

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

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

BACKGROUND:

In June, the Commission on the Arts (COTA) met to finalize recommendations for Fall 2015 Special Project Grants. Two grant requests were received, from two different organizations. The organizations requested \$1,500 in funding, with \$5,113 being available from the 2015/16 budget for Fall and Spring Special Project 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, having been signed by the organizations, are now presented for City Council approval.

COTA FALL 2014-2015 SPECIAL GRANT REQUESTS

Organization	Project	Request	Award
ACAC	Ames Area Studio Tour	\$750	\$725
Worldly Goods	Art and craft instruction studios	\$750	\$725
Total		\$1,500	\$1,450

The Commission takes seriously its charge to verify that the proposal for funding will be completed and that there is a public benefit. If these contracts are approved, \$3,663 in remaining funds will be available for Spring 2016 Special Project Grants.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the COTA Special Project Grant contracts as recommended above by the Commission on the Arts
2. 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 Special Project Grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.