

ITEM # 10
DATE 01-02-2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SPRING 2008 MINI-GRANT CONTRACTS THROUGH THE COMMISSION OF THE ARTS (COTA)

BACKGROUND:

During its November 5, 2007 meeting, the Commission on the Arts finalized recommendations on funding for arts organizations' spring mini-grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA) 2007/08 budget. These mini-grant recommendations total \$3,786. The budget for these grants is in the 2007/08 funds set aside by the Commission for mini-grants.

Contracts were mailed to arts organizations two weeks ago and are now being presented for the City Council's approval.

Organizations	Mini-Grant
ACTORS	\$505
Ames Chamber Artists	516
Ames Childrens' Choirs	526
The Octagon Center for the Arts	719
Story Theater Company	645
ACAC	374
Central Iowa Symphony	501
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$3,786

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the COTA mini-grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts as received.
2. The City Council can 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 fall mini-grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.