



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

WebEx Virtual Meeting (provided to members only by email)
Public livestream on website

AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M.** **1. CALL TO ORDER**
Kate Stewart, COG Board Chair
- 12:05 P.M.** **2. CHAIR'S REPORT**
Kate Stewart, COG Board Chair
A. COG Annual Membership Meeting – December 13
- 12:10 P.M.** **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
A. Fiscal Year 2024 Year End Report
- 12:15 P.M.** **4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
Kate Stewart, COG Board Chair
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11, 2023**
Kate Stewart, COG Board Chair
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
- 6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
Kate Stewart, COG Board Chair
A. Resolution R35-2023 – Resolution authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to manage a military installation implementation effort for the Department of Defense Installation Resilience Program
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R35-2023

- 12:25 P.M. 7. FOOD INSECURITY IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**
Radha Muthiah, Capital Area Food Bank President and CEO
Sabrina Tadele, Capital Area Food Bank Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives
Jon Stehle, COG Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee Chair
- The Board will be briefed on the Capital Area Food Bank Hunger Report 2023, which contains surprising new data about food insecurity and inequity across our region. Following the presentation, the board will discuss how the COG Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee is working to address food insecurity in the region.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 1:00 P.M. 8. ACCELERATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY TO MEET REGIONAL CLIMATE GOALS**
Takis Karantonis, COG Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee Chair
- The board will be briefed on recommendations from the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee to set regional goals related to accelerating the deployment of solar energy to help the region transition more rapidly to clean energy sources and meet the regional climate goals.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R36-2023.**
- 1:20 P.M. 9. REGIONAL COLLABORATION TO PREVENT AND END THE EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS**
Triina Van, Chair, COG Homeless Services Committee and Arlington County Homeless Services Coordinator
Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager
- The board will be briefed on recent developments in the COG Homeless Services Committee’s efforts to deepen and improve cross-jurisdictional collaboration, including final recommendations from the racial equity systems analysis and a partnership with national nonprofit Community Solutions. The board will have an opportunity to provide input on potential solutions and opportunities to reimagine how our homeless services system operates in 2024 to prevent and end the experience of homelessness in metropolitan Washington.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 1:55 P.M. 10. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 2:00 P.M. 11. ADJOURN**
- The COG Board does not meet in December. The COG Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th from 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #2

CHAIR'S REPORT

COG ANNUAL MEETING

Recognizing partnerships
that drive results for our
dynamic region

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

The Kellogg Conference Hotel
at Gallaudet University

Registration & Networking: 11:30 A.M.

Meeting & Luncheon: 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.



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AGENDA ITEM #3

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report – November 2023
DATE: November 1, 2023

POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) – At its October meeting, the board approved \$250,000 in funding for three Transit Within Reach projects that will improve sidewalk, shared-use path, street crossing, and bike lane access to transit stations. The board also received a briefing regarding the federally mandated Carbon Reduction Strategies from the departments of transportation in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

FARM Policy Committee – At its October meeting, FARM received a briefing from the Capital Area Food Bank on their *2023 Hunger Report*, which found that while the economy has rebounded, food insecurity levels have remained static. Montgomery County presented their strategic plan to end childhood hunger and outlined their 14 strategies to address this crisis in the County. Members of Hunger Solutions in the metropolitan Washington area also provided an overview of the initiatives that advocates and elected leaders are undertaking to enhance school meal access, boost childhood nutrition, and improve food security for other residents such as seniors.

Region Forward Coalition – At its October meeting, coalition members received an overview of WMATA's plan to leverage their real estate portfolio to deliver renewable energy to local communities through an innovative and community-oriented solar carport project. Members were then briefed on the goals and strategies of Loudoun County's recently approved energy strategy. Finally, members were briefed on the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition's strategies and initiatives to advance the Community Energy Environmental Justice Initiative in transportation regionally and nationally.



Congressional Delegation Reception

On October 25, COG hosted a reception that brought together local officials, including members of COG board and policy committees, alongside the region's four U.S. Senators – Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen representing Maryland, and Tim Kaine and Mark Warner representing Virginia. The event emphasized key priorities such as enhancing transportation infrastructure, restoring the Chesapeake Bay, advancing climate goals, and ensuring WMATA's financial sustainability.

