



Department Source: City Manager  
To: City Council  
From: City Manager & Staff  
Council Meeting Date: July 6, 2020  
Re: Share the Light Appropriation

## 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 June 2020, more than \$301,000.00 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 Fire 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 \$221,500.00 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program areas.

Staff asks that \$4,600.00 in Share the Light funds already on hand be appropriated for the Columbia Fire Department to purchase 300 smoke alarms at \$15.35 each for distribution to lower income families in Columbia.

## Fiscal Impact

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

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Social Equity, Tertiary Impact: Operational Excellence

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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



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## 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. The dollars requested are already donated and in hand; 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.