



Department Source: City Manager
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff, John Baker
Council Meeting Date: March 19, 2018
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 \$263,250.00 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 and the Columbia Police 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 \$208,000.00 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program areas.

Staff asks that a total of \$9,500.00 in Share the Light funds already on hand be appropriated for the following two departments and purposes.

One, the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department requests \$8,500.00 to be divided for two projects. The first \$5,666.00 will pay for a childcare nurse consultant program that teaches dental health and hygiene to childcare providers; the funds will also provide children's toothbrushes and toothpaste to childcare facilities and citizen WIC participants. The remaining \$2,834.00 will pay for smoking cessation supplies, as well as provide sharps containers to individuals who need to contain and dispose of syringes, lancets, and auto-injectors.

Two, the Columbia Police Department (CPD) requests \$1,000.00 for use by CPD Explorer Post #207 to assist with applicable law enforcement activities, education, and mentoring of Columbia's youth. Funds will pay for Explorer Post fees and establish a fund to pay the yearly dues of youths who cannot afford to pay, as CPD does not want dues to stand in the way of youths benefitting from the Explorer program. A side goal of the program is to educate the next generation on a noble and rewarding career in law enforcement.



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 the present	Balances of Share the Light funds are announced to the departments overseeing the six areas of giving three times per year. This is the first appropriation request since the introduction of MUNIS. The dollars requested are already donated; these appropriation requests arise when the departments wish to use their funds for particular City programs or services deemed above and beyond basic operations.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of this ordinance and appropriation of funds.