

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON THE ARTS CONTRACTS FOR 2013/14 CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND:

During its February 2013 budget hearing, the City Council received recommendations on funding for arts organizations' annual grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA). These annual grant recommendations total \$137,367.60. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2013/14 City Budget.

Contracts were mailed to arts organizations several weeks ago, and are now being presented to the City Council for approval. All contracts have been returned and are presented for your approval.

Agency	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Recommendations
Ames Community Arts Council	\$8,111	\$7,982.20
ACTORS	\$13,464	\$13,542.80
Ames Chamber Artists	\$2,390	\$2,246.00
Ames Children's Choir	\$9,718	\$9,743.60
Ames Choral Society	\$2,690	\$2,476.00
Ames International Orchestra Festival Association	\$8,080	\$7,996.00
Ames Town & Gown Chamber Music Association	\$16,007	\$15,691.40
Central Iowa Symphony	\$10,424	\$9,974.80
Co'Motion Dance Theater	\$5,593	\$5,488.60
Friends of Ames Strings	\$1,200	\$1,180.00
Kids Co'Motion Dance	\$3,167	\$3,103.40
Octagon Center for the Arts	\$44,802	\$44,136.20
Story Theater Company	\$8,982	\$8,716.40
Stars Over VEISHEA	NA	\$3,310.20
India Cultural Association	NA	\$1,780.00
ANNUAL TOTALS	\$134,628	\$137,367.60

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts and as received.
2. The City Council may 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 #1, and approve the COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts, and as received.