

Consent Agenda

Resolution R26-10
May 12, 2010

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING
FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT FOR A
LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE EVENT**

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Environment has requested the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) in its capacity as the administrator Clean Air Partners, to administer a "Lawn Mower Exchange Program"; and

WHEREAS, Clean Air Partners, an education and outreach program administered through COG, seeks to improve the health and quality of life of residents in the Baltimore-Washington region by encouraging individuals and organizations to take voluntary actions to reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDOE) is authorized under § 2-107 of the Code of Maryland to engage in activities that are related to identifying, monitoring, and regulating air pollution; and

WHEREAS, MDOE wishes to launch a program promoting the use of electric lawn mowers, while removing excess air pollution emissions from the use of gas powered lawn mowers as a measure to improve air quality and raise awareness of ozone, particle pollution and climate change; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), one gas powered mower releases 87 lbs. of greenhouse gas CO₂, and 54 lbs. of other pollutants into the air every year which is equivalent to 43 new cars each being driven 12,000 miles annually; and

WHEREAS, Clean Air Partners, through COG, and the Maryland Department of the Environment are proposing to hold a lawnmower exchange event to collect and replace gasoline powered lawn mowers in exchange for electric lawn mowers and which provides discounts to the owners of gas powered lawn mowers as an incentive to purchase a new electric lawn mower.

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

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to administer the Maryland Department of Environment "Lawn Mower Exchange Program" through Clean Air Partners and to receive and expend up to \$185,000 to improve air quality and raise awareness of ozone, particle pollution and climate change. No COG matching funds are required.