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Overview of COG's FY28 Member Dues and Regional Funds

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About COG

- Nonprofit association founded in **1957**
 - Brings area leaders together to address regional issues and plan for the future
 - Home of the Transportation Planning Board, the region's Metropolitan Planning Org.
 - **125+** professional staff
- Our membership:
 - **24** local governments
 - **300** local, state & federal elected officials representing about **6M** people

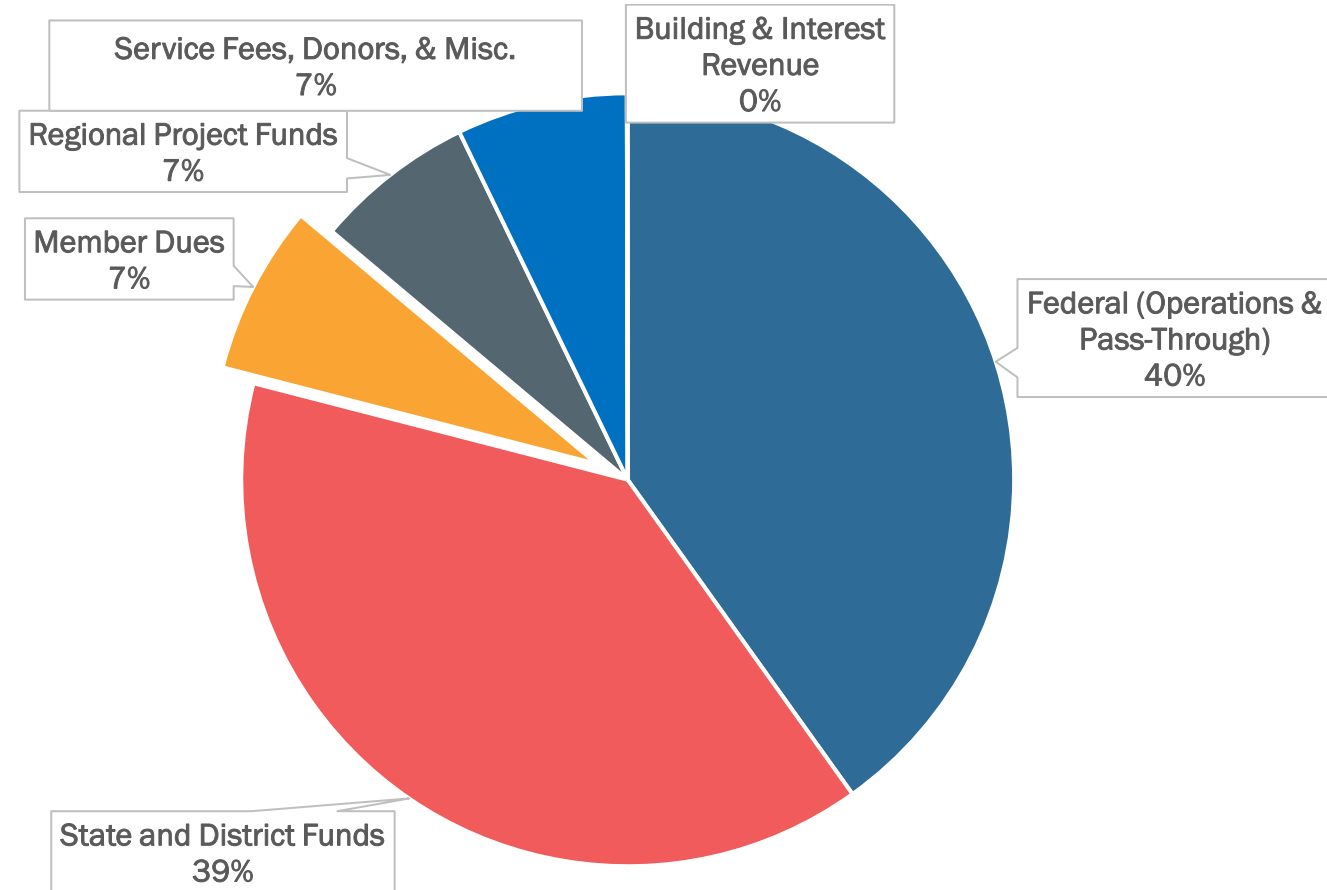


Member Dues

- While just 7% of the overall budget, member dues from COG's local governments unlock a variety of benefits.
- Local support leverages tens of millions of dollars in federal and state funding and helps advance a wide range of regional priorities.



