Federal funds given to Montana's Technical Services

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Federal matching funds amounting to $6,947 given recently to Montana's Technical Services Program (MSTS) bring the total sum awarded in the fiscal year 1968 by the Office of Technical State / Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, to more than $50,000.

Federal assistance for the program has totaled $165,000 since the State Technical Services Act authorized distribution of funds three years ago.

The program, administered by the University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, serves to develop commerce and industry in Montana with the cooperation of Montana State University, Bozeman, and the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte.

According to Dr. Patricia Bragg, Missoula, MSTS director, $2,584 of the grant will be expended on the Mining Visitation Program, a program which sends mining experts to small mines to give advice and aid, and the Computer Technology Workshop, a course designed to familiarize businessmen with the use of computers, to further expand their services.

A sum of $866 will be added to the administrative budget for administration and implementation of the MSTS program. The remaining $3,497 will be spent on a new program designated "Feedlot Operators Workshop."

This feedlot workshop, under the direction of Derrald Livingston, Eastern Montana College, Billings, will provide feedlot operators and feeders with current information and technology concerning the scheduling, feeding, automation, plant layout and design of feedlot operations. The project is designed to help operators in the successful and profitable operation of feedlots, thereby expanding the scope of the beef and cattle industry in Montana.

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