[Read the news highlight](#)

OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

RiverRenew tour –The Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee took a tour of the Alexandria RiverRenew tunnel project. The CBPC group met with Justin Carl, AlexRenew’s General Manager, and a team of staff who gave them a tour of the River Renew project and a tour of the plant’s biological nutrient removal system. When completed in 2025, the tunnel will capture and clean the combined sewer overflows of Old Town Alexandria.



COG officials join AlexRenew on tour of tunnel project.

Intercity travel work session – On October 18, the TPB held an Intercity Rail and Bus Travel Work Session prior to its October meeting. Representatives from Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, Maryland Transit Administration/MARC, Amtrak, American Bus Association, and Union Station Redevelopment Corporation updated the TPB on ridership trends, service and facility upgrades, and partnerships between jurisdictions.



COG Executive Director Clark Mercer took part in the *Capital Area Economic Forum* hosted by the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance and George Mason University.

Housing – COG provided an opportunity for the public to review and comment on a draft grant application to HUD for Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) funding from October 9 through October 31. COG also held a public hearing on the draft application, courtesy of the District of Columbia’s public input platform, on the evening of Monday, October 23. The application will be submitted to HUD by November 6. COG’s grant proposal is focused on three goals from the regional fair housing plan: increasing the amount and geographic distribution of affordable housing; reform of zoning and land use (to increase the amount and geographic distribution of affordable housing) and preservation and anti-displacement.

Commuter Connections fall campaign – On October 24, COG’s Commuter Connections started a fall campaign, renewing its commitment to improving air quality, traffic, and daily commute times and promoting its wide array of programs includes Guaranteed Ride Home, the Pool Rewards program, the Flextime Rewards program, and the CarpoolNow app.

COG Institute for Regional Excellence – On October 20, COG held a graduation ceremony for Cohort 19 of the Regional Excellence Regional Executive Development Program. Falls Church City Manager Wyatt Shields was the keynote speaker. The cohort comprised of 25 public sector managers from Prince William County, Fairfax County, Montgomery County, Falls Church, Loudoun County, Alexandria, D.C., Bowie, Gaithersburg, Laurel, Arlington County, the Northern Virginia EMS Council, WMATA, and COG.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Metro – COG’s focus on helping find a long-term, sustainable funding solution for Metro was highlighted in stories by the Washington Post and WAMU.

[Washington Post](#) – quotes COG Board Chair Kate Stewart

Housing – COG’s Housing Affordability Planning Program was featured in a story by WTOP.

[WTOP](#) – COG Housing Affordability Planning Program

Crime – COG’s *Report on Crime and Crime Control* Report garnered media coverage from the Washington Examiner, ARLnow, and Univision.

[Washington Examiner](#) – quotes COG Police Chiefs Committee Chair Chief Russell E. Hamill

Transit Within Reach – FFXnow covered the Prosperity Avenue Safety Project which was awarded \$80,000 from the TPB Transit Within Reach Program.

[FFXnow](#) – quotes COG Principal Transportation Planner John Swanson



COG’s Street Smart safety campaign returned to remind drivers how to safely share the roads with bicyclists and pedestrians this fall and drew coverage from several local outlets, such as 7 News, Fox 5, and ALXnow.

[7 News](#) – Street Smart campaign



In the latest episode of COG’s podcast, *Think Regionally*, host Robert McCartney talks with public safety leaders about recent crime trends and how area law enforcement agencies are working together through COG and other initiatives to keep communities safe.

[Listen to the episode/read the transcript](#)



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
Julie Mussog, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2023 Year End Financial Report
DATE: November 1, 2023

We are providing the following preliminary, unaudited financial reports to the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

- Statement of Revenue, Expense, and Change in Net Position
- Comparative Statement of Net Position

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position

For the year ending June 30, 2023, the net surplus from operations is \$2.4 million. \$1.3 million of this surplus is primarily a timing issue where we have collected and recognized funds in advance of expenses being recognized. The Amazon Housing Grants were about half of the increase (\$0.5 million) with the rest driven by some Enhanced Mobility, Blue Plains and Regional Public Safety program funds (\$0.7 million). These projects fund balance is expected to be spent in the FY2024 budget year. The remaining \$1.1 million are unrestricted funds. The increase in the undesignated fund balance was driven by Cooperative Purchasing Program revenue generation (\$0.3 million) and lower matching requirement for TPB due to lower than budget spend in this fiscal year that will roll into FY2024 budget as a matching requirement (\$0.4 million), savings from vacancies in the Executive Office (\$0.2 million), and a REIT dividend higher than budget (\$0.1 million).