Member Dues Provide 7% of Total COG Resources



General Funds: Additional Investments for FY28

Proposed increase for priorities:

- Workforce and Economic Development
+ \$347,500
- Federally Mandated 10% Match for the TPB
+ \$117,700
- Member Services and Communications
+ \$190,200
- Total increase of **\$655,400** (Member Dues increase is **\$354,800**)



2026 COG Congressional Delegation Reception

FY28: Revenue Outlook

- COG is currently facing a revenue gap of **\$455,000**
 - Lack of building revenue, inflationary costs
- Staff propose to close the gap through the following approach:
 - Potential underruns in program expenses
 - Higher than anticipated returns from Cooperative Purchasing and investments
 - Other savings or sources to be identified by the COG administration



Proposed Assessment Rate Increase for FY28

The proposed assessment rate for FY28 is increased by 4.3 cents from the FY27 rate.

COG Proposed Assessment Rate
Increase of \$0.043 (4.67%) from \$0.920 to \$0.963
Total Dues Increase of \$354,800

For comparison purposes FY27 was a 6.36% increase with the assessment increasing 5.14% and a population increase of 1.07%.

Member Dues: Housing, Workforce & Economic Development, Health

- Regional planning services: growth forecasts, data tools, and analysis.
- Guiding affordable housing planning, annual PIT count.
- Boosting economic and workforce development through new strategic initiatives like Talent Capital.
- Supporting public health and human services coordination.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$1,503,000



2026 Point-in-time (PIT) Count (COG)

Member Dues: Transportation Planning

- Ensuring major projects receive federal funding and approvals and guiding long-term planning through the TPB's Visualize 2050 plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Funding grant programs for local roadway safety, transit, and land-use projects that improve mobility, accessibility, and sustainability.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$2,471,900



National Capital Region Transportation Plan

Member Dues: Public Safety Programs (Non-Federally Supported)

- Coordinating among local, state, regional, and federal with a focus on emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Managing the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program and maintaining the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS) for 24/7 alerts.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$467,200



The National Capital Region Fire Health and Safety Symposium provides vital resources for firefighters.

Member Dues: Anacostia Watershed Restoration

- Decades of efforts led by the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership are improving water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreation.
- Implementing federally funded project with Anacostia Riverkeeper to remove abandoned vessels and large debris to further protect the watershed's health.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$167,900



The Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership improves water quality, cleans up trash, supports fish and wildlife habitats, and creates opportunities for recreation and outdoor adventure.

Member Dues: Air Quality Planning

- Coordinating air quality planning through the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee to meet federal air standards.
- Monitoring pollution and issuing air quality forecasts and health advisories to the public when the air is unhealthy.
- Supporting the Clean Air Partners public education program.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$309,800



The screenshot shows the INSIDE NOVA website header with the tagline "NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LEADING NEWS SOURCE". A navigation bar includes links for News, Opinion, Things to Do, Obituaries, Sports, Jobs, Classifieds, and Help. A search bar and weather widget (73°F) are also present. The main content area features a large black banner with the text "Very unhealthy for everyone: Code Purple air quality alert in effect Friday". Below this is a blue banner with three colored arrows (red, orange, green) and the text "COG Air Quality Alerts". The main article is titled "CODE PURPLE" and "VERY UNHEALTHY AIR FOR EVERYONE". It contains two bullet points: "On very unhealthy air days, sensitive groups* are advised to avoid all physical activity outdoors. Reschedule to a time when air quality is better or move activities indoors." and "Everyone else is advised to avoid long or intense activities. Consider rescheduling or moving activities indoors." A small note at the bottom states "*includes children, older adults, and people with heart or lung disease". A decorative swirl graphic is on the right side of the article.

