



# PRODUCING RESULTS FOR THE REGION

## Overview of COG's FY2025 Member Dues and Regional Fees

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# Producing Results for the Region

- Ensuring all major **transportation projects** receive federal funding and approvals.
- Coordinating **air quality planning**, providing air quality forecasts and health advisories.
- Establishing **mutual aid agreements** to ensure cross-jurisdictional response to emergencies.
- Advancing **water quality** initiatives, like brokering and managing the Blue Plains wastewater agreement.
- Leading **homeland security planning**, including support for the UASI program.
- Providing grants to help jumpstart equitable, **transit-oriented communities**.
- Mobilizing action on **climate change**, supporting expanded deployment of electric vehicles.
- Identifying housing needs, crafting first regional **fair housing** plan in a generation.
- Preparing for **public health emergencies**.
- Helping local governments advance **racial equity** by offering training opportunities and resources.

# Member Benefits: The COG Network

1,500+ government staff and partners engaged in 100+ boards, committees, and working groups.

- Supported by COG staff of 125 subject matter experts and administrative professionals.

COG is the place for tackling regional issues/setting goals/providing planning tools.

- Metro financial sustainability focus, economic development.
- Climate goals, housing targets.
- Activity Centers, Equity Emphasis Areas, and High-Capacity Transit Station Areas.



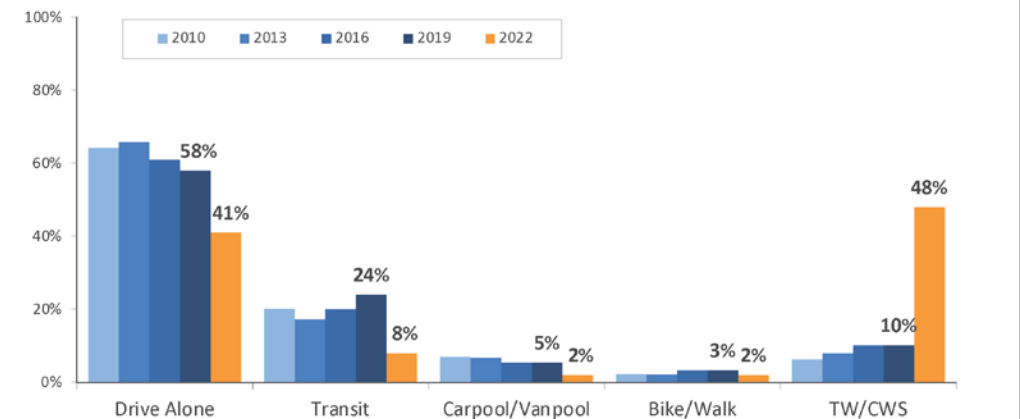
# Member Benefits: Research & Data

COG staff are a trusted source of regional information, providing members with data to inform decision-making, such as reports on:

- Commuting and travel trends
- Economic indicators and commercial and multi-family construction
- Crime trends and impaired driving
- Homelessness
- Water supply and drought
- Air and water quality progress
- Greenhouse gas emissions inventories

## Weekly Commute Trips by Mode Trend

- Pandemic has caused a major shift in travel mode trend
  - Five fold increase in Telework
  - Three fold decrease in Transit
  - Largest drop in drive alone trips since 2010