Operating revenue exceeded budget by \$1.4 million and expenses tracked lower than the FY2023 budget. Lower federal and state revenue to the budget is driven by lower spend in Transportation Planning Board Work Program and Commuter Connections. These are cost reimbursement projects, so the year-to-date expenses are also lower than budget. Higher Other revenue than budget is driven by funds from Homeland Security and Public Safety that were budgeted in Subrecipient that should have been in Other revenue. Other sources of the higher than budgeted revenue are the Cooperative Purchasing Program revenue of \$0.3 million that was not budgeted and the \$0.5 million Amazon Housing grant that was not budgeted. Lower than budgeted salaries and benefits were driven by turnover, some planned delays in hiring and vacancies filled at lower rates.

Subrecipient pass-through funds are \$4.3 million less than amount budgeted due to lower than budget actuals for projects in Homeland Security and Public Safety and some funds budgeted as subrecipient that should have been budgeted in other direct cost with the revenue now reflected in Other Revenue.

Comparative Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2023, shows an overall increase in total assets of \$2.8 million. Most of this increase is from cash received from the DOEE repower project in advance that has not yet been spent (\$2.6 million). This increase is also reflected in the Restricted project funds balance.

Total liabilities decreased by \$2.0 million primarily due to a decrease in non-current liabilities of \$1.2 million. This represents the difference between estimated and actual indirect costs. In some years the difference is a receivable and in others it is a liability, and adjustments are made to subsequent indirect rates to make up the difference. Accrued payroll, leave and other current liabilities decreased by \$0.6 million due to the payout in FY2023 of the FY2022 Amazon Housing grants that were accrued at the end of FY2022.

The increase in total net position of \$4.9 million is driven by the \$3.7 million increase in restricted program funds and the \$1.2 million increase in undesignated funds. Restricted fund increase reflects impact of the DOEE repower project funds (\$2.6 million), Amazon Housing grants (\$0.5 million), Enhanced Mobility funds (\$0.3 million) and Blue Plains Intermunicipal Agreement (\$0.2 million). The \$1.2 million in undesignated funds due to net income over the prior 12 months driven by revenue from the Cooperative Purchasing Program, the REIT dividend and savings from staffing turnover in the Executive Office.

Board-designated reserves, which include the operating and capital expenditures reserves remain 100% funded at \$10.2 million (\$5.2 operating reserve and \$4.9 capital reserve).

Audited financial statements will be presented to the Board of Directors at the January meeting.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
 FY 2023 Statement of Revenue, Expense, and Change in Net Position
 For the twelve months ended June 30, 2023
 With Comparisons to Approved Budget and Prior Year Results

Prepared on an accrual basis

	Fiscal YTD As of 6/30/2023	Budget FY2023	% of Budget	Prior FY As of 6/30/2022
Operations Revenue				
Federal and state revenue	27,482,700	28,790,700		23,801,200
Member dues	4,884,800	4,884,800		4,664,500
Regional funds	3,338,700	3,351,100		2,894,500
Building revenue	570,000	450,000		540,000
Other revenue*	6,225,000	3,589,600		3,910,100
Total Operations Revenue	42,501,200	41,066,200	103%	35,810,300
Operations Expense				
Salaries - Direct program	11,504,100	12,635,400		10,842,500
Other employee benefits	2,569,300	2,866,000		2,466,500
Consultants	10,693,200	10,893,500		10,050,000
Other direct program expense	6,750,100	6,880,700		3,733,700
Support services, rent and other allocated expense	8,596,500	8,101,200		8,336,700
Total Operations Expense	40,113,200	41,376,800	97%	35,429,400
Net Surplus (Deficit) - Operations	2,388,000	(310,600)		380,900
Increase (Decrease) in Designated Program Fund Balance	1,257,400	(360,100)		271,200
Change in Undesignated Fund Balance	1,130,600	49,500		109,700

*Other Revenue includes sponsorships, donations, fees for services, interest, unrealized gains and losses, and other miscellaneous revenue.