Member Dues: Clean Energy Projects

- Coordinating climate planning and greenhouse gas emissions inventories to help advance efforts to meet 2030 climate goals.
- Working with members and partners to accelerate deployment of solar installations regionwide.
- Supporting greater electric vehicle usage through EV charging infrastructure planning.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$302,000



COG expands electric vehicle charging networks to advance the region's 2030 climate goals.

Member Dues: Member Services & Communications

- Member-driven legislative advocacy and development of partnerships with business, non-profit leaders.
- Spotighting members and programs through multi-channel comms strategy: media outreach, e-news, video, and social media.
- Supporting board retreat, annual meeting, and special events.

FY28 Proposed Member Dues:

\$1,510,600



2026 COG Street Smart press conference in Alexandria, VA

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
PROPOSED FY2028 Schedule of Membership Dues

FY2027 Assessment Rate: 0.920

FY2028 Assessment Rate: 0.963

Increase of

4.67%

Jurisdiction	POPULATION FIGURES			DUES AMOUNT		
	FY2027 Population Estimate	FY2028 Population Estimate	Compare to FY2027	FY2028 Adjusted Contribution (1)	FY2028 Increase (Decrease)	FY2028 Percent Increase
Alexandria, City of	174,200	177,000	1.61%	\$ 170,451	\$ 10,187	6.36%
Arlington County	251,900	254,200	0.91%	\$ 244,795	\$ 13,047	5.63%
Bladensburg, Town of (adj)	10,200	10,300	0.98%	\$ 4,959	\$ 395	8.64%
Bowie, City of	61,700	62,000	0.49%	\$ 59,706	\$ 4,053	7.28%
Charles County	183,300	186,700	1.85%	\$ 179,792	\$ 11,156	6.62%
College Park, City of	36,600	37,600	2.73%	\$ 36,209	\$ 2,992	9.01%
District of Columbia	710,000	716,200	0.87%	\$ 689,701	\$ 36,501	5.59%
Fairfax County	1,217,000	1,224,900	0.65%	\$ 1,179,579	\$ 59,939	5.35%
Fairfax, City of	29,800	30,700	3.02%	\$ 29,564	\$ 2,148	7.84%
Falls Church, City of	16,500	17,000	3.03%	\$ 16,371	\$ 1,191	7.85%
Frederick County	302,400	307,100	1.55%	\$ 280,506	\$ 30,054	12.00%
Frederick, City of	86,100	87,200	1.28%	\$ 83,974	\$ 4,762	6.01%
Gaithersburg, City of	73,800	74,400	0.81%	\$ 71,647	\$ 3,751	5.52%
Greenbelt, City of	26,200	26,500	1.15%	\$ 25,520	\$ 1,821	7.68%
Hyattsville, City of (adj)	22,200	22,500	1.35%	\$ 10,834	\$ 781	7.77%
Laurel, City of	31,900	32,100	0.63%	\$ 29,698	\$ 3,182	12.00%
Loudoun County	466,900	472,800	1.26%	\$ 455,306	\$ 25,758	6.00%
Manassas Park, City of	19,600	19,900	1.53%	\$ 19,164	\$ 1,132	6.28%
Manassas, City of	44,800	45,300	1.12%	\$ 43,624	\$ 2,408	5.84%
Montgomery County	1,097,000	1,104,100	0.65%	\$ 1,063,248	\$ 54,008	5.35%
Prince George's County	1,021,000	1,029,800	0.86%	\$ 991,697	\$ 52,377	5.58%
Prince William County	516,400	523,400	1.36%	\$ 504,034	\$ 28,946	6.09%
Rockville, City of	71,500	72,300	1.12%	\$ 69,625	\$ 3,845	5.85%
Takoma Park, City of	18,100	17,700	-2.21%	\$ 17,045	\$ 393	2.36%
Totals	6,489,100	6,551,700	0.96%	\$ 6,277,048	\$ 354,827	5.99%

(1) Adjusted Contribution is calculated by multiplying the adjusted population by the approved rate, limited to 12% annual increase per jurisdiction.



