



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert McManus, Director
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SUBJECT: FY2021 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Recommendation

Accept this report and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation for the sixth consecutive year.

Background

The GFOA established the “Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality.” The award 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, and
- a communications device

The budget document must be rated “proficient” in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award. The judging or rating of the document is done by three independent reviewers selected by GFOA based on their professional experience in public sector budgeting.

Discussion

This award is a strong reflection of City Council’s commitment and dedication to providing the public with a clear, concise, and understandable budget document, as well as the Council’s priorities that allows for budget development and long-term financial planning. Finally, all city departments should be commended for organizing their goals, service indicators, and budgets around maintaining service levels and City Council’s strategic priorities/plans.