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### COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMANITIES AWARDS GRANTS TOTALING \$40,728

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities awarded \$40,728 in matching funds to six non-profit organizations at its September meeting in Billings. The MCH is a non-profit citizens' group and the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency.

The following organizations received grants:

Montana Historical Society, Helena, \$8,494, to provide museums and historical organizations throughout the state with professional assistance. This project will address the challenges of isolation, understaffing and lack of professional knowledge, all of which threaten the papers, photographs and artifacts found in most of Montana's small museums. Jennifer Thompson of Helena is the project director.

University of Montana Instructional Materials Service, \$6,820 for publicizing, distributing and maintaining the films and video tapes owned by the MCH. Dr. Devon Chandler of Missoula is the project director.

Fine Tuning Company of Bozeman, \$9,973 for the media project "Jeanette Rankin - A Legacy of Hope." The grant covers the production phase of a half-hour television documentary on the life and career of Jeanette Rankin. Nancy Landgren of Bozeman is the project director.

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Glacier Natural History Association, \$6,288 for an oral history project titled "Early Development of Glacier National Park and the Surrounding Communities." Ellen C. Seeley, an oral historian of West Glacier, will do 10 oral histories on the early development of Glacier Park and will prepare a slide/tape program which will be presented to the public in June 1982.

Montana Oral History Association, \$6,153 to conduct oral history workshops across the state. Laurie Mercier of Helena, project director, also will publish an oral history manual, including the processing and use of tapes, produce a biannual newsletter about oral history, and establish regional centers to serve as repositories for oral history interviews.

American Association of University Women, Montanans for Children, Youth and Families, and the Montana Human Resources Development Councils Association, \$3,000 to plan a state conference on families and work in March 1982 in Helena. Nancy Allen Murn of Kalispell is the project director.

The second quarterly meeting of the MCH will be held Nov. 13-14 in Helena to review grant proposals. Grant applications of \$10,000 or more will be accepted. The committee will review project applications for museums, libraries and historical organizations, and will elect three new MCH members.

All grant applications for the November meeting are due, along with 22 copies, in the MCH office by Nov. 1. For further information, contact the MCH office, Box 8036, Missoula, MT, 59807, 243-6022.

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