

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL GRANTS FOR SPRING 2013

BACKGROUND:

On November 3, 2012, the Commission on the Arts members finalized recommendations for Spring 2013 special grants. A total of five grant requests were received, from five different organizations. The organizations requested \$3,489 in funding, with \$3,489 being available from the 2012/13 budget.

Based on the merits of each application and the criteria established for the special grants, COTA recommended the following allocations, which were then sent to the organizations in contract form in November. The contracts are now being presented for your approval.

COTA SPRING 2013 SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT REQUESTS

Organization	Request	Project	Final
Story Theater Company	\$750.00	"Willy Wonka Jr." matinee performance	\$690.46
India Cultural Association	\$750.00	"Rangoli – Colors of India" indoor bazaar	\$720.56
Octagon	\$750.00	"A Journey in Transportation. 100 Years of Connecting People." exhibit	\$639.06
Children's Theater	\$750.00	"Play With Words" for middle school and high school writers and performers	\$718.56
Ames Chamber Artists	\$750.00	Hawaiian musical artist Kim Sueoka - concert guest and educational program facilitator	\$720.36
Totals	\$3,489.00		\$3,489.00

The Commission takes seriously its charge to be certain of how the proposal for funding will be completed and be certain that it is understood how the public is benefitted.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the COTA special grant contracts as recommended by Commission on the Arts.
2. The City Council can 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 No. 1 and approve the COTA Spring 2013 special grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.