



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Presentation of Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 2020 Distinguished Budget Award and special Triple Crown recognition.

RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION REQUESTED:

Recognition of Dan Emerson and Whitney Hale for their efforts in producing the County's award winning FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget Document and recognition of the team effort to earn the Triple Crown designation including James Wood, Cam Sparks, Casey Harden, Dan Emerson and Whitney Hale.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Government Finance Officers Association (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 that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Over 1,600 governments, including states, cities, counties, special districts, school districts, and more have been recognized for transparency in budgeting. To earn recognition, budget documents must meet program criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool.

The County has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award every year since FY 2008-09 and was recently notified of the award for the FY 2020-21 budget document.

Additionally, the County participates in two other programs sponsored by the GFOA. One is the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Report which evaluates our audited financial report, known as the Annual Consolidated Financial Report (ACFR), against a set of national criteria for government financial reporting. The other is the Popular Annual Financial Report which recognizes local governments for using information from their ACFR to produce a high quality financial report specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a

background in public finance.

As a result of receiving awards in each of the programs, the County has received a special "Triple Crown" medallion to signify excellence in all three programs.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Continued participation in these programs enhances our financial reporting and budgeting practices and aids in the maintenance of the County's bond ratings.

ATTENDANCE:

Greg Munn, County Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dan Emerson, Budget Manager

Whitney Hale, Communications Director

James Wood, Management Analyst

Cam Sparks, Management Analyst

Casey Harden, Accountant

March 22, 2021

Greg Munn
Chief Financial Officer
Deschutes County
1300 Northwest Wall St. Ste. 200
Bend, OR 97701

Dear Mr. Munn:

We are pleased to inform you, based on the examination of your budget by a panel of independent reviewers, that your budget document has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the current fiscal period. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by your organization.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is valid for one year. To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary to submit your next annual budget document to GFOA within 90 days of the proposed budget's submission to the legislature or within 90 days of the budget's final adoption. Information about how to submit an application for the Distinguished Budget Program application is posted on GFOA's website.

Each program participant is provided with confidential comments and suggestions for possible improvements to the budget document. Your comments are enclosed. We urge you to carefully consider the suggestions offered by our reviewers as you prepare your next budget.

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

Finance Department

Continuing participants will receive a brass medallion that will be mailed separately. First-time recipients will receive an award plaque within eight to ten weeks. Enclosed is a camera-ready reproduction of the award for inclusion in your next budget. If you reproduce the camera-ready image in your next budget, it should be accompanied by a statement indicating continued compliance with program criteria. The following standardized text should be used:

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to **Deschutes County, Oregon**, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning **July 01, 2020**. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

A press release is enclosed.

Upon request, GFOA can provide a video from its Executive Director congratulating your specific entity for winning the Budget Award.

We appreciate your participation in this program, and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain excellence in governmental budgeting. The most current list of award recipients can be found on GFOA's website at www.gfoa.org. If we can be of further assistance, please contact the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Mark Levine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosure



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
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**Deschutes County
Oregon**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

July 01, 2020

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director



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May 28, 2021

Greg Munn
Deschutes County
1300 Northwest Wall St. Ste. 200
Bend, OR 97701

Dear Greg Munn:

Your government should have recently received electronic correspondence that your 2020 budget qualifies for GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. To commemorate that achievement, enclosed is a medallion which can be added to your existing plaque as a testament to the government's commitment to producing annual reports that evidence the spirit of full disclosure and transparency.

This special Triple Crown medallion recognizes that your government received all three GFOA awards: the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award.

Congratulations again.

Sincerely,

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services Center

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