



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Manager
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff, John Baker
Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2016
Re: Appropriation of Share the Light funds

Executive Summary

The Share the Light program began in August 2001 as a way for residents to contribute to a range of City of Columbia projects through their utility bill on a one-time or monthly basis. As of February 1, 2016, more than \$233,900.00 has been raised for six areas of city programming. The six areas are community arts programming, community beautification, youth recreation scholarships, public health, fire prevention and education, and crime prevention. Each donation is made for a specific area of programming and is to be used only for programming in that area of giving. Staff is requesting appropriation of Share the Light funds already donated for use by the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department.

Discussion

The Share the Light program allows Columbia residents to contribute to one or more of six areas of city programming that extend beyond basic City services. The six areas are community arts programming, community beautification, youth recreation scholarships, public health, fire prevention and education, and crime prevention. Since Share the Light started, more than \$200,400.00 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program areas.

Staff asks that \$4,292.74 in Share the Light funds be appropriated for Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department for two programs. Of that total, \$2,146.37 will help fund the Childcare Nurse Consultant annual training for childcare facilities and childcare providers. This training educates childcare providers in how to teach preschool children the correct way to brush and floss teeth; it also provides supplies (toothbrushes, timers for brushing, toothpaste and floss) so that the facilities can afford to carry out an ongoing program. The program seeks to cut down on pediatric dental caries and encourage good dental hygiene. Facilities that have had the training in the past can receive more toothbrushes and toothpaste to continue their programs. Last year, over \$2,500 was spent on the training and support of the facilities for their oral health programs.

The remaining \$2,146.37 will help fund Adult Indigent Care, a program that provides sharps containers for individuals who use syringes and lancets for insulin or other injectable medications, and a disposal service for full boxes. This program has a two-fold focus: to give low income individuals a safe way to dispose of their used syringes and to keep these potentially hazardous sharps out of the trash. During FY15, \$2,280 was spent for the purchase of personal sharps containers and their disposal.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Health, Social Services & Affordable Housing, Secondary Impact: Community Pride & Human Relations, Tertiary Impact: Community Character

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/01/2011 to the present	Balances of Share the Light funds are announced to the departments overseeing the six areas of giving three times per year. There has been at least one appropriation request each trimester since 2011. The dollars requested are already donated; these appropriation requests arise when the departments wish to use the funds for particular City programs or services deemed above and beyond basic operations.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of this ordinance and appropriation of funds.