

ITEM # 7
DATE December 16, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SPRING 2009 MINI-GRANT CONTRACTS THROUGH THE COMMISSION OF THE ARTS (COTA)

BACKGROUND:

During its November 3, 2008 meeting, the Commission on the Arts finalized recommendations on funding for arts organizations' spring mini-grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA) 2008/09 budget. These mini-grant recommendations total \$3,750. 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.

Organizations	Mini-Grant
Ames Community Arts Council (<i>Tune in to Main Street</i>)	\$750
Ames Town & Gown (<i>Two as One</i>)	750
The Octagon Center for the Arts (<i>Festival of Colors; Clay, Fiber Exhibit</i>)	1,500
Central Iowa Symphony (<i>Youth Artist Concert</i>)	<u>750</u>
TOTAL	\$3,750

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the COTA mini-grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.
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 Spring 2009 mini-grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.