Revenue - All Sources	FY2023 YTD	FY2023 Budget	
Operations	42,501,200	41,066,200	103%
Special Revenue Funds	138,500	150,200	92%
Subrecipient Pass-Through	8,715,100	13,029,200	67%
Contributed Services			
Total Revenue - All Sources	51,354,800	54,245,600	

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
 Comparative Statement of Net Position
 As of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023

	FY2023 as of 6/30/2023	FY2022 as of 6/30/2022	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Cash & Investments	11,965,700	9,184,900	
Accounts receivable	13,954,100	14,592,800	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	720,800	256,400	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	2,493,500	2,271,300	
Total Assets	29,134,100	26,305,400	2,828,700
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	4,164,800	4,431,400	
Accrued payroll, leave & other liabilities	2,105,900	2,685,900	
Other Non-current Liabilities	421,100	1,619,400	
Total Liabilities	6,691,800	8,736,700	(2,044,900)
NET POSITION*			
Net investment in capital assets	2,493,500	2,271,300	222,200
Board designated reserves	10,157,600	10,379,800	(222,200)
Restricted project funds	7,706,000	4,005,700	3,700,300
Undesignated	2,085,200	911,900	1,173,300
Total Net Position	22,442,300	17,568,700	4,873,600
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	29,134,100	26,305,400	2,828,700

*Excludes Net Pension Liability of \$4,823,500 which is available only for pension plan benefits.

AGENDA ITEM #4

**AMENDMENTS TO THE
AGENDA**

AGENDA ITEM #5

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

**MINUTES
COG Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES: See attached chart for attendance.

SPEAKERS:

Penny Gross, Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee Member
Julie Kimmel, COG Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee Vice Chair
Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
Julie Mussog, COG Chief Financial Officer
Michael O'Connor, COG Secretary-Treasurer
KellyAnn Kirkpatrick, Amazon Housing Equity Fund Senior Product Manager
Shirin Wilkerson, COG Regional Housing Planner II
Chief Russell Hamill, COG Police Chiefs Committee Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COG Board Chair Kate Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. COG Congressional Delegation Reception – October 25
- B. COG Annual Membership Meeting – December 13

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COG Executive Director Clark Mercer briefed the board on the following:

- Update on the work of the COG CAO WMATA Cost Structure Work Group, the Metro Funding Strategy Workgroup, and the Metro Communications Work Group. The CAO Work Group will publish an interim report in November.
- On September 15, Chesapeake Bay and Water Quality forum gathered with federal, state, local, and water utility professionals to discuss the status of the Chesapeake Bay restoration and local water quality efforts. They also thanked Fairfax County Supervisor Penelope Gross and Greenbelt Council Member Judith “J” Davis for their years of work to restore the Bay.
- COG's Planning Directors Committee and Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee gathered for a case study on revitalization in National Landing. The group toured Amazon HQ2 and discussed strategies for smart growth—including diverse housing opportunities and multi-modal transit.
- COG Department of Community Planning and Services is submitting an application to the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant.
- On September 19, the COG Public Safety team met with Verizon and discussed the services and capabilities Verizon provides the region.
- The COG senior staff participated in a one-day retreat to hear what each department envisions for the upcoming year. There will be a follow-up collaboration in the Spring.
- On Friday, November 3 COG will be hosting Planning for Equitable Development, a regional event in partnership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE). The event will focus on teaching local government's how to incorporate equity principles into their comprehensive plans in planning/zoning and housing and on developing regional principles around equitable development.

4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 13, 2023 board meeting were approved. Arlington County Chair Christian Dorsey abstained from voting.

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution R28-2023 – Resolution approving appointments to the COG 2024 Nominating Committee

B. Resolution R29-2023 – Resolution approving appointments to the COG 2024 Legislative Committee

C. Resolution R30-2023 – Resolution acknowledging receipt of the 2023 COG Contract List

D. Resolution R31-2023 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive and expend a grant to fund the operation of a portion of COG’s Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety to improve homeland security in the National Capital Region

Action: The board adopted Resolutions R28-2023 – R31-2023.

7. CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Climate and Energy Leadership Awards recognized three local programs for their efforts to achieve local and regional climate and energy goals. The City of Rockville Flood Resiliency Program received the Government Sector Award, Montgomery County Green Bank – Largest Solar Project on an Affordable Multifamily Property in Montgomery County received the Non-governmental Organization Sector Award, and Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) School Bus Electrification Project received the Educational Institution Sector Award.

ACTION: Received briefing and discussed.

8. FISCAL YEAR 2025 MEMBER DUES & REGIONAL FEES

The board was briefed by COG Executive Director Clark Mercer and COG Chief Financial Officer Julie Mussog on the proposal for the Fiscal Year 2025 Member Dues and Regional Fees.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R32-2023.

9. APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 & FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND BUDGET

The board was briefed by COG Secretary-Treasurer Michael O’Connor and COG Chief Financial Officer Julie Mussog on the proposed FY 2024 Capital Expenditure Budget and Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R33-2023.

10. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PLANNING PROGRAM GRANTS

The board was briefed by COG Regional Housing Planner II Shirin Wilkerson on COG’s Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) grants. Amazon Housing Equity Fund Senior Product Manager KellyAnn Kirkpatrick provided brief remarks on the program and the COG Board voted on the recommended 2023 recipients.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R34-2023.

11. COG ANNUAL REPORT ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL

The COG Police Chiefs Committee Chair Chief Russell Hamill briefed the COG Board on the regional crime trends and crime control initiatives.

ACTION: Received briefing and discussed.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M. The next meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday, November 8 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #6

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
November 2023**

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO MANAGE A MILITARY INSTALLATION IMPLEMENTATION EFFORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTALLATION RESILIENCE PROGRAM

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R35-2023 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend funds from the Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCCC) in the amount of \$838,206. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, and enter into a contract to advance recommendations in the recently completed Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR). COG will develop a Climate Impact Assessment Report; a roadmap for resilience funding and resources; conduct scenario-based workshops to assess capabilities, roles, responsibilities, and identify projects for implementation in the event of a large-scale outage of critical infrastructure and develop a collaborative engagement plan with the District of Columbia government and the installations. The military installations to be covered include Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington Navy Yard, and Fort McNair in Washington, DC. COG will be required to provide a match of \$94,674 which is available in the budgets of the Regional Environment Fund (REF), Regional Water Fund (RWF), and Regional Public Safety Fund (RPSF).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R35-2023.

AGENDA ITEM #7

FOOD INSECURITY IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

HUNGER REPORT

2023



Executive Summary

Capital Area Food Bank's *Hunger Report 2023* contains surprising new data about food insecurity and inequity across our region. To gather the research that informs the report, the fourth such study issued by the CAFB, the food bank once again partnered with highly trusted independent social research organization NORC at the University of Chicago to conduct a general population survey about food insecurity and inequity with nearly 5,300 Greater Washington area residents.

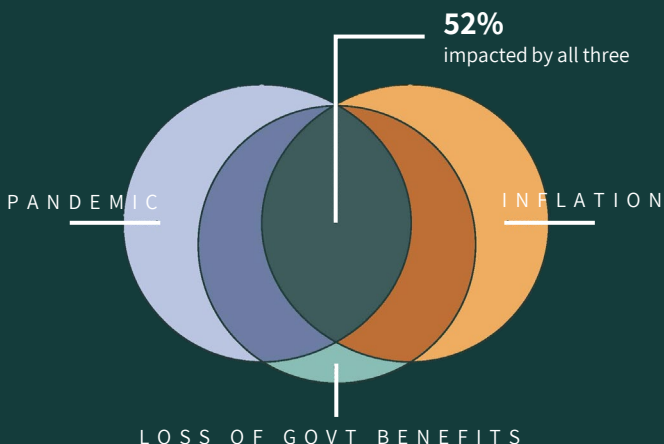
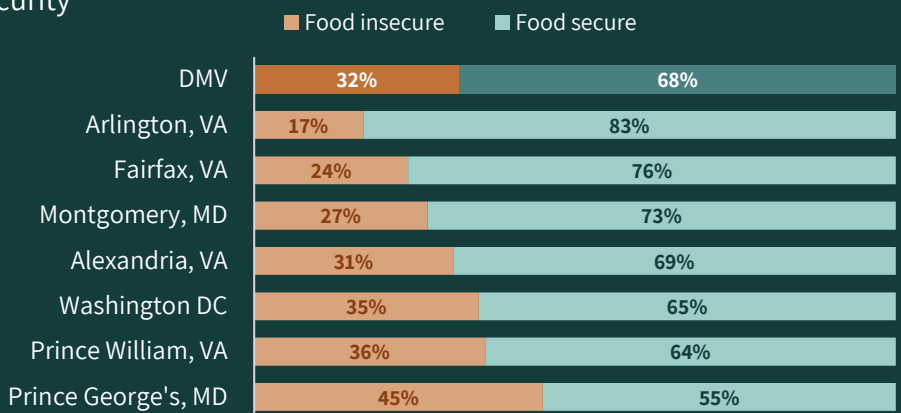
The only study of its kind, *Hunger Report 2023* illuminates the multiple forces that continue to make putting food on the table a profound difficulty for neighbors across the region. This year's report makes unavoidably clear that while the economic picture has improved for some in our area over the last year, those improvements have not been felt equally.



