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Gloucester receives national award for its budget presentation

Gloucester County's Department of Financial Services has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget for the fifth consecutive year.

The award represents a significant achievement by the County, reflecting the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting, according to the GFOA. In order to receive the budget award, Gloucester County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in four categories, which include serving as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The documents must also meet 14 mandatory criteria within those categories.

"I am so excited that we have achieved this prestigious award for each of the past five fiscal year budget documents for Gloucester County," said Stephanie Tinsley, Gloucester's Chief Financial Officer. "This past year, only 1,600 have earned this nationally recognized award, which is a very small percentage considering the total number of localities throughout the United States."

Tinsley added, "I am so grateful to Gloucester County's leadership for their support and to each department and especially the financial services team for working with me to develop a document that not only provides the transparency and accountability demanded by our citizens, but also showcases the dedication and commitment County employees provide the citizens and business owners in delivering the services that makes Gloucester County 'The land of the life worth living.'"

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, according to the GFOA. For more information, visit www.gfoa.org.