



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: April 15, 2019
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 March 1, 2018, more than \$272,000.00 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 of six area of city programming that extend beyond basic City services. The six areas are community arts programming, community beautification, youth recreation scholarship, public health, fire prevention and education, and crime prevention. Since share the Light started, more than \$215,000.00 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program areas.

Staff asks that a total of \$5,000.00 in Share the Light funds already on hand be appropriated for the following department and purpose.

The Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department requests \$5,000.00 to pay for a childcare nurse consultant program that teaches dental health and hygiene to childcare providers and citizen WIC participants. The funds will also provide children's toothbrushes and toothpaste, floss, and puppets with teeth to teach children how to brush their teeth correctly.

A portion of the funds will also allow PHHS to purchase tobacco cessation materials including nicotine patches, and cessation educational materials.

Fiscal Impact

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



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/01/2011 to Present	Balances of Share the Light funds are announced to the departments overseeing the six areas of giving three times per year. The dollars requested are already donated; these appropriation requests arise when the departments wish to use their available funds for particular City programs or services deemed above and beyond basic operations.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of this ordinance and appropriation of funds.