

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS TO STATES AND LOCALITIES ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented public health and economic crisis and is highlighting the importance of the federal, state, and local partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in metropolitan Washington is of top concern to the COG Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local leaders throughout metropolitan Washington are on the front lines of the public health response – issuing stay-at-home orders, planning for increased hospital bed capacity, and other efforts to flatten the curve of new COVID-19 infections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released economic projections showing that unemployment will peak this year and states will lose \$650 billion over the next three years from budget shortfalls due to the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act; P.L. 116-136) was signed into law and provides \$150 billion in direct assistance for state and local governments to combat the pandemic and provide economic relief; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding the overall amount of relief to state and local governments to \$500 billion in flexible federal funding is necessary to fill immediate budgetary gaps caused by critical revenue losses for essential utilities, highways and other revenue generating public authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, extending eligibility for direct stabilization funds to local governments with populations under 500,000 is critical to addressing the pandemic head on and replacing lost revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation of flexible long-term and emergency supplemental funding to support state and local governments on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic is essential in securing the resources necessary to successfully address the spread of the virus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The COG Board of Directors urges the federal government to provide adequate funding to state and local governments to combat the pandemic, provide economic relief, and address revenue losses of states and localities resulting from COVID-19.

The board also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to send a letter on behalf of the COG Board to congressional leadership communicating this request.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors May 13, 2020.**

**Janele Partman  
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