

About Energy Share

Energy Share of Montana is a private non-profit organization. Our primary purpose is to help Montanans faced with energy emergencies meet their needs and move towards self-reliance. In the past 25 years Energy Share has distributed 9.3 million dollars in energy assistance to more than 30,000 families. Additionally since 1999 Energy Share has worked with utilities, large electric customers and cooperatives to implement low-income universal system benefits (USB) programs.

What we do

Bill Assistance

One of the chief ways we help people is with their heating bills. Often, families who live from paycheck to paycheck face some type of financial emergency when an unexpected expense occurs. This could be something like a vehicle breaking down, lay-off from employment, or medical expenses.

Furnace Safety

We administer two programs funded by Energy West and MDU for their customers who have unsafe furnaces or water heaters. We have the appliance examined and either repair it if possible, or replace it with an Energy Star appliance.

Weatherization

A new Energy Share program this year was funded by Energy West for their customers to maximize energy savings by performing cost-effective weatherization measures in the homes of qualifying Energy West customers.

Endowment

In 1997 the Energy Share Board of Directors established an endowment to fund the future heating needs of low-income Montanans.

Bill Assistance

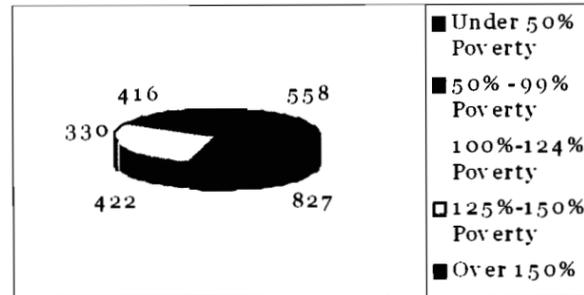
Facts About Families Helped by Energy Share in 2006-2007

(includes USB figures from the other side)

Bill Assistance Facts

Dollars in Assistance	\$921,395
Number households helped	2,553
Average assistance/household	\$ 361

Income Information, Percentage of Poverty

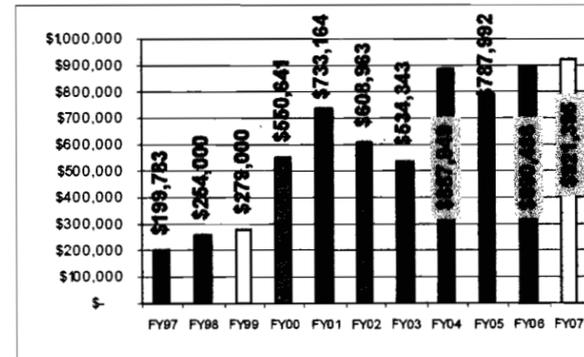


Other Gifts

In addition to the outstanding support Energy Share received from USB contributors in 2006-2007 (see the other side for details), three special organizations gave significant gifts. The **Rocky Mountain Propane Association** doubled their donation from the previous year; a new partner was the **Hampton-Collins Foundation** in Great Falls; and for the second year in a row **PPL Montana** and their partners contributed a large amount of money for bill assistance. This enabled Energy Share to help an additional 377 households as follows:

Primary heat source = propane:	56 households
People 62 yrs+ in Cascade County:	29 households
People helped with PPL funds:	292 households

Total Bill Assistance History

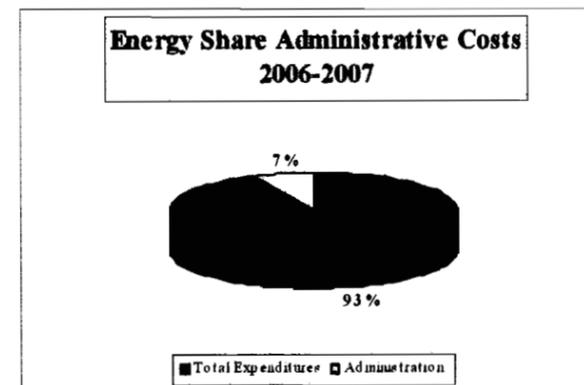


Household (HH) Information

Average Number Occupants/HH	2.6
Number of children 0-18 years old	2,914
Number of people 60+	431

Program Spending

Energy Share continues to keep its administrative costs low while increasing program spending.

