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 $5,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Share the Light Utility Charges Youth Recreation Scholarships Account No. 753-8500-480.50-43 DYRSCH to the Recreation Services Administration Refunds Account No. 552-5510-602.50-01.

SECTION 2. The sum of $9,500.00 is hereby appropriated from the Share the Light Utility Charges Public Health Account No. 753-8500-489.50-44 DYDNTL to the Health Department Administration Miscellaneous Account No. 110-3010-531.13-95, SHAREH.

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

PASSED this _________ day of ______________________, 2011.

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 following accounts to cover the above appropriations:

Share the Light Utility Charges Youth Recreation Scholarships
Account No. 753-8500-480.50-43 DYRSCH

Share the Light Utility Charges Public Health
Account No. 753-8500-489.50-44 DYDNTL

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Director of Finance
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager & Staff  
DATE: June 24, 2011  
RE: Appropriating Share the Light funds

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**
In August 2001, the Share the Light program began as a way for residents to contribute to City of Columbia projects through their utility bill on a one-time or monthly basis. More than $161,500 has been donated to the program. Staff is requesting appropriation of funds for use by the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department and the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

**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 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, $142,915.50 has been appropriated (including this request) throughout all six program components.

Staff is asking that funds be appropriated to the following programs:

**Youth Recreation Scholarships:** The Columbia Parks & Recreation Department is requesting an appropriation of $5,000 to provide youth recreation scholarships through the end of FY 2011. Scholarships are available to youth from low-income households who participate in recreational activities sponsored by the department. The $50,000 that had been budgeted for youth scholarships has been depleted; Share the Light funds will be used to provide scholarships until funding is available through the FY12 budget.

**Public Health:** The Department of Public Health and Human Services is requesting an appropriation of $9,500 to be used to purchase supplies for the pediatric dental program, the smoking cessation program and the red box program for diabetics.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
$14,500 - Share the Light funds are donated by the public. Through these funds, departments are able to provide services and programs that may otherwise not be offered. Without Share the Light funds, youth recreation scholarships would be suspended until October 1.

**VISION IMPACT:**
Funding for Youth Recreation Scholarships supports Vision Statement 4: Community Pride and Human Relations: Our vision of Columbia's future is one where we all embrace and help create a welcoming, just, responsive, proactive, understanding, and respectful environment for residents and visitors alike - celebrating, rather than denigrating our collective diversity. Funding for Public Health supports goal 11.3: Columbia will be a healthy community. All residents will have timely access to appropriate health care. Effective prevention initiatives will contribute to a healthy community.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**
Approval of this ordinance and appropriation of funds.