

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF 2015/16 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND:

At its February budget hearing, the City Council received the Commission on the Arts' (COTA) recommendations for annual grant funding. These annual grant recommendations total \$148,733. The City Council approved these recommendations as part of the FY 2015/16 City Budget.

Contracts have been mailed to arts organizations and returned with signatures, and are now presented for City Council approval.

COTA 2015-16 Annual Grant Recommendations

Organization	Allocation
ACTORS	\$ 15,790
AIOFA	8,140
Ames Chamber Artists	2,700
Ames Children's Choirs	10,300
Ames Choral Society	2,870
Ames Community Arts Council	8,610
Ames Town & Gown	14,860
Central Iowa Symphony	8,140
Co'Motion Dance	5,390
Dancercenter Dancer Company Foundation	1,380
Friends of Ames Strings	1,620
Good Company	1,350
India Cultural Association	5,370
Kids Co'Motion	2,840
Octagon Center for the Arts	45,400
Story Theater Company	8,860
TOTAL	\$ 143,620
Council Authorized for 2015/16	\$ 148,733
Reserve for Special Project Grants	\$ 5,113

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the COTA Annual Grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.
2. Request further information from COTA prior to approving these contracts.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City Council has allocated funding in the City Budget to fund arts activities, and the Commission on the Arts has received applications and recommended awards that meet the criteria for COTA funding. Contracts are required to define the scope of services that will be met by each organization receiving funding.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the COTA Annual Grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.