

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL GRANT FOR SPRING 2018

BACKGROUND:

On November 6, 2017, the Commission on the Arts (COTA) finalized its recommendation for the Spring 2018 Special Project Grant Program. One grant request was received from Ames Chamber Artists, totaling \$1,000. COTA has \$2,000 in funding available for this grant.

Based on the merits of the application and the criteria established for the special grants, COTA recommended the following allocation. A contract was sent to the awarded organization for approval and has been returned. The contract is now presented for City Council's approval.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
Ames Chamber Artists	\$ 1,000	Choral Composition Commissioning	\$ 1,000
Total	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000

Special Project grant awards are limited to \$1,000 per project. Grant applicants are required to attend a COTA meeting to present their project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the COTA special grant contract as recommended by Commission on the Arts.
2. Delay approval of this contract and ask the Commission for further information.
3. Do not approve the contract.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This project helps advance participation in and awareness of the arts in the Ames community, which is a key goal of the Commission on the Arts. COTA has reviewed the request and has recommended the approval of the contract now presented to the City Council.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the COTA Spring 2018 special grant contract as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.