income adults in Sheridan County who struggle to access to basic medical services. The Sheridan Health Center's 5 year strategic plan is to have the capacity to provide services to all of those individuals. Currently the clinic is open two days a week and can provide services to 550 patients per year. We currently, as of January 1st, 2018, have 490 enrolled patients. To achieve our 5-year goal and make the greatest impact on health care in our community, we will need to expand to three clinic days per week for 2018-2019, and expand to four days per week in 2019-2020. We expect to be open full time starting 2021.

The Sheridan Health Center is calling upon all of our supporters- including our patients- to contribute more so that we can achieve this goal and improve access to health care for our working poor and most vulnerable adults in our community. In return, we can expand the number of available days for clinic, and serve more of these individuals.

Starting July 1st, 2018, the clinic is planning to expand hours for our primary care provider, nursing, and reception staff, constituting our greatest cost. The Sheridan Health Center will also increase the amounts budgeted to provide pharmacy

services, laboratory services, and radiology services to serve more patients. Our other costs, including our facility, utilities, and administrative staff (who perform dual duties as providers and nurses) are fixed regardless of the number of days per week patients are seen.

Once we are functioning at capacity, it will cost \$400.00 per patient per year to provide our comprehensive services. We are requesting that Sheridan County sponsor health care services for 30 Sheridan County adults who are uninsured and living in poverty using 1% Optional Funds.

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 Sheridan Health Center is requesting that the Sheridan County 1% Tax Funding sponsor 30 uninsured adults living in poverty every year. The Sheridan Health Center can leverage up to \$3,400.00 worth of services per patient per year for a cost of \$400.00 per patient per year.

The Sheridan Health Center has been pledged an annual \$10,000.00 award by the City of Sheridan 1% Optional Fund. The Sheridan Health Center currently received support from the City of Dayton.

2019-2020 Annual Project Budget:

Total Proposed Number of Patients to be served in 2019-2020: 1,200

Total number of Indigent: 75

Total number of uninsured Patients Living in Poverty: 700

Total number of Patients who are Low Income: 200

Total number of Patients Receiving Medicaid: 125

Total number of Patients who are Uninsured but not low income: 100

Total cost to serve 1,200 patients at \$400.00 per patient per year: \$480,000.00

Request to the 1% County optional taxes to cover 30 patients living in poverty:	\$12,000.00
1% City optional tax has pledged to support 25 patients living in poverty:	\$10,000.00
Request to the Watt Foundation to serve 150 patients living in poverty:	\$60,000.00
Request to the Community Service Block grant to sponsors 75 patients in poverty:	\$30,000.00
Request to the Zullig Foundation to serve 150 patients living in poverty:	\$60,000.00
Request to the Gwilliam Foundation to sponsor 30 patients living in poverty:	\$12,000.00
Request to Griffith Foundation to serve 50 low income clients:	\$20,000.00
Request to the Scott Foundation to sponsor 75 indigent clients:	\$30,000.00
Request to the Pledge by Perkins Foundation to sponsor 40 patients age 21 or younger:	\$16,000.00
Program Income (Medicaid reimbursement, patient contributions, ancillary services):	\$200,000.00
Fundraising (Smaller foundations, private individuals, businesses, churches):	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total:	\$480,000.00

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

Our organizational goal is to operate six days per week, providing services to 1,200 Sheridan County Adults per year. We are currently operating two days a week and serving more than 500 adults.

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

Amount Awarded: \$10,000.00

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:

From 2015-2019, the Sheridan Health Center was awarded \$4,000.00 per year by the City of Sheridan 1% Optional Tax Fund. They have recently pledged \$10,000.00 per year for the 2019-2023 cycles.

We receive \$1,000.00 per year from the City of Dayton 1% Optional Tax Fund.

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:

Our previous award was earmarked to provide labs, x-rays, and medications for patients. From July 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2017, that funding assisted us with providing:

- \$13,697.00 worth of emergency prescriptions- almost 1,000 prescriptions for antibiotics, diabetic medication, etc.
- \$25,252.00 worth of laboratory services on 458 patients (some like our diabetics, repeatedly)
- \$5,628.00 worth of x-rays for 89 patients

All of these patients served were low income Sheridan County adults 18-64 years of age. These services helped our medical providers deliver high quality health care to these patients by assisting with diagnosis and treatment. We will continue to utilize remaining unexpended funds for these services through the rest of our current award.

Our One Cent funding from the Sheridan County is matched by City of Sheridan One Cent funding along with multiple other funding sources. (Please see budget above) and by in kind discounts by Sheridan Memorial Hospital, the Billings Clinic, and Hospital Pharmacy.

The overall impact of these funds includes:

- 82% of our patients with hypertension were managed to the medical standard (vs. 44% of private practices nationally)
- 99% of our tobacco users were offered cessation. 4% took us up on our offer and were tobacco free for six months or more.
- 90% of our patients were screened at least annually for mental illness.
- 99% of our patients were screened at least annually for obesity.
- The Wyoming Medication Donation program provided \$237,000.00 worth of prescriptions free to our patients in Sheridan County during our 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- The pharmaceutical companies provided \$176,000.00 worth of free prescriptions to our patients during our 2016-2017 fiscal year.

SIGNED:

Wendy Gao, MD, MHS

Title:

Executive Director

Date:

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