

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002-4290**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING
FROM EPA'S NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM HEAVY DUTY DIESEL EQUIPMENT IN THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington region does not meet the federal health standards for ozone or fine particles, which adversely affects the health of populations at increased risk, including 1 million children 18 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) support local nonregulatory measures in the region to reduce harmful emissions to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program is to reduce diesel emissions, maximize job preservation and promote economic recovery through a variety of diesel emission reduction strategies; and

WHEREAS, COG is proposing to partner with 12 equipment owners and operators to reduce emissions from heavy duty diesel fleets in the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects will significantly reduce annual NOx and fine particle emissions in the region, improving the health of residents and providing needed reductions for the region to meet the ozone and fine particle standard.

**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 apply for grant funding from EPA Region III to provide diesel reduction technologies to 12 equipment owners and operators of heavy duty diesel vehicles and/or equipment in the Metropolitan Washington region in an amount not to exceed \$3,774,636. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk