

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: FALL 2022 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL GRANTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 6, the Commission on the Arts (COTA) finalized its recommendations for the Fall 2022 Special Project Grant. Two grant requests were received in the amount of \$1,650. COTA has \$10,000 in funding available for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Special Project grants.

COTA reviewed the grant requests and recommended approval as indicated below. Copies of the contracts were sent to the awarded organizations for approval and have been returned. The contracts are now presented for City Council's approval.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
Ames Town and Gown	\$650	Grigoryan Brothers Outreach	\$650
Story Theater Company	\$1,000	Fall Musical	\$900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>		<b>\$1,550</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the COTA special project grant contracts as recommended.
2. Refer the contracts to COTA for further information.
3. Do not approve the contract.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Special project grants help 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, as described above.