

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**           **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA)  
 SPECIAL GRANTS FOR SPRING 2019**

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 5, 2018, the Commission on the Arts (COTA) finalized its recommendations for the Spring 2019 Special Project Grants. Six grant requests were received, totaling \$5,700 in requests. COTA has \$3,404 in funding available for these grants.

Based on the merits of each application and the criteria established for the special grants, COTA recommended the following allocations. Contracts were sent to the awarded organizations for approval and have been returned. The contracts are now presented for City Council's approval.

| <b><u>Organization</u></b>     | <b><u>Request</u></b> | <b><u>Project</u></b>                  | <b><u>Recommended<br/>Award</u></b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| ACAC                           | \$ 1,000              | Business of Art Seminar                | \$ 795.00                           |
| ACTORS                         | 1,000                 | ACTORS - Large Format Newspaper Ad     | 30.80                               |
| Story Theater Co.              | 1,000                 | Boys and Girls Club Theater Production | 805.00                              |
| Ames Children's<br>Theater     | 700                   | Play with Words                        | 431.60                              |
| Co'Motion Dance<br>Theater     | 1,000                 | Ames Dancer Survey                     | 805.80                              |
| Octagon Center for<br>the Arts | 1,000                 | Business of Art Seminar                | 535.00                              |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 5,700</b>       |  | <b>\$ 3,404</b>                     |

Special Project grant awards are limited to \$1000 per project. Grant applicants are required to attend a COTA meeting to present their project.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the COTA special grant contracts as recommended by Commission on the Arts.
2. Delay approval of these contracts and ask the Commission for further information.
2. Do not approve the contracts.

**MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

These projects help advance participation in and awareness of the arts in the Ames community, which is a key goal of the Commission on the Arts. COTA has reviewed the requests and has recommended the approval of the contracts now presented to the City Council.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the COTA Spring 2019 special grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.