

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2009/10 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 \$113,480. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2009/10 City Budget.

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

Agency	2008/09 Allocations	2009/10 Recommendations
AIOFA	\$6,100	\$7,280
Ames Children's Choirs	\$7,500	\$8,630
Ames Chamber Artists	\$2,030	\$2,150
Ames Choral Society	\$1,960	\$2,100
Ames Town & Gown Chamber Music Association	\$8,000	\$14,000
ACTORS	\$7,220	\$9,000
Central Iowa Symphony	\$8,000	\$8,000
Co'Motion Dance (operations)	\$4,800	\$5,220
Kids' Co'Motion	\$2,200	\$2,440
Octagon	\$37,000	\$39,000
ACAC	\$5,000	\$6,100
Friends of Iowa Strings (Youth Orchestra)	\$1,140	\$1,200
Story Theater Company	\$11,000	\$8,360
TOTALS	\$108,810	\$113,480

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.