

Meeting Date
<b>October 20, 2015</b>



AGENDA	
Section	Resolutions and Awards
Item No.	<i>I.B.</i>

**AGENDA REPORT**  
**BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT:	GFOA AWARD
DEPT/OFFICE:	COUNTY MANAGER

Requested Action:  
Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association's "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for FY 2014-2015 to Brevard County and the Budget Office.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 18,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These 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. The GFOA states that award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Receiving the award:  
Tom Rosenberg, Budget Director

The Current Budget Office Staff:

Jill Hayes, Assistant Director  
Sean Meshberger, Senior Budget Analyst  
Connie Lea, Management and Budget Analyst  
Karen Petters, Management and Budget Analyst  
Dimitri Jean-Pierre, Management and Budget Analyst  
Pam Wallace, Special Projects Coordinator

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney    Yes     No     PR

County Manager	Assistant County Manager	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager	



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October 21, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stockton Whitten, County Manager

RE: Item I.B., Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)  
"Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for FY 2014-2015

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 20, 2015, acknowledged presentation of the GFOA "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for FY 2014-2015 to the Brevard County Budget Office.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*for: Donna Scott*  
Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

/ds

cc: Human Resources  
Budget



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July 7, 2015

Stockton Whitten  
County Manager  
Brevard County  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940

Dear Mr. Whitten:

I am pleased to notify you that Brevard County, Florida has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

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. This has been presented to:

**Budget Office**

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program. Through your example, we hope that other entities will be encouraged to achieve excellence in budgeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director  
Technical Services Center

Enclosure





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July 7, 2015

**PRESS RELEASE**

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Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that **Brevard County, Florida** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

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For budgets beginning in 2013, 1,424 participants received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 18,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with offices in Washington D.C. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.