Data from the 2022 State of the Commute Survey report

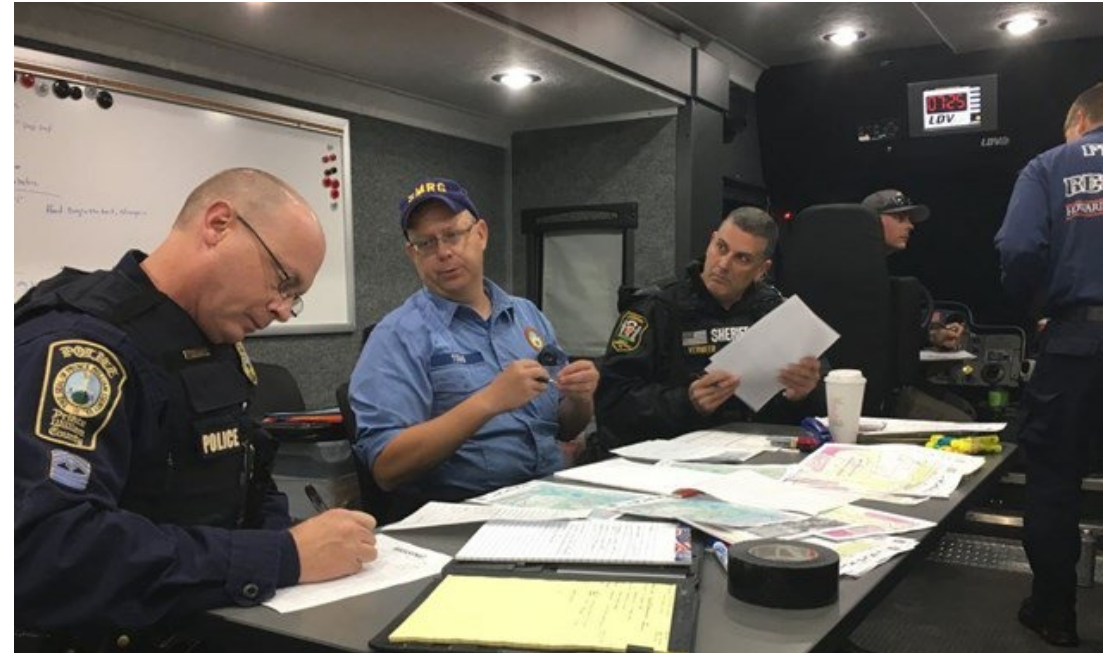
# Member Benefits: Purchasing

COG harnesses the purchasing power of member jurisdictions.

- Fuel contracts leverage 40+ million gallons of buying power annually.
- Road salt contracts leverage over 100,000 tons of buying power annually.

COG seeks out cooperative purchasing opportunities for members, including:

- Procurement of self-contained breathing apparatus for fire departments.
- Public safety radios for police & fire departments.
- Health and wellness training for police, fire, and health departments.



# Convening Leaders & Experts on Priority Areas

COG supports committees that serve the interests of its member jurisdictions, including:

- Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee
- **Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee**
- Chief Administrative Officers Committee
- Chief Information Officers Committee
- Chief Purchasing Officers Committee
- Child Welfare Directors Committee
- **Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee**
- Drought Coordination Committee
- Emergency Managers Committee
- Emergency Preparedness Council
- **Food & Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee**
- Fire Chiefs Committee
- Health Officials Committee
- Homeland Security Executive Committee
- Homeless Services, Planning, & Coordinating Committee
- Housing Directors Advisory Committee
- **Human Services Policy Committee**
- Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee
- Police Chiefs Committee
- Public Information Officers Committee
- Recycling Committee
- **Region Forward Coalition**
- Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup
- Snow/Winter Weather Briefings Committee

