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Applications are now being accepted for Montana Arts Council grants to support cultural activities for the 1969-70 fiscal year, MAC Chairman Charles W. Bolen announced.

Dr. Bolen, who is dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts, Missoula, said any organization, institution or individual in Montana may apply for assistance for projects consistent with the council's objectives.

Inquiries about application procedures should be addressed to the Montana Arts Council, University of Montana, Missoula 59801.

Requests must be received by the chairman by Dec. 15. He will review applications and pass them on to the appropriate advisory panel of the council. Applications will then be sent with advisory panel recommendations to the full council, which will act on requests at its meeting in March 1969.

The 15-member council, a state agency created by legislative action in 1967, allocates federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, Dean Bolen explained. These funds are matched by the grantees. Local and state groups or individuals initiate requests for grants and take responsibility for their own programs. The MAC gives advice and technical assistance upon request but is not directly involved in program operation.

Dean Bolen noted that during the current fiscal year MAC grants of about $20,000 are helping to support 34 projects in visual arts, drama, dance and music. Thirty-three Montana counties have benefited from MAC programs to date, he added.