

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2012/13 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 total \$134,628. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2012/13 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's approval.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2012/13 Recommendations</b>	<b>2011/12 Allocations</b>
Ames International Orchestra Festival Association	\$8,080	\$7,600
Ames Children's Choirs	\$9,718	\$9,200
Ames Chamber Artists	\$2,390	\$2,390
Ames Choral Society	\$2,690	\$2,550
Ames Town & Gown Chamber Music Association	\$16,007	\$14,950
ACTORS	\$13,464	\$12,170
Central Iowa Symphony	\$10,424	\$10,000
Co=Motion Dance	\$5,593	\$5,480
Kids' Co=Motion	\$3,167	\$2,860
Octagon	\$44,802	\$43,160
Ames Community Arts Council	\$8,111	\$7,700
Friends of Ames Strings	\$1,200	\$1,200
Story Theater Company	\$8,982	\$8,780
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$134,628</b>	<b>\$128,040</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can approve the 2012/13 COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts and as received.
2. The City Council can delay action on these contracts and ask the Commission for further information.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

These contracts all reflect the services and funding approved by Council based upon COTA's recommendations at budget time.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby approving the 2012/13 COTA annual grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts and as received.