

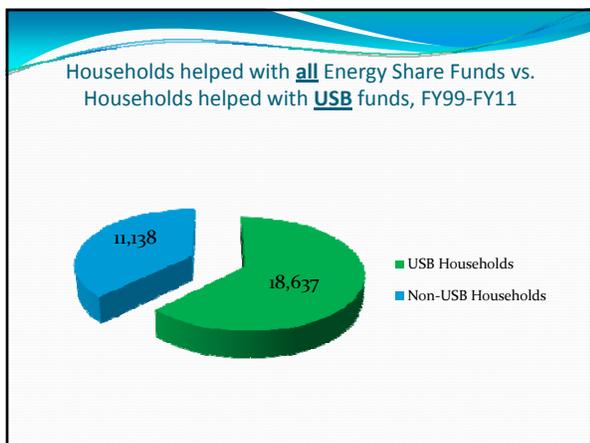
Energy Share of Montana and Universal Systems Benefits



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What is Energy Share?

- Private non-profit founded in 1982
- Purpose is to help Montanans who are facing energy emergencies
- Over 41,000 families helped with emergency bill assistance



How we do what we do

- Contract with the ten Human Resource Development Councils (HRDCs) around the state

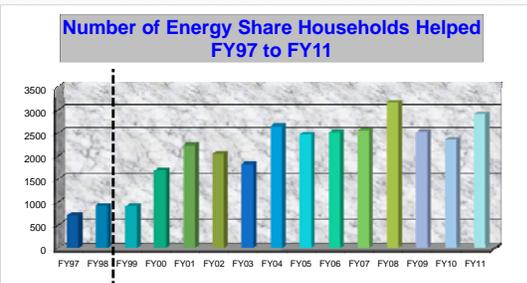


Local Energy Share Committees

- Volunteer Local Committees - the heartbeat of Energy Share 
- Work within contractual guidelines 
- Statewide consistency, local flexibility

USB Funds & Energy Share

Number of Energy Share Households Helped FY97 to FY11



Fiscal Year	Number of Households Helped
FY97	800
FY98	1000
FY99	1000
FY00	1800
FY01	2300
FY02	2100
FY03	1900
FY04	2700
FY05	2500
FY06	2500
FY07	2600
FY08	3300
FY09	2600
FY10	2400
FY11	3100

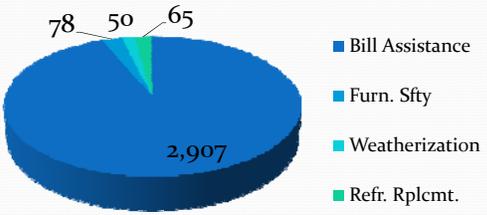
Energy Share's USB Donors

- Utility Companies
- Electric Cooperatives
- Large Electric Users

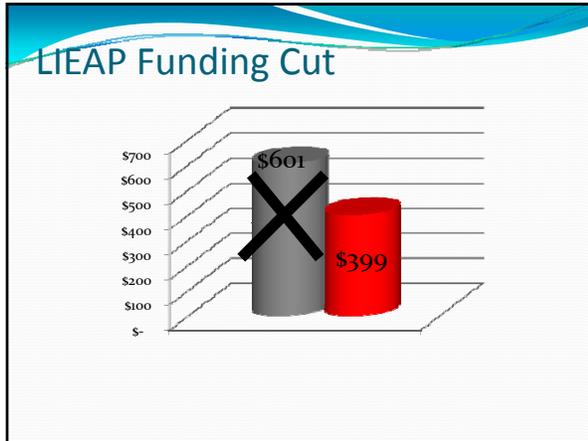
Other Energy Share Programs:

- Furnace & water heater safety and efficiency (Energy West and MDU)
- Weatherization (Energy West) 
- Cost-effective refrigerator replacement

Energy Share Programs FY11 Number of Households Helped



Program	Number of Households Helped
Bill Assistance	2,907
Furn. Sfty	78
Weatherization	50
Refr. Rplcmt.	65



Energy Share's Potential Client Population Growing

- Montana's unemployment rate increased 3% from 4.8% in August 2008 to 7.8% in August 2011 (US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- Transportation costs have risen dramatically
- Retired citizens on fixed incomes

USB Funding

- 14 years of success
- Requires no state employees or state money
- Saves energy and helps people in need
- Doesn't need to be fixed!

Please continue to support of Universal Systems Benefits