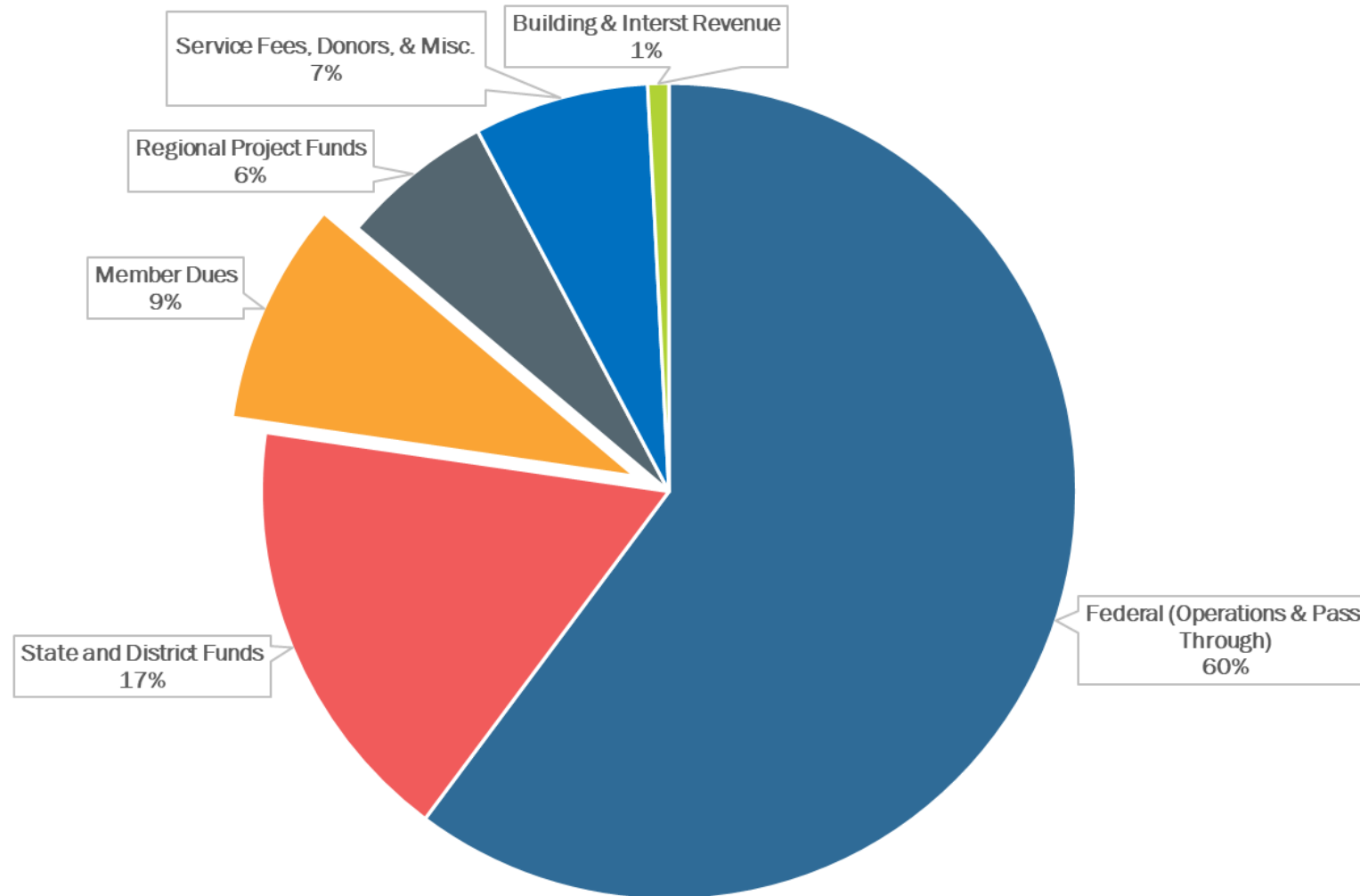


## Member Dues

- Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds
- Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support
- Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources
- Additional Member Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums



# Member Dues Provide 9% of Total COG Resources





# Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds

- 39% of Member Dues
- For these programs, each \$1.00 in member dues leverages \$8.41 in direct federal funding.

	Member Dues	Direct Federal	District & States	Regional Funds	Other	Total Resources
Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP)	1,896,100	15,168,800	1,896,100		-	18,961,000
Homeland Security Staff Support	140,100	1,800,000		622,400	80,000	2,642,500
Continuous Airport Systems Planning	28,000	400,000				428,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,064,200</b>	<b>17,368,800</b>	<b>1,896,100</b>	<b>622,400</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>22,031,500</b>

# Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support

- 17% of Member Dues
- \$918,000 supports regional coordination and planning efforts, where other funding is limited or not available. This funding is critically important for the health, housing, and equity work that has no other source of funding and accounts for 95% of the program funds.

