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Harford County Earns 38th Consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association



Photo caption: Harford County Government officials pictured, from left: Budget Analyst Susan McCracken, Deputy Chief of Budget & Management Christen Sullivan, Chief of Budget & Management Ben Lloyd, County Executive Bob Cassilly, Senior Budget Analyst Beth McGraw, Director of Administration Rob McCord and Budget Analyst Jennifer Davis.

Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly issued the following statement about the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award:

"In keeping with our duties as the stewards of taxpayers' money, county government must effectively communicate to taxpayers our plan for meeting our fiscal challenges. This award from an independent organization recognizes our budget documents as an effective and transparent instrument of sound financial management. I am proud of our budget team for once again earning this recognition and consistently upholding the highest standards of their profession. I would especially like to thank Kim Spence, who recently retired as Chief of Budget & Management, for her 36 years of dedicated service with Harford County Government."

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



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(Chicago, Illinois)—Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that **Harford County, Maryland** received 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 in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

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