

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. TC-2018-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING
THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE COLORADO PARKS AND
WILDLIFE STATE TRAILS PROGRAM / COLORADO THE BEAUTIFUL
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle is a municipal political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division State Trails Program for Colorado the Beautiful trails construction and land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is a fundamental component of western Colorado's economy and quality of life, and to many Coloradans, outdoor recreation is more than just an activity, but is a lifestyle, and 90 percent of Coloradans participate in some form of outdoor recreation activity every year; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle actively supports outdoor activity, healthy recreation facilities for our residents, a well-planned, well-maintained, and well-connected multimodal trails network, and the economic benefits to our businesses and residents which regional connectivity brings; and

WHEREAS, the "Lower Valley" (LoVa) Colorado River Trail has been a critical Colorado trails project, first identified by Governor Hickenlooper in 2016 as a part of Colorado's 16 for '16 trails priority list, now known as "Colorado the Beautiful"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle completed a detailed planning study in 2017 with State Trails Program funding which provided alignment, scoping, design, and pre-construction drawings for a multimodal trail link between existing infrastructure located in New Castle to the Canyon Creek residential neighborhood four miles east of town, and is beginning to acquire the necessary land rights through deed and easement and also funding for construction of the project which will eventually connect to Glenwood Springs and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle now submits a Grant Application for Colorado the Beautiful trails construction and land acquisition, requesting a total award of up to \$650,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle strongly supports regional collaboration and cooperative planning among local and regional entities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of New Castle **THAT:**

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of New Castle.
2. The Town of New Castle supports the Colorado the Beautiful funding grant application.

3. If the grant is awarded, the Town of New Castle strongly supports the completion of the trails planning project, and ultimately the construction of the trail in the Colorado River corridor between Glenwood Springs and New Castle for the benefit of all local residents and visitors.

4. The Town of New Castle authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of a grant awarded pursuant to a grant agreement with Parks and Wildlife Division (State Trails Program)/Colorado the Beautiful Grant Program.

5. The project properties will be owned or controlled by the Town of New Castle or its successor regional governmental subdivision for at least 25 years. The Town of New Castle or its successor regional governmental subdivision will continue to maintain the properties in a high quality condition.

6. If a grant is awarded, the Town of New Castle hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division.

Introduced, Read and Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado, on July 17, 2018.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE



Mayor Pro Tem Grady Hazelton

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Melody L Harrison, CMC

