

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

**RESOLUTION ON WASHINGTON AREA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP  
FUNDING SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the association of local governments in the Washington metropolitan region and is comprised of local, state and federal elected officials representing 20 local governments in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, among its diverse responsibilities, COG is responsible for assisting local governments in the Washington metropolitan region with the identification, analysis and resolution of problems and issues related to metropolitan growth and development including affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, COG established the Washington Area Housing Partnership (hereinafter called the Partnership) in 1991 as a public-private affordable housing membership organization that seeks to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low-and moderate-income families in the metropolitan Washington region.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership convenes regional housing leaders and stakeholders, studies and evaluates local housing policies, provides technical assistance to local governments and community nonprofit organizations, and advocates for the expansion and preservation of affordable housing in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership recently developed the "*Toolkit for Affordable Housing Development Strategies*" that identifies the best strategies decision-makers can use to produce and preserve affordable housing in their jurisdictions and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership created an educational outreach campaign on the need for additional affordable housing and continues to coordinate affordable housing workshops with local elected officials, local housing advisory boards, and local government staff throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, as a membership organization that serves the region on affordable housing issues, local governments benefit from the regional work of the Washington Area Housing Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partnership has proven successful at leveraging voluntary public sector support to attract private sector funding, with \$7,000 in voluntary public sector support raising more than \$135,000 in private sector grant and membership funding in FY 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2006 the Partnership Board approved a new membership structure that allows for greater public sector participation and streamlined membership categories as an incentive to foster additional public and private sector participation; and

**WHEREAS**, effective FY 2007, the approved membership structure requests voluntary public sector support ranging from \$1,000 for jurisdictions with a population of less than 500,000 to \$4,000 for jurisdictions with a population greater than one million; private sector grants and membership support will continue to provide the largest share of Partnership funding.

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

The executive director is authorized to solicit voluntary support for the Partnership from COG member governments that wish to become Partnership members and participate in its public-private work program as part of the COG fiscal year budget solicitation and schedule. No supplemental COG funding support or matching funds are requested.