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UM RECEIVES GRANT TO
PLAN BETTER SCHOOLS

Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc., of New York has granted the University of Montana \$18,000 for the establishment of a regional school facilities planning center, President Robert Johns reported Friday, May 13.

President Johns said the grant was directed to Dr. James M. Thrasher, dean of the UM School of Education, who wrote the proposal and who will direct the center.

The region to be covered by the services of the new center will include the northern Rocky Mountain area; Montana, Idaho, Northern Wyoming, and the western halves of North and South Dakota.

Dean Thrasher said the granting Educational Facilities Laboratories has as its purpose research and experimentation in the design of facilities for schools and colleges.

The grant will support a new UM School of Education staff member who is a specialist in school planning and will make funds available on a matching basis with school districts desiring planning assistance for new schools.

Harold B. Gores of New York, President of E.F.L., in explaining the first year grant, indicated the possibility of a second year grant to support the work. Dean Thrasher indicated after two years of assisted operation the center should be self-supporting.

Assistance in planning will be given by the center to school districts which desire help in planning for new schools, and are receptive to exploring innovations in school design that will result in better school buildings.

E.F.L., established in 1958, by the Ford Foundation, operates Regional Centers at Stanford University in California, and University of Tennessee at Knoxville.