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The Montana Arts Council will meet in Great Falls Friday (Oct. 6) to act on requests for National Foundation for the Arts funds to support Montana cultural activities, according to Dr. Charles W. Bolen, council chairman and dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts.

The 15-member council, a state agency created by legislative action this year, authorized one-year grants of nearly $40,000 in National Endowment funds, effective July 1, 1967. The grants are aiding 35 Montana programs in several areas of the arts, Dean Bolen said.

At the Great Falls meeting, the M.A.C. will act on requests for uncommitted federal funds, he said. These requests are for programs for the current fiscal year. Applications for grants for 1968-69 programs must be received by the M.A.C. by Dec. 1, he added.

The federal funds administered by the M.A.C. must be matched by the grantees, the dean explained. He said that local and state groups initiate requests for grants and take responsibility for their programs. The M.A.C. gives advice and technical assistance upon request but is not directly involved in program operation.