



**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & FINANCE**  
*GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION*  
**DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD**

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Washington County's Department of Budget and Finance has won the nation's highest and most prestigious honor for its budget processes, development and presentation.

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners' President Greg Snook presented the Director of Budget and Finance and all members of that department with the [Distinguished Budget Presentation Award](#) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

When a [Distinguished Budget Presentation Award](#) is granted to an entity, A [Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation](#) is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award.

A letter from GFOA Technical Services Center Director said, "This is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization."

The award reflects the commitment of the governing body to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting, GFOA said. In order to receive the recognition Washington County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The 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. Budget documents had to be rated as proficient in those four categories to receive the award.

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