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Harford County Earns 34th Consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association



Harford County government officials pictured from left: Director of Administration Ben Lloyd; Chief of Budget & Efficiency Kimberly Spence; County Executive Barry Glassman; Special Advisor Billy Boniface.

Please see the attached news 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**, has 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.

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

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.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.