

ITEM # 8
DATE July 15, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FALL 2008 MINI-GRANT CONTRACTS THROUGH THE COMMISSION OF THE ARTS (COTA)

BACKGROUND:

During its June 2, 2008 meeting, the Commission on the Arts finalized recommendations on funding for arts organizations' fall mini-grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA) 2008/09 budget. These mini-grant recommendations total \$3,458. The budget for these grants is in the 2008/09 funds set aside by the Commission for mini-grants.

Contracts were mailed to arts organizations two weeks ago and are now being presented for the City Council's approval. One contract, Searching for Shakespeare, has not yet been returned. It will be forwarded for your approval after it is returned.

Organizations	Mini-Grant
ACTORS	\$458
Kids' Co'Motion	288
India Cultural Association	553
The Octagon Center for the Arts	1,111
ACAC	642
Central Iowa Symphony	406
TOTAL	\$3,458

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the COTA mini-grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts as received.
2. The City Council can hold these contracts and ask the Commission for further information.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 and approve the COTA fall mini-grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.