



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
for the City of Concord Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Document

Recommendation

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

Background

In 1984, the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) was established by the GFOA. This program encourages and assists states and local governments to comply with the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting. The program then recognizes individual governments that succeed in preparing budget documents of the very highest quality and adhere to these guidelines.

The GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the commitment of the governing body and of staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity has to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation which are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. The entity's budget document must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories. Approximately 1,900 governments, including states, cities, counties, special districts, school districts, and more have been recognized for transparency in budgeting.

Discussion

This award is a strong reflection of the City of Concord's steadfast commitment to providing the community it serves with a clear, concise, and comprehensible budget document. It acknowledges the forethought and consideration of City Council in the planning and development of its strategic priorities/plans, the diligence and dedication of City staff in developing their budgets, goals, and service indicators around those priorities/plans, and the commitment of both to providing an exemplary budget document for the Citizens of the City of Concord.