



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Manager
To: City Council
From: City Manager & John Baker
Council Meeting Date: August 1, 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 July 2016, more than \$239,300.00 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 \$202,400.00 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program areas.

Staff requests \$2,000.00 be appropriated from Share the Light funds designated for community arts programming for a historical marker for the Blind Boone Home and Second Baptist Church. The Office of Cultural Affairs will secure the historical marker for the John William "Blind" Boone Home and the Second Baptist Church as part of a series of Historical Markers that will commemorate the African-American Heritage Trail in Columbia. The marker will be placed outside the Blind Boone Home and will contain historical information about both buildings. The sign will be similar in design to the existing historical marker commemorating the Sharp End Business District.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None
Long-Term Impact: None

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact



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Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Arts & Culture, Secondary Impact: Community Character, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economic Development, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/01/2001 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.