Key Headlines

- 1. Food insecurity rates remain flat from 2022.**
A third of the region still experienced food insecurity at some point in the last year.
- 2. County-level rates range from 17% to 45%,** with Prince George's County, MD, Prince William County, VA, and Washington DC experiencing the highest prevalence of food insecurity.

Prevalence of food insecurity in DMV



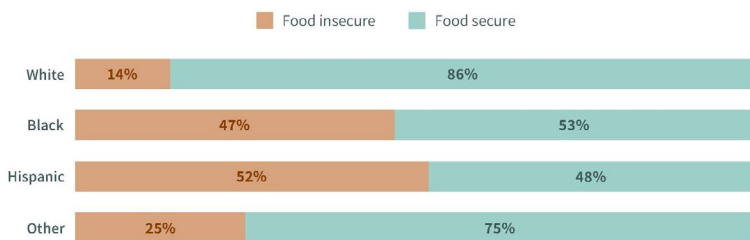
- 3. The key drivers keeping food insecurity rates high** are slow, inequitable recovery from the pandemic, inflation, and the end of pandemic response programs by the government.
- 4. These three impacts are largely overlapped** for food insecure people. Over half of the food insecure population reports that all three of these things have had a major impact on their household finances.

HUNGER REPORT

2023

Key Headlines continued

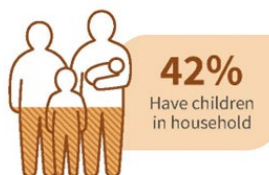
Prevalence of food insecurity in DMV by race



5. Food insecurity remains **inequitable by race**. About half of Black and Hispanic households experienced food insecurity at some point in the last year.

6. Households with kids are **60% more likely to be affected by food insecurity** than households without kids

FOOD INSECURE



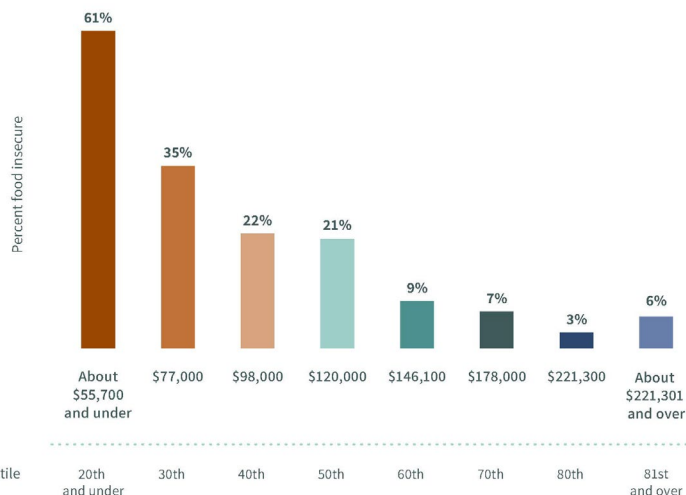
FOOD SECURE



7. The food insecure population is largely **employed, educated, and middle class**. Three-quarters are working, half have more than a high school diploma, and 67% earn over the poverty wage.

8. **Even among households earning \$120,000** – the median for the region – food insecurity is affecting 1 in 5 households.

Prevalence of food insecurity by household income

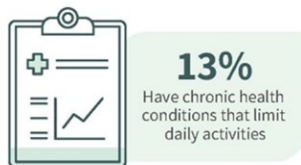


9. Food insecure people are **twice as likely to have chronic health conditions** that limit their daily activities compared to food secure people.