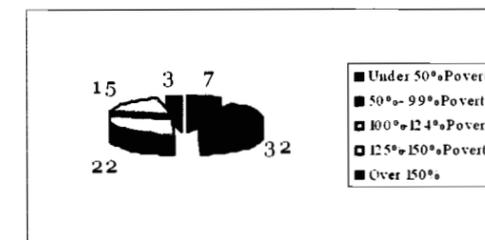


Furnace Safety

Furnace Safety Facts

Dollars in Assistance	\$67,636
Number households helped	79
Average assistance/household	\$ 856
Number furnace replacements	20
Number furnace tune-ups & cleaning	43
Number water heater replacements	11
Number water heater tune-ups	11

Furnace Safety Income Information, Percentage of Poverty



Weatherization

Weatherization Facts

Dollars in Assistance	\$158,062
Number households helped	46
Average assistance/household	\$ 3,436

The average "Savings-to-Investment Ratio" for the weatherization jobs performed was 3.0. This means that the energy cost savings for the life of the weatherization measures performed exceeded the cost to install the measures by three times. Total savings came to \$18,652.

Some of the measures included work on walls, outside air infiltration, windows, attic crawl spaces, doors, and heating system repairs to make furnaces more efficient or all together safe.

USB Bill Assistance

Facts About Families Helped by Energy Share with USB funds in 2006-2007

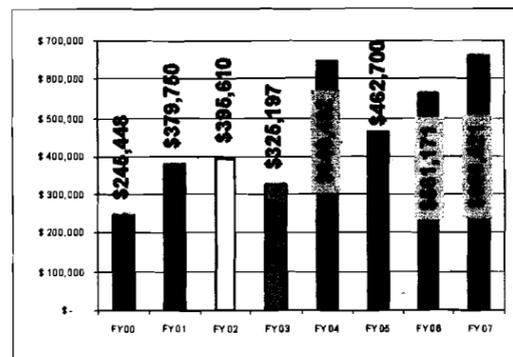
"Universal System Benefits" funds were required by electric and natural gas industry deregulation laws passed by the 1997 Montana Legislature. Some utilities, electric cooperatives and large electric users have contracted with Energy Share to administer low-income bill assistance programs for them.

Dollars in Assistance	\$659,521
Number households helped	1,904
Average assistance/household	\$ 346

Household (HH) Information

Average Number Occupants/HH	2.6
Number of children 0-18 years old	2,237
Number of people 60+	289

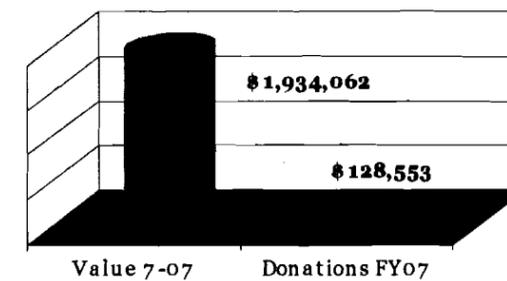
USB Bill Assistance History



Endowment

Energy Share's Endowment is intended to be a permanent funding base for its energy assistance program. Montana law provides a 20 percent tax credit for corporate donations and a 40 percent tax credit for individuals, up to a maximum of \$10,000 Montana tax credit.

Energy Share Endowment



First place drawing
Annual Fourth Grade Art Contest
Sarah Schmitz of Billings, Artist



2006-2007 Major USB Donors

Beartooth Electric Cooperative
Columbia Falls Aluminum Company
ConocoPhillips
Cut Bank Gas Company
Energy West
Fall River Electric Cooperative
Fergus Electric Cooperative
Flathead Electric Cooperative
Glacier Electric Cooperative
Lower Yellowstone REA
McCone Electric Cooperative
Montana-Dakota Utilities
Montana Refining Company
NorthWestern Energy
PPL Montana
Park Electric Cooperative
Powder River Corporation
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