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Cumberland County Receives 13th National Recognition for Budget Best Practices

Carlisle PA – For the 13th consecutive year, Cumberland County has been recognized for meeting national best-practice standards when preparing its annual budget. The Cumberland County Commissioners and the Finance Office staff today earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the preparation and presentation of its 2020 Budget.

“We are very proud of our staff and their commitment to excellence when preparing our county budget ever year,” said Cumberland County Chief Financial Officer, Dana Best. “The county being honored for the 13th consecutive year is a testament to all the employees who work on the budget throughout the year.”

The award recognizes state and local governments for preparing budget documents that adhere to GFOA best practices on budgeting and guidelines from the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting.

Budget documents are assessed in four categories. A budget must be effective as a financial plan, policy document, guide to governmental operations and a means of communicating information to the public.

Budget documents must have a minimum rating of “proficient” in those four categories and in the 14 mandatory criteria within the categories to earn the award.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a professional association of more than 19,000 appointed and elected state, local and provincial-level government officials in the United States and Canada. More than 1,600 governmental agencies participate in its awards program.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.