



The Family Resource Center at Gorham

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Berlin City Manager
Attn: Patrick MacQueen
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Dear Mr. MacQueen:

We are aware that as the City Manager of Berlin you intend to join Gorham, Shelburne, Milan, Dummer, Colebrook, the New Hampshire Employment Security and the District One New Hampshire Department of Transportation in an effort to improve the infrastructure of the road network here in the North Country.

A majority of the people we serve through our programming at the FRC are low income. In fact, they are unemployed or underemployed, and they are well below the federal poverty level. We believe that improved roadways can help us to deliver programming and services to our clients more effectively, efficiently and safely because of the numerous challenges presented by the current network of roads. Furthermore, we believe that improved roadways can springboard the tourism industry and the economic development in our region, which is the largest, most rural, least populated and poorest in the state. The FRC is willing to partner in this application for funding because our communities need both immediate and long-term strategies to help the people who are low income, unemployed and underemployed in Coos County to receive services, and to attract businesses and tourism by providing improved access to those businesses for employers, employees, customers and tourists. The history of longstanding economic hardship here in the North Country makes your TIGER project proposal appropriate, valuable and necessary for our region.

The Family Resource Center at Gorham is excited to hear about your proposal and we are pleased to join together along with the surrounding communities to offer our full support.

Sincerely,

Tom Austin
Executive Director