FY28: Regional Funds

Regional fees are increased in proportion to the annual dues increase.

- Regional Water Fund
- Regional Environmental Funds
- Regional Public Safety Fund
- Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund



Regional Funds											
FY2028 Proposed Contributions											
						Change from FY27					
FY2028 REGIONAL FUNDS Proposed Fee Schedule by Jurisdiction	Regional Water Fund (1)	Regional Environmental Fund	Regional Public Safety Fund	Regional FARM Fund	Total Regional Funds	Regional Water Fund	Regional Environmental Fund	Regional Public Safety Fund	Regional FARM Fund	Total Regional Funds	
Alexandria, City of	40,036	31,199	69,836	16,884	157,955	(598)	1,964	3,946	984	6,296	
Arlington County	57,499	44,806	100,986	24,248	227,539	3,312	2,531	5,706	1,256	12,806	
Bladensburg, City of	-	-	2,745	-	2,745	-	-	155	-	155	
Bowie, City of (4)	13,983	10,611	16,607	-	41,201	1,498	508	938	-	2,945	
Charles County	-	-	49,338	17,809	67,147	-	-	2,788	1,079	3,867	
College Park, City of (WSSC)	8,275	6,628	9,852	3,212	27,966	887	596	557	181	2,221	
District of Columbia (DC Water)	399,079	126,240	284,637	44,979	854,935	23,260	7,085	16,083	2,542	48,970	
Fairfax County	399,079	215,905	487,893	44,979	1,147,856	23,260	11,664	27,568	2,542	65,034	
Fairfax, City of	6,944	5,411	8,117	3,212	23,684	669	410	459	181	1,720	
Falls Church, City of	3,845	2,996	4,441	-	11,283	359	227	251	-	838	
Frederick County	-	-	81,395	29,294	110,689	-	-	4,599	1,693	6,292	
Frederick, City of	-	-	23,176	8,318	31,493	-	-	1,310	459	1,769	
Gaithersburg, City of (WSSC)	16,829	13,114	19,864	-	49,807	902	729	1,122	-	2,753	
Greenbelt, City of (WSSC)	5,954	4,671	14,210	3,212	28,047	638	362	803	181	1,984	
Hyattsville, City of	-	-	5,975	3,212	9,186	-	-	338	181	519	
Laurel, City of	-	-	8,586	3,212	11,798	-	-	485	181	667	
Loudoun County (Loudoun Water)	106,945	83,337	187,180	44,979	422,441	5,893	4,980	10,577	2,542	23,991	
Manassas Park, City of	-	-	5,276	3,212	8,488	-	-	298	181	480	
Manassas, City of	-	-	19,216	3,212	22,428	-	-	1,086	181	1,267	
Montgomery County (WSSC)	399,079	194,612	395,804	44,979	1,034,474	23,260	10,510	22,365	2,542	58,676	
Prince George's County (WSSC)	399,079	181,516	355,248	44,979	980,822	23,260	10,168	20,073	2,542	56,043	
Prince William County	118,390	92,256	207,024	44,979	462,649	5,202	5,592	11,698	2,542	25,034	
Rockville, City of	16,354	12,744	19,245	-	48,343	754	744	1,087	-	2,586	
Takoma Park, City of (WSSC)	4,004	3,120	12,030	3,212	22,365	191	82	680	181	1,134	
TOTAL	1,995,373	1,029,166	2,388,681	392,122	5,805,342	112,748	58,153	134,972	22,172	328,045	
(1) Where indicated, water and sewer utilities support the Regional Water Fund on behalf of the local jurisdiction. RWF fee is pro-rata split by flow											

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