

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SPRING 2009 MINI-GRANT CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH AMES COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL FOR TUNE IN TO MAIN STREET

BACKGROUND:

During its November 3, 2008 meeting, the Commission on the Arts finalized recommendations on funding for arts organizations' spring mini-grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA) 2008/09 budget. These mini-grant recommendations were approved by the City Council on December 16, 2008.

The Ames Community Arts Council (ACAC) mini-grant for \$750 is to support Tune in to Main Street. Since the events that comprise the Tune in to Main Street series continue until the latter part of July, it is necessary to extend this contract to July 31, 2009. Without this extension, ACAC would be unable to draw down funds for those events held in July.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the extension of the COTA mini-grant contract with ACAC to July 31, 2009.
2. The City Council can deny the request for this extension.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Tune in to Main Street has become an important series of events in the Cultural District. To accomplish all of the planned activities, City funding through the end of the series in July is critical.

Therefore, It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 and approve the extension of the COTA Spring 2009 mini-grant contract with ACAC for Tune in to Main Street.