

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2008/09 CONTRACTS THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA)

BACKGROUND:

During its February budget hearing, the City Council received recommendations on funding for arts organizations' annual grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA). These annual grant recommendations total \$101,950. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2008/09 City Budget.

Contracts were mailed to arts organizations several weeks ago, and are now being presented to the City Council for approval. All contracts but one have been returned and are presented for your approval.

Agency	2007/08 Allocations	2008/09 Recommendations
AIOFA	\$8,525	\$6,100
Ames Children's Choirs	\$8,275	\$7,500
Ames Chamber Artists	\$2,588	\$2,030
Ames Choral Society	\$2,100	\$1,960
Ames Town & Gown Chamber Music Association	\$8,525	\$8,000
ACTORS	\$8,275	\$7,220
Central Iowa Symphony	\$7,500	\$8,000
Co'Motion Dance (operations)	\$5,340	\$4,800
Kids' Co'Motion	\$2,545	\$2,200
Octagon	\$39,935	\$37,000
ACAC	\$3,500	\$5,000
Friends of Iowa Strings (Youth Orchestra)	\$1,145	Not yet returned.
Story Theater Company	N/A	\$11,000
TOTALS	\$98,253	\$108,810

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts and as received.
2. The City Council may 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 #1, and approve the COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts, and as received.