

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2010/11 THE COMMISSION ON THE ARTS CONTRACTS

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 totaled \$123,279. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2010/11 Budget.

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

| Agency | 2010/11 Recommendation | 2009/10 Allocation |
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| AIOFA | \$5,983 | \$7,280 |
| Ames Children's Choirs | \$9,026 | \$8,630 |
| Ames Chamber Artists | \$2,330 | \$2,150 |
| Ames Choral Society | \$2,516 | \$2,100 |
| Ames Town & Gown Chamber Music Association | \$14,880 | \$14,000 |
| ACTORS | \$11,080 | \$9,000 |
| Central Iowa Symphony | \$8,849 | \$8,000 |
| Co'Motion Dance (operations) | \$5,372 | \$5,220 |
| Kids' Co'Motion | \$2,803 | \$2,440 |
| Octagon | \$42,840 | \$39,000 |
| Ames Community Arts Council | \$7,620 | \$6,100 |
| Friends of Iowa Strings (Youth Orchestra) | \$1,200 | \$1,200 |
| Story Theater Company | \$8,780 | \$8,360 |
| TOTALS | \$123,279 | \$113,480 |

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.
2. The City Council may hold these contracts and ask the Commission for more details.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Contracts from all funded arts agencies have now been received. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby approving the COTA annual grant contracts.