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Cumberland County Achieves Triple Crown Award for Excellence in Budget and Financial Reporting Standards

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) with the Triple Crown Award for meeting national best-practice budget and financial reporting standards.

The Cumberland County Finance Office earned the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the preparation and presentation of the 2024 budget, marking the 17th year for this recognition. This award honors 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.

“We take great pride in our staff and their unwavering commitment to excellence in preparing our county budget each year,” said Cumberland County Chief Financial Officer Dana Best.

“Being recognized by this national organization is a true testament to the dedication of all our employees who contribute to the budgeting process throughout the year.”

Budget documents are assessed in four categories: they must be effective as a financial plan, policy document, guide to governmental operations, and a means of communicating information to the public. To earn this award, budget documents must achieve a minimum rating of “proficient” in these four categories and meet the 14 mandatory criteria within them.

Additionally, the Cumberland County Controller’s Office was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) for 2022. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

To receive the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal. To view these reports, visit [Cumberland County Financial Reports and Publications](#). The Cumberland County Controller's Office has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past 35 years, and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting for the past 20 years.

"I appreciate my staff's work in compiling the PAFR document," said Cumberland County Controller Al Whitcomb. "This report includes demographic, economic, operating, and financial information in a clear and concise manner to give residents an accurate look at county government."

The Government Finance Officers Association is a professional association of more than 21,000 appointed and elected state, local, and provincial-level government officials in the United States and Canada. More than 1,700 governmental agencies participate in its awards program.

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