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**Harford County Earns 39th Consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association**

**BEL AIR, Md.** (Nov. 25, 2025) – Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly issued the following statement about the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award presented to the county budget team by the Government Finance Officers Association on November 3, 2025:

“We take seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, and we are proud to receive this award recognizing our commitment to presenting an accurate and transparent budget. I would like to thank Budget Chief Ben Lloyd and his team for consistently upholding the highest standards of their profession.”

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



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



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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 1,900 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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