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**Harford County Earns 28th Consecutive Budget Award from Government Finance Officers
Association of the U.S. and Canada**



Harford County government officials pictured from left: Senior Budget Analyst Ben Lloyd; Senior Budget Analyst Christen Sullivan; County Executive Barry Glassman; Kimberly Spence, Chief, Budget and Management Research; Director of Administration Billy Boniface, and Senior Budget Analyst Bill Watson

Please see the attached press release from the Government Finance Officers Association.



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Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that **Harford County, Maryland** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to **Kimberly Spence, Chief, Budget and Management Research**

For budgets beginning in 2015, 1,565 participants received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of nearly 19,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Washington D.C. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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