**Resolution R14-2012**

 **March 14, 2012**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**TO SEEK AND EXPEND FUNDS TO SUPPORT**

**THE CAPITOL AREA FORECLOSURE NETWORK (CAFN)**

**WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has long supported affordable housing programs and policies throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS,** addressing the region’s housing needs, including slowing the pace of foreclosure rates, was identified as a priority task in COG’s FY 2011 Work Program and Budget and in COG’s 2010 Policy Focus and Priorities; and

**WHEREAS,** in April 2010, the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN) was established as an innovative new partnership between COG, the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and the Urban Institute that will build the capacity of local housing counseling, legal service and direct service organizations by raising awareness of the role of direct services through marketing and outreach, coordinating trainings around the region, and developing sustainable fundraising strategies; and

**WHEREAS,** the foreclosure crisis continues to be severe in the National Capital Region, with over 100,000 mortgages in the region delinquent 30 days or more, and Latinos, along with African Americans, are disproportionately affected by foreclosures.

 **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 seek and expend funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to support CAFN in an amount not to exceed $35,000 for the purposes of funding CAFN’s bilingual English and Spanish foreclosure hotline as well as marketing and outreach to prevent foreclosure in the region’s Latino communities. No COG matching funds are required.

*The foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 14, 2012.*

 *Barbara J. Chapman*

 *Executive Board Secretary*

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