

office and staff in 1970 and a separate administrative entity of government in 1973.

The chief executives of the signatory members to the joint agreement comprise the ex officio voting membership of the Board of Directors. The Board establishes policies for programs, operations, and fiscal affairs.

RESA fosters cooperation among all educational institutions and organizations concerned with the needs of the people in the region; establishes goals, policies, and procedures for regional education projects; and plans, coordinates, and conducts regional educational projects. It promotes the improvement of educational, scientific, and literary facilities and programs at and among participating institutions; and organizes and supports an operational office governed by a Board of Directors responsible to public authorities.

The Agency provides technical assistance and recommendations to the Governor, as Chief Executive and as a member of the Appalachian Regional Commission, concerning plans, programs, and activities directed toward education's role in the development of the region according to state and local education and development policies and the Appalachian Regional Development Act. These recommendations are the basis for funding programs for education by the Appalachian Regional Commission through the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Agency provides a basic staff to help member institutions identify needs that might be met through regional programs or services. Based on Board policy, the staff provides direct support and leadership for interagency/institutional liaison, project development and implementation, and project review and evaluation.

Operations and programs of the Agency are funded through budget allocations of the signatory members and from grants and contracts with local, State, and federal agencies, including the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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The Regional Planning Council was created by Chapter 753, Acts of 1963, as the successor to the Baltimore Regional Planning Council. The prior agency had operated as part of the State Planning Department since 1956. In July 1983, the Regional Planning Council was removed from the department of State Planning by executive order. It was declared an independent agency by Chapter 373, Acts of 1984.

The Council's area of jurisdiction covers all of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties, and encompasses an area of 2,259 square miles. The 1980