

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT CONTRACTS FOR FALL 2019

BACKGROUND:

On June 3, the Commission on the Arts (COTA) met to finalize recommendations for Fall 2019 Special Project Grants. One grant request was received. The organization requested \$880 in funding. There is \$5,560 available in the FY 2019/20 budget for both Fall and Spring Special Project Grants.

Based on the merits of the application and the criteria established for Special Project Grants, COTA recommended the following allocation, which was then sent to the organization in contract form. The contract, having been signed by the organization, is now presented for City Council approval.

COTA FALL 2019 SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT REQUESTS

Organization	Project	Request	Award
Town and Gown Chamber Music Association	K-12 Outreach for Russian Renaissance	\$ 880	\$ 880

If this contract is approved, \$4,680 in funds will remain available for Spring 2020 Special Project Grants.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the COTA Special Project Grant contract as recommended by the Commission on the Arts
2. Refer this contract back to COTA for further information

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Commission on the Arts receives special project grant applications each year. The application has been reviewed to ensure it meets the criteria outlined in the application instructions. The Commission has recommended that the application be approved to accomplish the Commission's goal to further the performing arts in the Ames community.

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