

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FY 2020/21 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS ANNUAL GRANT CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND:

The City Council authorized the Commission on the Arts (COTA) to allocate up to \$183,898 in arts agency funding for FY 2020/21. In February, the City Council received COTA's recommendations for annual grants totaling \$178,494, with an additional \$5,404 reserved for spring and fall special project grants. The City Council approved these recommendations as part of the FY 2020/21 City Budget.

Contracts have been mailed to arts organizations and returned with signatures and are now presented for City Council approval.

COTA 2020-21 Annual Grant Contract Amounts

Organization	Allocation
ACTORS	\$ 16,330
AIOFA	9,900
Ames Chamber Artists	4,742
Ames Children's Choirs	12,800
Ames Choral Society	3,704
Ames Community Arts Council	11,288
Ames Town & Gown	18,039
Ames Chapter of Des Moines Metro Opera Guild	1,105
Central Iowa Symphony	10,910
Central Iowa Touring Ensemble	4,025
CoMotion Dance	3,239
Dancercenter Dance Company Foundation	2,568
Good Company	1,750
India Cultural Association	8,951
KHOI Community Radio	5,130
Kids Co'Motion	2,900
Octagon Center for the Arts	47,583
Story Theater Company	13,530
TOTAL	\$ 178,494
Council Authorized for 2020/21	\$ 183,898
Reserve for Special Project Grants	\$ 5,404

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the COTA Annual Grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.
2. Request further information from COTA prior to approving these contracts.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City Council has allocated funding in the City Budget to fund arts activities, and the Commission on the Arts has received applications and made awards that meet the criteria for COTA funding. Contracts are required to define the scope of services that will be met by each organization receiving funding.

It should be noted that the City Council received at the Budget Wrap-up the "COTA Paragraphs." These paragraphs are placed into each contract, and specify what services are expected from each grant recipient.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.