

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SPRING 2021 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL GRANTS

BACKGROUND:

On November 2, the Commission on the Arts (COTA) finalized its recommendations for the Spring 2021 Special Project Grants. Three grant requests were received, totaling \$2,600 in requests. COTA has \$2,453 in funding available for these grants.

Based on the merits of each application and the criteria established for the special grants, COTA recommended the allocations indicated below. Contracts were sent to the awarded organizations for approval and have been returned. The contracts are now presented for City Council's approval.

ORGANIZATION	REQUEST	PROJECT	AWARD
Ames Town & Gown	\$ 600	Beethoven 250 th Birthday Celebration Community Lecture	\$ 570
Ames Community Arts Council	1,000	Mobile Music Stage	953
Story Theater Company	1,000	Virtual Workshop Materials	930
Total	\$ 2,600		\$ 2,453

ALTERNATIVES:

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

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These projects 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 requests and has recommended the approval of the contracts 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.