	Member Dues	Other	Total
Health Planning & Community Svc.	375,000	50,000	425,000
Housing Opportunities	350,000	-	350,000
Regional Incident System (RICCS)	193,000		193,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>918,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>968,000</b>

# Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources

- 30% of Member Dues
- \$1.6 million in Member Dues leverages \$7.5 million from various funding sources, and provides baseline resources to ensure continuity of programs

	Member Dues	Federal, District & States	UPWP Funds (1)	Regional Funds (2)	Other	Total
Regional Environmental Resources Planning	463,000	600,000		612,500	50,000	1,725,500
Regional Planning & Coordination	380,000	-	550,000	-		930,000
Regional Air Quality Attainment Planning (1)	183,200	183,200	183,200			549,600
Regional Public Safety Planning	192,700	-	68,000		45,000	305,700
Regional Water Resources Management	5,000	-		1,613,800		1,618,800
Drinking Water Quality, Security & Response	58,000			130,000	440,000	628,000
Anacostia Watershed Program & Projects	81,400	320,000			780,000	1,181,400
Clean Air Partners	61,700	550,000			35,000	646,700
Air Quality Index, Monitoring & Forecasting	47,300	25,000				72,300
Street Smart Safety Education Campaign	81,000	670,000			150,000	901,000
Agriculture and Forestry Management	42,000			99,600	-	141,600
Food Security	-	-		353,500	10,000	363,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,595,300</b>	<b>2,348,200</b>	<b>801,200</b>	<b>2,809,400</b>	<b>1,510,000</b>	<b>9,064,100</b>

(1) Included in Regional Transportation Planning Program total on page 13

(2) Regional Environmental and/or Regional Water Funds - See separate section starting on page 25

# Additional Membership Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums

- 14% of Member Dues
- \$725,400 is available to support COG as a membership organization by coordinating and conducting cooperative purchasing, providing leadership training, convening and staffing the Board of Directors and other regional officials, sponsoring special studies and reports, creating and maintaining regional and national partnerships, and representing regional interests to the public and media.

	Member Dues	Interest & Bldg Revenue	Other	Total
Member Relations	160,500			160,500
Public/Media Relations & Communications	229,800			229,800
Cooperative Purchasing	-		150,000	150,000
Executive Office, Governance and Special Reports	287,400	450,000	210,700	948,100
Institute for Regional Excellence	47,700		125,000	172,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>725,400</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>485,700</b>	<b>1,661,100</b>

# Proposed FY2025 Member Dues

The proposed FY2025 member dues increase is based on a forecast of general operating expenses and estimated changes in revenue and federal match requirements. Note that all jurisdictions are capped at a no more than 9% year over year increase in dues.

## **COG Member Dues**

**Increase of \$220,485 (4.34%), from \$ 5,082,391 to \$5,302,876**

**Basis for the increase:** Increase in required match for federal programs, and general cost increases.

A table with the dues amount for each jurisdiction is included in the Appendix.

