

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FY 2019/20 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND:

The City Council authorized the Commission on the Arts (COTA) to allocate up to \$168,898 in arts agency funding for FY 2019/20. In February, the City Council received COTA's recommendations for annual grants totaling \$163,338, with an additional \$5,560 reserved for spring and fall special project grants. The City Council approved these recommendations as part of the FY 2019/20 City Budget.

Contracts have been mailed to arts organizations and have been returned with signatures. Presented below are the arts contracts for City Council approval.

COTA 2019-20 Annual Grant Recommendations

Organization	Allocation
ACTORS	\$ 17,177
AIOFA	9,760
Ames Chamber Artists	4,048
Ames Children's Choirs	13,770
Ames Choral Society	3,878
Ames Community Arts Council	10,391
Ames Town & Gown	18,140
Ames Chapter of Des Moines Metro Opera Guild	1,225
Central Iowa Symphony	9,474
CoMotion Dance	3,000
Good Company	1,950
India Cultural Association	6,054
KHOI Community Radio	3,000
Kids Co'Motion	3,000
Octagon Center for the Arts	47,220
Story Theater Company	11,251
TOTAL	\$ 163,338
Council Authorized for 2019/20	\$ 168,898
Reserve for Special Project Grants	\$ 5,560

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 made 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.