# REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND WORK PROGRAM & BUDGET (FY26)

#### **Presentation to BEEAC**

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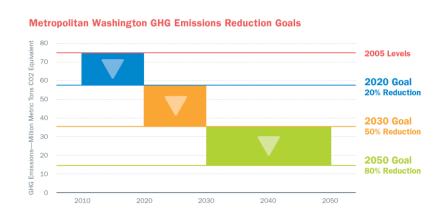
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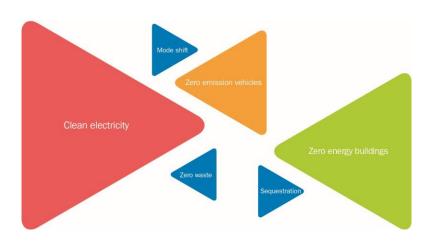
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- Supports Climate & Energy Action Plan (CEAP)
  - Implement actions to meet the region's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals
  - Build local and regional capacity







#### Program Areas

- Climate and Energy
  - A. Policy Development
  - B. Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee (BEEAC)
  - C. Energy Infrastructure, Efficiency and Renewables
  - D. Adaptation and Resiliency
  - E. Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC)
  - F. Member Support/Environmental Resources Work Program Development
  - G. Climate and Energy Project
  - H. External Projects, Vehicle Emission Reductions, Resilience Reviews
- II. Recycling and Solid Waste Management
- III. Regional Agriculture and Forestry Management



Budget Source Funds

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• $ 912,924 Regional Environmental Fund
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- \$ 476,900 COG Member Funds
- \$ 880,048 Grants and Other

• \$ 2,269,872 Total



#### Overarching Themes

- Continue to support efforts to accelerate action on reducing GHG emissions to meet the 2030 Climate and Energy Goals, Support Local Climate Plans/Projects
  - EVs, Solar, Tree Canopy, Building Efficiency
- Explore ways to prepare the region to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change
- Other Priority Activities
  - Consider Options for Regional Climate Education and Outreach Program
  - Mid-Course Review: Assess Progress in meeting Existing Climate Goals



- Climate and Energy Policy
  - 2030 Climate & Energy Action Plan Implementation
  - Identify and recommend policies and programs to support regional GHG emission reduction goals
  - Support CEEPC
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
  - Track Progress, Dashboard
  - Capacity Building and Resources
  - Expert consulting support and training
  - Analyze, track and report federal, state & local legislation, regulations & programs



- Build Environment & Energy Advisory Committee
  - Identify and recommend state, local & regional policies & programs
  - Support BEEAC
  - Technical support for CEEPC
  - Local program capacity building, networking, workshops, training
  - Prepare annual Regional Work Program and Budget
  - Annual utility data collection and analysis
  - Mid-Course Review
  - Periodic Member surveys
  - Regional Emergency Support Function 12 (Energy)



- Energy Infrastructure, Efficiency & Renewables
  - Alternate Fuel Vehicle, distributed energy, energy efficiency, renewable energy infrastructure planning & implementation
  - Enhance regional capacity
    - Regional EV Deployment Plan
    - Solar market development
    - Building Electrification
    - Net-zero buildings, Building codes
    - Financing, Green Banks
    - Technical support for local plan development and implementation



- Adaptation & Resiliency
  - Monitor and share climate science, impact studies, resiliency efforts
  - Promote sustainability-related economic development opportunities
  - Community risk and vulnerability assessment
  - Integrate adaptation/resiliency actions across communities
    - Military Installation Resilience Program
    - Coastal Storm Risk Study
  - Capacity building workshops
  - Coordination across sectors (e.g., Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan)



- Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee
  - Advise CEEPC (and MWAQC) on energy and climate issues & 2030 Climate & Energy Action Plan
  - Assess potential energy and emission reduction initiatives
  - Manage Climate and Energy Leadership Awards
  - Promote implementation of equity and environmental justice considerations across climate and energy programs



- EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP)
- Vehicle Emission Reductions
  - Reduce energy use & emissions in on-road and off-road vehicles & equipment
  - Install EV Charging Equipment
  - Grants, cooperative procurement
  - Analysis to support fleet conversions
  - Support Greater Washington Regional Clean Cities Coalition, Virginia Clean Cities
- Resilience Reviews
  - DoD Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation



- Support COG Board and Members
  - Briefings & presentations on requested energy and climate topics
  - FY 27 Work Program and Budget
  - Management & administrative functions
  - Support Region United Planning Framework



- Solid Waste & Recycling
  - Expand sustainable waste management practices/Zero Waste
  - Recycling Committee public, NGO, company
  - Regional Solid Waste Managers Working Group
  - Go Recycle campaign
  - America Recycles Day regional coordinator
  - I-95 Landfill users committee
  - Battery Management Campaign
  - Support expanded organics composting



#### **Support Urban Forestry**

- Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee (RTCS)
- Regional Tree Canopy Action Plan
- Community Forestry Network
- Regional Urban Forest Canopy Analysis and Reporting
- Reforestation Projects
- Urban Forestry Grants



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