

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING
FROM EPA'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REGIONAL GRANT PROGRAM
TO DEVELOP A HIGH SCHOOL AIR QUALITY EDUCATION MODULE**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington region does not meet the federal health standards for ozone, which adversely affects the health of populations at increased risk, including one million children 18 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, COG is a recognized leader in the reduction of air pollution and has provided coordination, management, technical, and administrative support of a voluntary air quality education and outreach program since 1995; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of EPA's Environmental Education Regional Grant Program is to increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues, provide skills to make informed environmental decisions, and take responsible actions toward the environment; and

WHEREAS, COG is proposing to develop a "What's in our Air: Monitoring Air Quality on Campus" module for high school science classes grades 9-12 in the Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore region; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the proposed project is for students, with the help of Clean Air Teacher Fellows, to gain an awareness and knowledge of the variety of sources of local, regional, and global air pollution, identify locations of air pollution, and collect air quality data, specifically particulate matter and ground-level ozone;

**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 hereby authorized to apply for grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the development of a high school education air quality module, the amount of which will not exceed \$205,538, with a COG in-kind match of \$54,520 from already budgeted funds.