

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL GRANTS FOR SPRING 2015

BACKGROUND:

On November 3, 2014 the Commission on the Arts members finalized its recommendations for the Spring 2015 Special Grants. A total of five grant requests were received. The organizations requested \$3,112 in funding, with \$1,721 remaining available from the 2014/15 budget for 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 December. The contracts are now being presented for your approval.

COTA SPRING 2015- SPECIAL GRANT REQUESTS

Organization	Request	Project	Final
ACAC	\$400	Member showcase	\$335.00
Good Company	\$462	YSS Outreach	\$410.00
India Cultural Association	\$750	Vallareddy Ananthram	\$435.00
Reiman Gardens	\$750	20th Anniversary	\$ 0.00
Ames Children's Theater	\$750	Joint project with ACTORS	\$535.00
Total Requested	\$3,112		\$1,715.00

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. Reiman Gardens was not funded for a Special Project Grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the COTA special grant contracts as recommended by 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 2015 special grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.