The Parks and Recreation Department received $1,820 in cash donations from various individuals and agencies for the 2014 Holiday Toys for Columbia's Youth program. The donated funds are used to purchase toys for underprivileged youth for the holidays. Households must be residents of Columbia and meet income guidelines to be eligible for the program. The Department is requesting the City Council approve the ordinance accepting the donations and appropriating the funds to the Community Recreation operating account.

The Holiday Toys for Columbia's Youth program was created to provide toys for the holidays for Columbia's underprivileged youth, ages 1-12. The goal is to provide at least three gifts for up to three children per family for qualifying households. Registrants must be residents of Columbia who are not receiving holiday assistance from another agency. Participants must provide proof of income or EBT (food stamp) card and a picture ID upon registration.

The program is supported by voluntary donations. Citizens are invited to donate new or slightly used toys and/or make a monetary donation to the program. The Parks and Recreation Department received $1,820 in cash donations from various individuals and agencies for the 2014 program. The Department expended 100% of the cash donations on new toys, which were distributed to children in qualifying families. In 2014, 250 youth were served by this program.

The Department is requesting the City Council approve the ordinance accepting the donations and appropriating the funds to the Community Recreation operating account to reimburse the Department for the amount expended to purchase new toys for the 2014 program.
Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. The donation appropriation will offset the amount expended for the program.
Long-Term Impact: None.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Health, Social Services and Affordable Housing
Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing
Comprehensive Plan Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance accepting and appropriating the donations for the Holiday Toys for Columbia's Youth program.

Legislative History

None.

Department Approved
City Manager Approved
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accepting and appropriating donated funds for the Parks and Recreation Department’s Holiday Toys for Columbia’s Youth 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 City accepts $1,820.00 from various donors for the Parks and Recreation Department’s Holiday Toys for Columbia’s Youth Program.

SECTION 2. The sum of $1,820.00 is hereby appropriated from the Permanent Park Improvement Fund Account No. 753-8500-480.53-00 D74000 to the Recreation Services Fund – Community Recreation Account No. 552-5530-602.13-01 RXSPEC.

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

PASSED this ________ day of ______________________, 2015.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

CERTIFICATION:  I certify there are sufficient funds available in the Permanent Park Improvement Fund Account No. 753-8500-480.53-00 D74000 to cover the above appropriation.

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Director of Finance