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Council to award grants in February

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COUNCIL TO AWARD
GRANTS IN FEBRUARY

The 15-member Montana Arts Council will meet in Bozeman February 24
and 25 to act on requests for MAC grants for cultural programs in Montana
for the fiscal year starting July 1970.

The council's chairman, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the University of
Montana School of Fine Arts, said the full council will allocate funds to
orchestras, theaters, galleries and other arts organizations and projects
on the basis of recommendations of appropriate advisory committees. These
committees, comprised of specialists in various areas of the arts, have
reviewed all applications.

"All the requests have merit and are for modest grants," the chairman
said, "but the number of projects that the council can support is limited
by the amount of federal matching money available. For example, for the
current fiscal year the council received requests for more than $124,000
but was able to disburse only $36,363, the amount of the National Arts
Endowment grant to each state.

"President Nixon's strong endorsement of the National Arts Endowment
appropriation request, now before the Congress, encourages us to hope that
the states will receive larger federal matching grants for the next fiscal
year. When Congress acts, grantees designated at the February MAC meeting
will be notified of the dollar amounts of their grants."

Dean Bolen stressed that the MAC grants to organizations are not to be
confused with National Arts Endowment grants to individuals. The latter

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may or may not require matching money but they never involve state funds. They are given directly to individual artists who show exceptional ability. Recipients of these federal grants have included painters, sculptors, composers, writers, choreographers, film makers and researchers in the arts.

He said that the MAC does not select recipients of individual grants but that Edward G. Groenhout, Missoula, executive director of the MAC, can supply information and help to persons interested in applying.

He added that Groenhout is also available to provide counsel and technical aid to Montana arts organizations requesting such assistance.

In addition to the chairman, members of the MAC are Mrs. William Cordingly and Mrs. Eleanor Logan, both of Great Falls; Robert Q. Crebo, Mrs. Blanche Judge and David Shaner, all of Helena; Earl Dahlstrom, Moore; Robert Fehlberg, Mrs. Dorothy Nelstead, Lyndon Pomeroy, and Mrs. Joseph Sample, all of Billings; Skulason Moe, Poplar; Dr. Van Kirke Nelson, Kalispell; Harold Rose, Bozeman, and Mrs. Boyd Taylor, Butte.