

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Human Resources and Seattle City Light Project Share Program; authorizing and ratifying expenditure of certain unexpended and unencumbered funds accumulated in the 1983 Budget of the Department of Human Resources to meet pledges made to Project Share recipients; and providing payment therefor.

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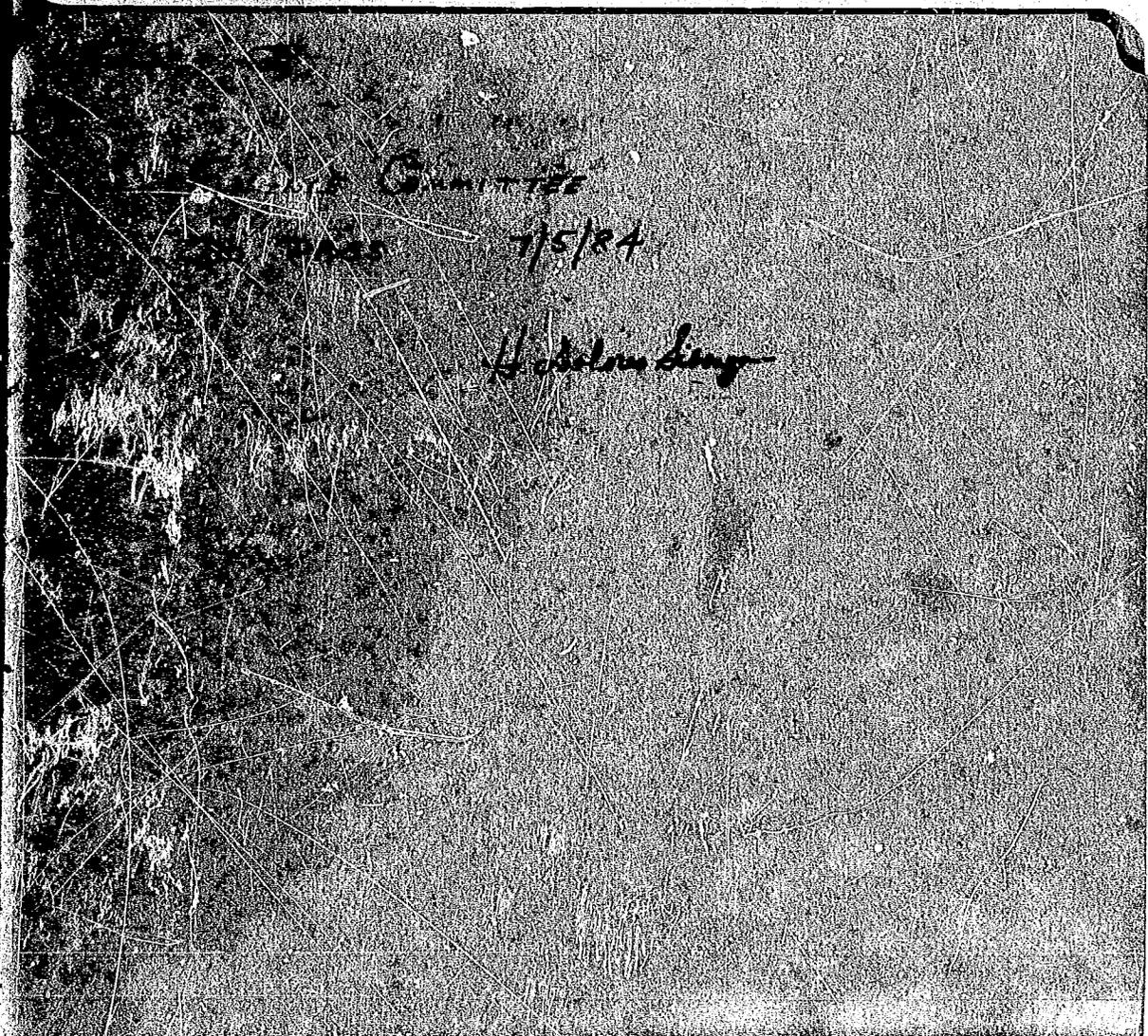
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ORDINANCE 111780

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3 Light Project Share Program; authorizing and ratifying expenditure of certain
4 unexpended and unencumbered funds accumulated in the 1983 Budget of the
Department of Human Resources to meet pledges made to Project Share
recipients; and providing payment therefor.

5 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle Department of Human Resources pledged monetary
assistance to low-income individuals facing utility service disconnection; and

6 WHEREAS, the monetary pledges already made to low-income individuals are
obligations of The City of Seattle; and

7 WHEREAS, private voluntary contributions to Project Share are insufficient to meet
8 these obligations; Now, Therefore,

9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

10 Section 1. To provide for payment of certain pledges made to certain low-
11 income customers of City Light under the Project Share program, the Department of
12 Human Resources is authorized to spend therefor Twenty-seven Thousand Six
13 ~~Hundred and Fifty four (27,554)~~ accumulated in the expenditure allowance in their
14 1983 Budget for Program Category 1800, Community Services, Object of Expenditure
15 55000, Governmental Services, and the City Comptroller is authorized to draw and
16 the City Treasurer to pay the necessary warrants and make the necessary transfers.