FOOD INSECURE



FOOD SECURE



10. **Collective action is needed** to address the sustained rates of food insecurity and persistent inequities in our region. CAFB’s recommended strategies include:

- Increase the accessibility of the food assistance network
- Accelerate “Food Is Medicine” interventions
- Maintain and enhance government support
- Enable integrated approaches to addressing poverty

AGENDA ITEM #8

ACCELERATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY TO MEET REGIONAL CLIMATE GOALS

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4239**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COG SOLAR ENERGY GOALS

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution R45-2020 endorsing an interim climate mitigation goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas emissions reductions below 2005 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, COG's Region United Framework and the Region Forward Vision considers efforts to meet the 2030 regional climate goal as one of the region's four top priorities along with high-capacity transit, housing, and equity; and

WHEREAS, COG seeks to support integrated multi-sector approaches to accelerate action on climate change and recognizes that transitioning to renewable energy sources, including on-site solar photovoltaics is a cost-effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, COG and local governments in the region supported creation of strong solar markets through participation in the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge, Solar Market Pathways, and SolSmart programs; and

WHEREAS, the region met its 2020 goals including a 20 percent reduction in emissions and deployment of more than 30,000 solar systems; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan called for more than 200,000 additional solar energy systems to support meeting the 2030 goal (there were approximately 45,000 existing solar energy systems at the time of the Plan); and

WHEREAS, COG members desire to grow and maintain local and regional leadership on energy productivity and innovation, including use of batteries and solar storage, and use of solar for electric vehicle charging.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee to adopt the below solar energy goals to further help local governments work towards meeting the regional goals in the Metropolitan Washington 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan.

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

- 1) The Board endorses a goal of 250,000 solar rooftops deployed in the region by 2030; and
- 2) The Board urges all COG members to install solar on government facilities, including public schools, government buildings, and carports; and
- 3) The Board urges all COG members to explore procuring 100 percent of electricity for government operations with renewable energy; and

- 4) The Board encourages all members to support community-wide efforts to deploy solar through programs for low-income residents; effective industry engagement; efficient zoning and permitting; provision of incentives, rebates, and grants; support for bulk purchasing and solar coops and community choice aggregation; industry engagement; and work force development.
- 5) The Board directs the COG Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee to support member governments in efforts to meet the solar energy goals and report back to the Board on progress of meeting the goals.

AGENDA ITEM #9

**REGIONAL COLLABORATION TO
PREVENT AND END THE
EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS**

ENDING HOMELESSNESS AS A REGION

Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee

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Committee Intro

• Who Participates in COG's Homeless Services Committee?

- Continuum of Care (CoC) lead managers, Directors, HMIS Administrators, Coordinated Entry manager, HUD DC Field Office, and other local government CoC staff

Full committee + Two Subcommittees Meet Monthly:

• Regional Case Coordination Learning Collaborative

- How can we work together to ensure all unhoused individuals are receiving services and have a path to permanent housing? Working to creating processes and protocols to serve people with multi-jurisdictional (or no jurisdiction) ties. (Coordinated Entry Managers)

• Regional Data Metrics Working Group

- How can we work together using data to advance regional coordination? (HMIS leads)



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We are More than Just the Point-in-Time Count

• What Do We Do?

- Share strategies and develop approaches to prevent and end the experience of homelessness that are unique to living in a high-cost housing market such as metropolitan Washington

Implementation of the 2021 Regional Compact to End Homelessness

- Five Action Items
 1. Data Sharing
 2. Regular Reporting
 3. Regional By-name Tracking and Case Coordination
 4. Residency Requirements
 5. Racial Equity



Committee Strategic Planning Retreat: November 2022
(pictured above: Jillian Fox, CSH, left; Kacy Barker and Andrew Dubin, Arlington County)

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Quality Data Is Key to Making Progress

State and Sub-Regional Efforts are Leading the Way

Virginia Homeless Data Integration Project (HDIP)

- Statewide effort to share Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data using Green River's Open Path platform
- Implementation scheduled for Q2 of 2024

Sub-regional "Triad" Data Sharing (District of Columbia, Montgomery County & Prince George's County)

- Data sharing agreement (2017, COG-supported)
- Monthly By-name list matching, review, and resource coordination for Veterans and Single Adults
- Working with Green River Open Path platform (Kaiser Permanente funding to DC/The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness)



