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Olivia Collier, center, Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager, presented a \$1.3 Million check to Assistant City Manager Sonja Marston, right, and Development and Design Director Phillip Lockadoo

It is estimated that the project will support the creation of 45 new jobs over the next 3 years and leverage \$15 million in private investment in the area. The project is contingent upon securing a developer for the properties around the proposed road.

"I am so excited about the growth that's happening in Morganton," said Assistant City Manager Sonja Marston, who facilitated the grant application for the City. "This grant will allow us to develop necessary infrastructure to not only support current growth, but to also create opportunities for the future."

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (https://www.ncdot.gov/) (NCDOT) will administer the project and the Federal Highway Administration (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/) (FHWA) will serve as the basic federal agency for the project.





The City of Morganton recently received a \$1.3 million federal ARC grant to build a frontage road at Exit 105 on Interstate 40. The new road would connect S. Sterling Street to W. Parker Road. The project is contingent on securing a developer for the properties.

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