



## CITY OF CONCORD

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### REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Rebekah Dougherty, Director  
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**DATE:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for  
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Document

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **Background**

The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award 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 of 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, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. To receive the award, the budget document must be rated “proficient” in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories.

#### **Discussion**

This award is a strong reflection of the City of Concord’s steadfast commitment to providing the public 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 of City staff in developing their budgets, goals, and service indicators around those priorities/plans, and the dedication of both to providing an exemplary budget document for the Citizens of the City of Concord.