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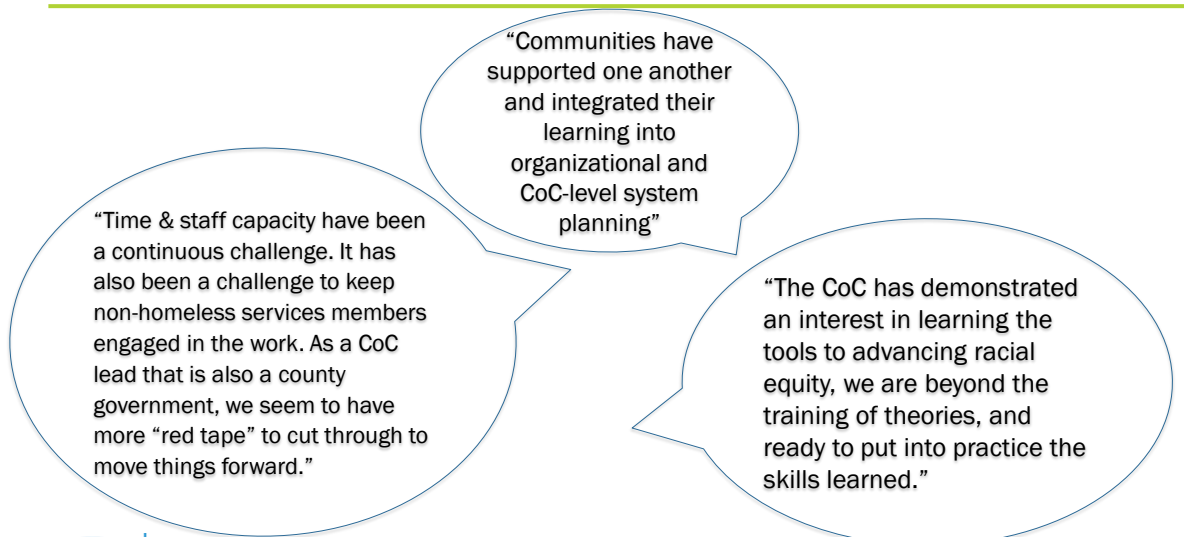
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Regional Homeless Services Racial Equity Systems Analysis (2021 – 2023)



Racial Equity Systems Analysis Reflections



Racial Equity Systems Analysis Recommendations

Regional and Local CoC Recommendations for all 9 Participating Jurisdictions by C4 Innovations

- Establish a **Regional Interagency Council on Homelessness**
 - Provide oversight of the Racial Equity Action Plan
 - Ensure ongoing evaluation of impact
 - Update plan as needed
- Establish a **Regional Lived Experience Coalition**
 - Provide leadership in identifying and driving transformative system change
 - Ensure people who are experiencing homelessness are always centered in system planning processes



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A New Partnership For System Transformation

- COG will serve as a “Backbone Organization”
- Community Solutions will provide 3 years of pro bono technical support to improve regional data quality and reach “functional zero” through:
 - Collaborative Community Support
 - Backbone Strategy and Core Infrastructure Design
 - Large Scale Change Strategy Support
 - Data Infrastructure and Performance Management support
- Current Built for Zero Participants: Arlington County, District of Columbia, Fairfax County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County

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Built For Zero

A movement to measurably and equitably end homelessness



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What's Ahead in 2024

- **Point-in-Time Count: Wednesday, January 24, 2024** (results in May 2024)
- **Kickoff with Community Solutions** (estimated February/March 2024)
 - Focus on developing quality data
 - Learning and coaching sessions
- **Regional protocol development** for Case Coordination and Standards of Care for people who do not meet residency requirements for housing placements
- **Data sharing agreement** for northern Virginia CoCs to connect with the District of Columbia and suburban Maryland CoCs

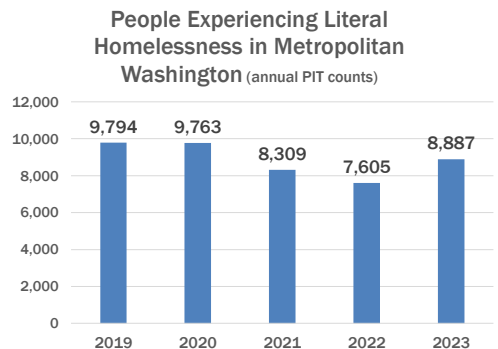


Pictured above: COG Chair Kate Stewart provides welcome remarks at the Kaiser Permanente – COG Regional Homelessness Forum (October 12, 2023)



Key Takeaways in Ending Homelessness

- **Unprecedented investments** in housing and homelessness during the pandemic contributed to declines; the end of rental assistance and eviction moratorium caused increases.
- **To meet the regional need, we need regional investment** from all COG members
- **Ending the experience of homelessness is possible** with adequate resources and strategic cross-jurisdictional collaboration
- **Partnering with Community Solutions** in the Built for Zero Initiative has the possibility to fundamentally transform how we prevent and end the experience of homelessness in the metropolitan Washington region



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