# Member Dues by Jurisdiction

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments				FY2024 Assessment Rate:	0.810	Increase of
PROPOSED FY2025 Schedule of Membership Dues				FY2025 Assessment Rate:	0.845	4.32%
Jurisdiction	POPULATION FIGURES			DUES AMOUNT		
	FY2024 Population Estimate	FY2025 Population Estimate	Compare to FY2023	FY2025 Adjusted Contribution (1)	FY2025 Increase (Decrease)	FY2025 Percent Increase
Alexandria, City of	167,700	180,500	7.63%	\$ 148,062	\$ 12,225	9.00%
Arlington County	245,600	245,800	0.08%	\$ 207,701	\$ 8,765	4.41%
Bladensburg, Town of (adj)	9,600	9,600	0.00%	\$ 4,056	\$ 168	4.32%
Bowie, City of	61,000	61,000	0.00%	\$ 51,545	\$ 2,135	4.32%
Charles County	176,000	176,300	0.17%	\$ 148,974	\$ 6,414	4.50%
College Park, City of	32,200	32,200	0.00%	\$ 27,209	\$ 1,127	4.32%
District of Columbia	775,500	697,700	-10.03%	\$ 589,557	\$ (38,599)	-6.14%
Fairfax County	1,200,700	1,200,400	-0.02%	\$ 1,014,338	\$ 41,771	4.29%
Fairfax, City of	28,500	27,800	-2.46%	\$ 23,491	\$ 406	1.76%
Falls Church, City of	17,800	15,500	-12.92%	\$ 13,098	\$ 17	0.13%
Frederick County	280,200	293,200	4.64%	\$ 205,120	\$ 16,937	9.00%
Frederick, City of	76,700	83,800	9.26%	\$ 67,718	\$ 5,591	9.00%
Gaithersburg, City of	73,800	72,500	-1.76%	\$ 61,263	\$ 1,484	2.48%
Greenbelt, City of	23,900	23,900	0.00%	\$ 20,196	\$ 837	4.32%
Hyattsville, City of (adj)	22,100	22,100	0.00%	\$ 9,337	\$ 387	4.32%
Laurel, City of	25,700	25,700	0.00%	\$ 21,717	\$ 900	4.32%
Loudoun County	458,100	456,200	-0.41%	\$ 385,489	\$ 18,695	5.10%
Manassas Park, City of	17,800	19,000	6.74%	\$ 15,716	\$ 1,298	9.00%
Manassas, City of	44,700	43,700	-2.24%	\$ 36,927	\$ 720	1.99%
Montgomery County	1,080,200	1,083,000	0.26%	\$ 915,135	\$ 40,173	4.59%
Prince George's County	935,000	997,800	6.72%	\$ 825,512	\$ 68,162	9.00%
Prince William County	497,100	515,200	3.64%	\$ 435,344	\$ 32,693	8.12%
Rockville, City of	77,000	70,900	-7.92%	\$ 59,911	\$ (2,460)	-3.94%
Takoma Park, City of	18,300	18,300	0.00%	\$ 15,464	\$ 640	4.32%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,345,200</b>	<b>6,372,100</b>	<b>0.42%</b>	<b>\$ 5,302,876</b>	<b>\$ 220,485</b>	<b>4.34%</b>

(1) Adjusted Contribution is calculated by multiplying the adjusted population by the approved rate, limited to 9% annual increase per jurisdiction.





## Regional Water and Environmental Funds



# FY2025 Fee Structure: Regional Water and Environmental Funds

The fee increases for FY2025 are based on a forecast of general operating expenses and estimated changes in revenue and matching requirements for sponsor funds.

## Regional Water Fund

**Increase of \$74,567 (4.34%), from \$ 1,718,379 to \$1,792,946**

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## Regional Environmental Fund

**Increase of \$36,200 (4.34%), from \$ 833,242 to \$869,443**

### Basis for increases:

- Regional fees are increased in proportion to the annual dues increase, to maintain the balance between funding sources.

A table with the fees for each jurisdiction is included in the Appendix.







## Regional Public Safety Fund



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- The Regional Public Safety Fund was created to provide a sustainable solution for the region to support its long-term public safety needs.

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**Increase of \$25,911 (4.34%), from \$596,522 to \$622,434**

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## Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund



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- The Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund was created in FY2023 to address food insecurity issues for the region.

The fee is based on a forecast of the program requirements.

**Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund  
Increase of \$14,704 (4.34%), from \$ 338,779 to \$353,482**

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# Summary: FY2025 Member Dues and Regional Fees

	Proposed FY2025	Budget FY2024	Increase
Member Dues	5,302,900	5,082,400	220,500
Regional Environmental Fund	869,400	833,200	36,200
Regional Water Fund	1,792,900	1,718,400	74,500
Regional Public Safety Fund	622,400	596,500	25,900
Regional FARM Fund*	353,500	338,800	14,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,941,100</b>	<b>8,569,300</b>	<b>371,800</b>
Population Estimate	6,372,100	6,345,200	26,900
Per Capita Rate	0.845	0.810	0.035
Population X Per Capita Rate	5,384,425	5,139,612	244,813
Adjust for Adjunct Members (50%)	(13,393)	(12,838)	(555)
Adjust for 9% Cap (8% in FY24)	(68,155)	(44,383)	(23,772)
<b>Member Dues Assessment</b>	<b>5,302,877</b>	<b>5,082,391</b>	<b>220,486</b>



