

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF 2011/12 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND:

During its February budget hearings the City Council received recommendations on funding for arts organizations' annual grants from the Commission on the Arts (COTA). These annual grant recommendations total \$128,040. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2011/12 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 Council approval.

Agency	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Recommendations
Ames International Orchestra Festival Association	\$5,983	\$7,600
Ames Children's Choirs	\$9,026	\$9,200
Ames Chamber Artists	\$2,330	\$2,390
Ames Choral Society	\$2,516	\$2,550
Ames Town & Gown Chamber Music Association	\$14,880	\$14,950
ACTORS	\$11,080	\$12,170
Central Iowa Symphony	\$8,849	\$10,000
Co'Motion Dance (operations)	\$5,372	\$5,480
Kids' Co'Motion	\$2,803	\$2,860
Octagon	\$42,840	\$43,160
Ames Community Arts Council	\$7,620	\$7,700
Friends of Iowa Strings (Youth Orchestra)	\$1,200	\$1,200
Story Theater Company	\$8,780	\$8,780
TOTALS	\$123,279	\$128,040

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts and as received back from the agencies.
2. The City Council may hold these contracts and ask the Commission for further information.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These contracts confirm services from the respective arts agencies as recommended by COTA. Funding has been appropriated in the adopted 2011-12 budget. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby approving the annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts and as received back from the agencies.