

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF 2014/15 CONTRACTS THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA)**

**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 **\$144,401**. The City Council approved these recommendations as a part of the 2014/15 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.

**COTA 2014-15 Annual Grant Recommendations**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>2014/15 Allocation</b>	<b>2013/14 Allocation</b>
Ames Choral Society	\$ 2,640	\$ 2,476
Good Company	\$ 1,190	\$ -
Ames Community Arts Council	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,982
Ames Town & Gown	\$ 14,800	\$ 15,691
Dancercenter Dancer Company Foundation	\$ 1,400	\$ -
Ames Children's Choirs	\$ 9,800	\$ 9,744
Ames Chamber Artists	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,246
Actors	\$ 14,700	\$ 13,543
Octagon	\$ 44,650	\$ 44,136
Central Iowa Symphony	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,975
Co Motion Dance	\$ 5,460	\$ 5,489
Kids Co'Motion	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,103
Friends of Ames Strings	\$ 1,280	\$ 1,180
AIOFA	\$ 7,960	\$ 7,996
Story Theater Company	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,716
India Cultural Association	\$ 2,320	\$ 1,780
VEISHEA	\$ 4,050	\$ 3,310
	<b>\$ 140,230</b>	<b>\$ 137,368</b>
<b>Council Authorized for 2014-15</b>	<b>\$144,401</b>	<b>\$ 140,879</b>
<b>Reserve for Special Project Grants</b>	<b>\$4,171</b>	<b>\$ 3,5113</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The City Council previously approved these funding allocations to various arts agencies, and the allocations are now being confirmed through these agreements.

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