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- Regional Fund Fees by Jurisdiction

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# Regional Fund Fees by Jurisdiction/Utility

Change from FY24

FY2025 REGIONAL FUNDS Proposed Fee Schedule by Jurisdiction	Regional Water Fund (1)	Regional Environmental Fund	Regional Public Safety Fund (2)	Regional FARM Fund (3)	Total Regional Funds	Regional Water Fund	Regional Environmental Fund	Regional Public Safety Fund	Regional FARM Fund	Total Regional Funds
Alexandria, City of	36,940	26,769	19,057	14,994	97,760	3,050	2,210	793	1,343	7,396
Arlington County	51,271	37,712	28,044	20,418	137,445	1,639	1,745	1,296	426	5,106
Bladensburg, City of	-	-	-	2,714	2,714	-	-	-	113	113
Bowie, City of (4)	12,724	9,236	-	5,067	27,027	396	420	-	102	918
Charles County	-	-	-	14,645	14,645	-	-	-	319	319
College Park, City of (WSSC)	6,717	4,940	-	2,714	14,371	210	224	-	113	547
District of Columbia (DC Water)	358,731	107,045	79,601	37,999	583,377	14,986	(6,523)	(255)	1,581	9,790
Fairfax County	358,731	184,173	136,955	37,999	717,857	14,986	8,336	6,188	1,581	31,090
Fairfax, City of	5,799	4,265	-	2,714	12,778	40	91	-	113	244
Falls Church, City of	3,233	2,378	-	2,714	8,325	(17)	37	-	113	133
Frederick County	-	-	-	24,355	24,355	-	-	-	1,547	1,547
Frederick, City of	-	-	-	6,961	6,961	-	-	-	718	718
Gaithersburg, City of (WSSC)	15,123	11,123	-	6,022	32,268	209	315	-	15	539
Greenbelt, City of (WSSC)	4,985	3,667	6,047	2,714	17,413	155	167	252	113	687
Hyattsville, City of	-	-	-	2,714	2,714	-	-	-	113	113
Laurel, City of	-	-	-	2,714	2,714	-	-	-	113	113
Loudoun County (Loudoun Water)	95,158	69,993	52,048	37,999	255,198	2,583	2,906	2,157	1,581	9,227
Manassas, City of	-	-	6,047	2,714	8,760	-	-	252	113	364
Manassas Park, City of	-	-	-	2,714	2,714	-	-	-	113	113
Montgomery County (WSSC)	358,731	166,160	123,561	37,999	686,451	14,986	7,970	5,918	1,581	30,455
Prince George's County (WSSC)	358,731	149,249	106,249	37,999	652,229	14,986	12,323	4,419	1,581	33,310
Prince William County	107,465	79,045	58,780	37,999	283,288	7,009	6,247	4,641	1,581	19,477
Rockville, City of	14,789	10,878	-	5,890	31,556	(771)	(398)	-	(378)	(1,548)
Takoma Park, City of (WSSC)	3,817	2,808	6,047	2,714	15,385	119	128	252	113	611
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,792,946</b>	<b>869,443</b>	<b>622,434</b>	<b>353,482</b>	<b>3,638,306</b>	<b>74,567</b>	<b>36,200</b>	<b>25,911</b>	<b>14,704</b>	<b>151,383</b>

(1) Where indicated, water and sewer utilities support the Regional Water Fund on behalf of the local jurisdiction.

(2) Additional jurisdictions may opt into the Regional Public Safety Fund before the start of FY2025.

(3) New fund in FY2023.

(4) RWF fee is pro-rata split by flow





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