

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND EXPENDITURE OF
FUNDING FROM EPA'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REGIONAL MODEL GRANT
TO INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE AND STEWARDSHIP**

WHEREAS, under Resolution R60-08, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) adopted the *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* that highlights the need for supporting COG member outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) adopted a 2012 Climate and Energy Action Plan that places a priority on COG members developing residential energy outreach challenge/pledge program to promote individual action; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of EPA's Environmental Education Regional Model Grant is to increase environmental knowledge and stewardship and to fund programs that that will serve as models that can be replicated in a variety of settings; and

WHEREAS, COG's proposed program includes an "Energy and Environment All-Star Program" to be piloted in Prince George's County, Maryland, that if successful could be replicated elsewhere in the COG region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will increase understanding about energy use and how it affects both human health and the environment and enhance environmental stewardship at home, school, and in the community;

**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 apply for grant funding and if awarded, expend up to \$167,609 from EPA Region III to develop and pilot the "Energy and Environment All-Star Program" in Prince George's County, Maryland. Twenty-five percent matching funds are required. In-kind matching funds will be provided by Prince George's County (\$32,882) and COG (\$23,357; from existing budgeted funds).

The foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on January 9, 2013.

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