



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert McManus Director, Office of Management & Budget
DATE: December 31, 2015
SUBJECT: FY2015 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Recommendation

Accept this report and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award for Distinguished Budget Presentation.

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.” In order to achieve the award the budget document must fulfill 27 criteria in six broad categories, four of which are considered basic. These guidelines were developed by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and GFOA best practices on budgeting. The budget document is judged by three independent reviewers selected by GFOA based on their professional experience in public sector budgeting. In order to receive the award the budget document must have been rated either *proficient* or *outstanding* by two of the three reviewers for all four of the basic categories. The application consists of 90 questions that must provide a description and page reference of how the criteria were achieved.

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.

cc: City Manager
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