17 Section 2. Any acts consistent with the authority and prior to the effective
18 date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.
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(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section ³..... This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 9th day of July, 1984

and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 9th day of

July, 1984

Murray B. Rice
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 13th day of July, 1984

Charles Roper
Mayor.

Filed by me this 13th day of July, 1984

Attest: *Jim Hill*
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

(SEAL)

Published.....

By *Earl Dull*
Deputy Clerk.

S.O.P. 100-014

1. **Proposal objective:** To authorize and ratify expenditure of City funds from the 1983 budget of the Department of Human Resources to meet pledges made to low income participants in the Project Share program to meet overdue electric bills.
2. **Amount requested:** \$27,654
3. **Fund source:** Accumulated expenditure balance in the 1983 DHR budget, Program Category 1800, Community Services, Object of Expenditure 55000, Governmental Services.
4. **Ongoing commitment:** This appropriation would cover pledges made in 1983 in excess of citizen contributions to Project Share at the time pledging ceased. Project Share will continue to operate with contributions from citizens, and if approved by the City Council, with City matching funds requested by the Executive in separate legislation.
5. **No new positions are requested.**
6. **No additional facilities or equipment are requested.**
7. **The criteria used to evaluate Project Share are:**
 - a. **Number of low income households served.**
 - b. **Number of shutoffs averted.**
 - c. **Delinquent accounts paid which do not have to be written off.**
8. **Alternatives:**
 - a. **General Fund/Emergency Fund appropriation to cover amount over-pledged (legal opinion precludes use of Light Fund, opinion attached).**
 - b. **Use subsequent private contributions to cover over-pledging. This would deplete contributions and probably result in terminating the program.**

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**Office Of The Mayor
City of Seattle**

Charles Royer, Mayor



May 30, 1984

Honorable Norman B. Rice, President
Seattle City Council
City of Seattle

Dear Councilmember Rice:

Last year, we started in Project Share one of the best programs this City has ever undertaken. Project Share asked the citizens of Seattle to help their neighbors pay electrical bills rather than face the danger of losing City Light services. The response to Project Share has been tremendous. Seattle residents have donated approximately \$55,937 to the program in its first year of operation. Unfortunately the need for Project Share's assistance is simply too great to be met by private donations. Social service agencies throughout the city continue to report a very high volume of calls from low income people who cannot meet the rising costs of the electrical energy they require to maintain even a minimally adequate standard of living. We can expect this situation to get worse. We have had to raise electrical rates again this year. Federal aid for low income energy assistance will be reduced significantly this summer -- ironically, when it is most needed. Because City Light generally does not initiate action against customers until their accounts fall two billing periods behind, the need for Project Share assistance becomes most acute in late spring, when the second billing under the higher winter rates comes due.

Today I am sending the City Council legislation requesting an Emergency Fund appropriation of \$50,000, which will serve as a match to donations our citizens make to Project Share. The match will be on a one-for-one basis with donations received in 1984. So far this year, we have received approximately \$9,150 in new donations. I propose we match this amount immediately with City funds. In subsequent months, the Department of Human Resources will be expected to pledge no more than the amount of donations actually available combined with a City match equal to the donations received in the previous month. If donations do not equal \$50,000 in 1984, we will not pledge the full \$50,000 City match. Together with the \$11,851 in 1983 donations we have carried over, Project Share will currently have resources totalling \$30,151 as services resume next month.

The second ordinance I am sending you ratifies the actions we took earlier this year to resolve the overpledging problem which occurred last fall. As a recent audit by the City Comptroller concludes, the department has corrected the administrative problems which led to the deficit. We are confident Project Share will now operate smoothly.

Honorable Norman B. Rice
May 30, 1984
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Because it is a program in which citizens voluntarily help their less fortunate neighbors, Project Share is perhaps one of Seattle's finer service programs. As the continuing high levels of donations indicate, it is a well known and strongly supported program. The City matching funds I am proposing today will make Project Share an even stronger program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Royer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles Royer

CR:cct

cc: All Councilmembers
Theresa Aragon
John Saven
Gary Zarker

City of Seattle

Executive Department-Office of Management and Budget

Gary Zarker, Director
Charles Royer, Mayor



May 23, 1984

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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED

Honorable Douglas Jewett
City Attorney
City of Seattle

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MAY 23 1984

Douglas N. Jewett
CITY ATTORNEY

Dear Mr. Jewett:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING

DEPARTMENT: Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT:

An ordinance relating to the Department of Human Resources and Seattle City Light Project Share Program; authorizing and ratifying expenditures.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation directly to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and drafting appropriate legislation:

- () File the legislation with the City Clerk for formal introduction to the City Council as an Executive Request.
- (X) Do not file with City Council but return the proposed legislation to OMB for our review. Return to Ken Nakatsu.

Sincerely,

Charles Royer
Mayor

By

GARY ZARKER
Budget Director

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Enclosure