

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**777 North Capitol Street, NE**  
**Washington, D.C. 20002-4290**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS  
TO RECEIVE AND DISBURSE FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE ALICE FERGUSON  
FOUNDATION'S TRASH FREE POTOMAC WATERSHED INITIATIVE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) initiated a Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative (TFPWI) in 2005 and in furtherance thereof created and promoted a Potomac Watershed Trash Treaty; and

**WHEREAS**, to date more than 70 elected officials in the Potomac Watershed have signed the treaty, thereby establishing a goal of a Trash Free Potomac by 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, key jurisdictions in the COG region have signed the Trash Treaty and have made a commitment of staff and other resources to the planning for and implementation of the Treaty; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board adopted Resolutions R16-05 and R43-05 affirming COG's support of AFF in its TFPWI and, among other things, directed COG staff to encourage COG jurisdictions to publicize efforts to reduce trash that would otherwise end up in the Potomac River; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has provided technical, policy and logistical support to AFF in the implementation of the purposes of the TFPWI and the Treaty, ranging from preparation of a 2006 "Action Agreement" to development of trash survey protocols to working with a regional Student Action Committee to promotion of education and awareness to assistance with the planning for and installation of trash trapping technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alice Ferguson Foundation was the recipient of COG's 2007 Regional Partnership award that recognized its outstanding accomplishments in working with COG and its members to further the goals of the TFPWI; and

**WHEREAS**, AFF and its supporters are preparing a much needed Regional Public Education Campaign ("Campaign") aimed at controlling trash and litter that can foul the Potomac River and its tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, several COG members have pledged funds to support the Campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has been asked by its members to serve as the administrative agent for the public funding provided by COG's members; and

**WHEREAS**, COG will distribute such funds to AFF from this fund in accordance with provisions established by a Steering Committee to be established, which will include members from the contributing COG jurisdictions.

**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 enter into an agreement with the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) to forward funds received from COG members in support of the AFF's Regional Public Education Campaign where such expenditures are in accordance with an expenditure plan approved by the Steering Committee once established.

Further, the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to enter into agreements with one or more COG members to receive funds in support of the Campaign, with the proviso that such funds will not be released to the AFF except where in accordance with the approved expenditure plan. COG will receive an administrative fee from the funds collected. No COG matching funds are required.

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