

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE  
"FRIENDS OF WEDNESDAY'S CHILD FUND"**

**WHEREAS**, children in the metropolitan Washington area who are in the foster care system awaiting adoption have a number of auxiliary needs that are unmet due to local governments fiscal challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is committed to building foster youth's self-esteem and self-sufficiency through The Friends of Wednesday's Child Fund stipends; and

**WHEREAS**, jurisdictions in the Washington region face the most severe economic and financial challenges in several decades, we must be pragmatic about our work and consider ways to increase opportunities for foster children to build self-esteem and self-sufficiency with the scarce resources that are available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wednesday's Child Committee established the Friends of Wednesday's Child Fund to provide small grant stipends for the unmet needs of children in the region's foster care system

**WHEREAS**, the Wednesday's Child committee monitors and manages the Friends of Wednesday's Child Fund, and recommends that COG continue to identify new funding streams to grow the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, COG will receive a contribution totaling \$25,000 from the Freddie Mac Foundation to support the Friends of Wednesday's Child Fund.

**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 accept a \$25,000 grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the Wednesday's Child fund. The Wednesday's Child Committee established the Fund and oversees dispersal of grant stipend for the unmet needs of children in the region's foster care system. No COG matching funds are requested.

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