

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: Senior Citizens Council **PHONE:** 307-672-2240

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AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$160,000 (\$40,000/year x 4 years) **(Total amount of the 4-year period)**

TAX STATUS: 501(C)(3)

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR MISSION STATEMENT:

The primary purpose of the Senior Citizens Council/The Hub on Smith is to improve the quality of life for Senior Citizens of all socio-economic levels in Sheridan County and to prevent premature institutionalization.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 9

NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: Callie Drell-President, Rae Ann Morss-Vice President, Molly Dow-Secretary, Anthony Spiegelberg-Treasurer, Cheryl Heath, Vickie Mader, Casey Osborn, Dr. John Ritterbusch, Jim Wilson.

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

Services for Senior Citizens in Sheridan County began in 1972 with the formation of a group called the "Senior Citizen's Coordinating Council". At that time, programs specifically for seniors were virtually non-existent. In 1973, with the passing of the Older American's Act, federal funding became available for a number of programs that would benefit people 60 years or better. That year the Coordinating Council incorporated into the private non-profit organization known as "The Sheridan Senior Center". The first van was purchased in 1973, and a network of services and supports developed. In 1976, the first Senior Nutrition Meal site was opened in the Salvation Army Community Center.

In 1980, the Sheridan Senior Center was built with funds from the Optional One Cent Sales Tax and private donations. The building was expanded and remodeled in 1990 to make room for the Home-Delivered Meals and Day Break Programs.

In 2016 the new Day Break was built on property adjacent to the Senior Center at 211 Smith Street. Then in 2017, the entire center at 211 Smith Street was remodeled and expanded, making the project the fourth time the center has been added onto since the original building was constructed in 1980. The Sheridan Senior Center although legally called the Senior Citizens Council, was given a new name and is now known as The Hub on Smith. The services have grown over the years to 10 major community based services, which are offered

to those 60 or better throughout Sheridan County. Daily, more than 500 people pass through the doors of The Hub on Smith and choose from the numerous services provided. In the context of Sheridan non-profit organizations, the Sheridan Senior Center uniquely provides essential human services not otherwise available. It is central to what makes Sheridan special, as are organizations like the YMCA, the Hospital, the Library, and the College. Much of the daily activity involves a base of 350 volunteers.

The Center continues to be a vital part of the community and is important to the overall health and well-being of older adults. The Center serves Sheridan County and the communities of Sheridan, Dayton, Ranchester, Story, and Big Horn and saves these communities money in long term healthcare costs and provides social capital far beyond any dollar figure recorded on paper.

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 money received from Sheridan County (\$160,000 (\$40,000 per year)) will be used to help support the Operations of four of our programs: Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation and In-Home Services. This local contribution helps the organization cover the costs of services and meet its required funding match. The Center receives the approximate percentages of funding from many different sources: Federal & State Grants 47%; Contract Revenue 16%; Development 14%; Program Income 17%; Non-Program Revenue 5%; Other 1%. Approximately half of the funds listed have been applied for/and or received. One Cent Optional Funding is applied for annually through the Cities of Sheridan, Ranchester and Dayton and all combined resources are extremely instrumental in the operations of The Hub.

Although the Center continues to receive a similar level of private contributions yearly, Federal and State funding does not provide increased funding as the senior population in Sheridan County continues to rise. According to the latest US Census Bureau estimates in 2017 (19.8%) of the Sheridan County population were residents aged 65 or older. According to this source, Sheridan County is aging more quickly than other areas of the State and Country. According to long-term projections by the State of Wyoming, the population of Sheridan County residents age 50 or older will remain high through 2030. These statistics in addition to the fact that The Hub on Smith's State and Federal Funding has been highly variable and unpredictable at best has made balancing our Hub budgets a significant challenge.

The Hub continues to operate at a highly elevated efficiency level and cut costs to help ease this challenge. However, The Hub will continue to always strive to meet the balance between efficiency and the ability to provide highly impactful services to those in need. Budget decisions are very essential as we head into future generations using the Center. The Hub is proud to serve residents within the entire county.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION GOALS AND ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS YOU SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY:

The strategic goals of The Hub on Smith are to:

- Meet the Needs of the Changing Generations
- Increase Financial Viability
- Provide Human Resource Excellence as the Key to Success
- Increase Community Partnerships

Annually more than 2,800 unduplicated individuals receive benefit from the services of The Hub on Smith.

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

Amount Awarded: \$140,000

Have all the funds been expended: No, funds have not all been received yet from Sheridan County.

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?

Yes-

City of Sheridan-\$80,000 x 4 years = \$320,000

City of Ranchester-\$6,000 x 4 years = \$24,000

City of Dayton-\$4,500 x 4 years = \$18,000

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 impact that the previous award has had on the programs and services of The Hub on Smith are invaluable. These funds not only provide support for services to individuals who many not be able to afford it, but they have provided matching funds for other necessary grants. The funds have served more than 12,500 unduplicated individuals over the past four years. This funding has provided services to primarily those 60 years and older (men and women of all backgrounds) that may have to be institutionalized without the services available through The Hub. The Hub annually saves the taxpayers of Sheridan County more than \$15 million in Title 19 Medicaid payments, which is good for the people of Wyoming, but more importantly it feels good to seniors. This support is something that is not taken lightly and makes a big difference in the lives of our fellow citizens.

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)