

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 377-14

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff, Trust Specialist John Baker

Council Meeting Date: December 1, 2014

Re: Share the Light Appropriation Request

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: None

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 November 1, 2014, more than \$215,100.00 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 and Community Development.

Discussion

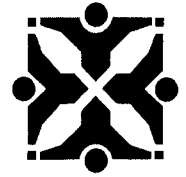
The Share the Light program allows Columbia residents to contribute to one or more of six areas of city programming that extend beyond basic City services. The six areas are community arts programming, community beautification, youth recreation scholarships, public health, fire prevention and education, and crime prevention. Since Share the Light started, more than \$180,100.00 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program areas.

This appropriation request totaling \$6,238.27 is for two departments:

1. Columbia Fire Department requests \$738.27 to purchase 13 carbon dioxide detectors @ \$26.97 each, and 91 smoke alarms @ \$4.26 each. The detectors/alarms will be distributed to low-income Columbia residents by the Fire Department.
2. Community Development-Volunteer Programs requests \$5,500.00 to support the Adopt-A-Spot Beautification Program. The City has more than 95 landscaped beds in City or State Right of Way cared for by volunteers. These beds are seen by thousands of residents and visitors every day and reflect our community pride. Volunteer Programs is requesting funds to hire an intern with landscaping and horticulture knowledge and/or experience to work with volunteers on the beds that need the most attention due to lack of maintenance in order to improve the quality of the program. Should the funds be appropriated, an intern will be hired to assist with this program from Spring through Fall, focusing on beds with the greatest need of attention.

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There is no short-term fiscal impact related to this item.

Long-Term Impact: There is no long-term fiscal impact related to this item.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Community Character, Community Pride and Human Relations, Parks, Recreation and Greenways

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Environmental Management, Livable & Sustainable Communities

Suggested Council Action

Approval of this ordinance and appropriation of funds.

Legislative History

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 funds are already donated; these appropriation requests arise when the departments wish to use the funds for particular, above and beyond basic, City services or programs.

Department Approved

City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 377-14

AN ORDINANCE

appropriating funds for Share the Light Program; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$738.27 is hereby appropriated from the Share the Light Utility Charges Fire Prevention Account No. 753-8500-480.50-45 DFPREV to the Fire Department Public Education, Instruments & Apparatus Account No. 110-2341-513.14-70 for the purchase of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to be distributed to low income residents.

SECTION 2. The sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated from the Share the Light Account No. 753-8500-480.50-42 DCMBFC in the following amounts to the following accounts to support the Adopt A Spot Beautification Program:

\$5,200.00 Volunteer Programs, Temporary Positions
Account No. 110-4030-532.01-05 DADOPT

\$500.00 Volunteer Programs, Monthly Auto Reimbursement
Account No. 110-4030-532.48-40 DADOPT

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I certify there are sufficient funds available in the following accounts to cover the above appropriations:

Share the Light Utility Charges Fire Prevention
Account No. 753-8500-480.50-45 DFPREV

Share the Light Utility Charges
Account No. 753-8500-480.50-42 DCMBFC

Director of Finance