

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: WYO Theater, Inc. **PHONE:** 307-672-9083

CONTACT PERSON: Erin Butler **ADDRESS:** 42 N Main, Sheridan, WY 82801

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$5,000 **AMOUNT APPROVED:** \$5,000

TAX STATUS: 501(c)(3) **FEDERAL ID NO:** 74-2254851

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: It is the mission of the WYO Theater to be a major regional performing arts center that inspires, educates and entertains, by presenting live performing arts including music, dance and theater.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 13

LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: Gene Sturlin, Susan Miller, Patrick Schilling, Kathy McNickle, Patrick Suchor, Justin Stroup, Cheri Wilson, Kent Sherwood, Donna Garland, Tom Sachse , Jeannie Hall, Alexis Klatt, Doug Moore

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

The 483-seat capacity WYO Theater was originally built in 1923 as a vaudeville theater called the Lotus. Through the years, it has undergone many changes – in name, décor, and use – but it has always remained an integral part of the Sheridan community. When the doors of the theater closed in 1982, a group of dedicated citizens began the process of raising funds to see that the building would remain standing. In 1983, the City of Sheridan purchased the building and began leasing it to "Save the WYO Inc". During the next six years, over \$1,200,000 was raised from individuals, businesses, and private foundations to renovate the theater. In November 1989, the doors of the newly renovated WYO Theater opened once again to serve the area and its people. Twenty-five years later, with support from many individuals, foundations and community businesses, including a \$2 million grant from the Wyoming Business Council, the WYO and Sheridan College rebuilt and remodeled the adjoining "Perkins Building" to the south; it also expanded the mission by renaming the combined facilities "WYO Performing Arts & Education Center". Then again, in 2016, the WYO and College embarked on the final leg of its expanded vision by remodeling the adjoining "Hallmark Building" to the north again with support from individuals, foundations and community businesses, including another \$2 million grant from the Wyoming Business Council. The WYO continues to offer a wide variety of arts opportunities over these last 28 plus years through theater-sponsored programs in performance and education.

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)*

Funds requested will be used to support the general operation of the theater including upkeep, maintenance and minor improvements to the facility as required. These funds will be matched by \$5,000 from Sheridan County One-Cent tax funds as approved in the Resolution on the ballot of November, 2010.

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

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Have all the funds been expended: YES

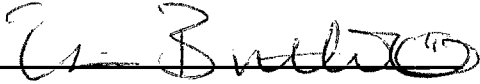
Did you receive 1% Optional Tax Funds from the City of Sheridan or the towns of Dayton, Ranchester and Clearmont. If so what amount was awarded: Matching funds received per the Resolution on the ballot of November 2010.

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:

The funds received went to excellent use by helping maintain the level of safety, cleanliness and professionalism expected by patrons who attend events at the WYO Theater, serving some 23,000 patrons in the last year alone. As the WYO has expanded so too has its reach and the need for more staff to accommodate the size of the facility. The One Cent funding has been helpful in assisting in minor maintenance issues and we are always grateful for the support of the county.

- *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?*

SIGNED: _____



Title: _____

Executive Director

Date: _____

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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)