

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON THE ARTS SPECIAL GRANTS FOR FALL 2014

BACKGROUND:

On June 2, 2014, Commission on the Arts (COTA) members met to finalize recommendations for the Fall 2014 Special Grants. A total of three grant requests were received from two different organizations. The organizations requested \$2,650 in funding, with \$4,171 being available from the 2014/15 budget for Fall and Spring Special Grants.

Based on the merits of each application and the criteria established for the special grants, COTA recommended the following allocations, which were then sent to the organizations in contract form in June. The contracts are now being presented for the Council's approval.

COTA FALL 2014-2015 SPECIAL GRANT REQUESTS

Organization	Request	Project	Final
ACAC	\$750.00	Social Media Workshop	\$600.00
Ames Children's Choir	\$750.00	Act! Sing! Dance!	\$700.00
Octagon	\$750.00	Define Ames 150 Years	\$750.00
Worldly Goods	\$750.00	Ames 150 Festivities Downtown	\$400.00
Totals	\$2,250.00		\$2,450.00

The Commission takes seriously its charge to be certain of how the proposal for funding will be completed and be certain that it is understood how the public is benefitted. If the Fall 2013 Special Grants are approved for \$1,950, there will be \$1,550 remaining for Spring 2014 Special Grants.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the COTA special grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.
2. The City Council can delay approval of 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, thereby approving the Fall 2014 special grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.