



To: Scott Fogleman  
From: Ann Browning, Middle Fork Greenway Director  
Date: April 4, 2016  
Re: Request for submission of TIGER grant

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The Middle Fork Greenway initiative, led by Blue Ridge Conservancy in partnership with High Country Pathways, requests that the Town of Blowing Rock consider submission of a grant request to the federal TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. The request will be for funding Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway. Section One begins at the Shoppes at the Parkway and traverses across the National Park Service and Chestnut Ridge properties. The total cost of the project is \$2.1 million. The request will be approximately \$1.7 million, with the remaining matching funds provided by various sources, including Blowing Rock and Watauga County TDA funds, a grant received from North Carolina's Water Resources program and private donations.

TIGER is a program funded through the Department of Transportation to support innovative transportation infrastructure projects.

I look forward to addressing any questions you have. Thank you for your consideration and for your support of the Middle Fork Greenway.



# TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK

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## RESOLUTION No. 2016-\_\_

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS BY THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK FOR SECTION 1 OF THE MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY

WHEREAS, the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants are federal funds available through the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock intends to apply for grant funding as an eligible local government to assist in the construction of Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway project, being that portion between the designated trailhead near Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway and the northern end of the Appalachian Regional Healthcare Services (ARHS) Appalachian Place at Chestnut Ridge Post-Acute Care Facility property; and

WHEREAS, the TIGER Discretionary Grants may fund up to 80% of the anticipated total construction costs of \$2,137,000, or just over \$1.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway Association is committed to raising the \$446,300 of non-federal dollars as matching funds needed to complete the project and satisfy the 80/20 funding requirement; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update identifies the Middle Fork Greenway project as a pedestrian and bicycle transportation connection of high priority; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Fork Greenway will provide residents and visitors a safe means to walk or bike from Blowing Rock to the Mountains to Sea trail, the Blue Ridge Parkway, the ARHS Post-Acute Care facility, and ultimately to Boone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blowing Rock Town Council hereby fully supports the Town of Blowing Rock applying for TIGER Discretionary Grant funds to support the construction of Section One of the Middle Fork Greenway.

Adopted this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Town of Blowing Rock

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
J.B. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon H. Greene, Town Clerk