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St. Mary's County Budget Book Nationally Recognized for Second Time

Leonardtown, MD – The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Department of Finance with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY2018 Budget Book. This marks the second straight year St. Mary's County has received the recognition.

The Department of Finance has continued its efforts to improve the overall design and layout of the information contained in the annual budget book. Those efforts have led to a second award for the publication. The award is reflective of St. Mary's County's commitment to meeting the Association's highest principles of governmental budgeting.

To receive the award, St. Mary's County had to satisfy national recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines assess how well the county's budget serves as:

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

The budget book was rated proficient in all four categories, along with the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories.

“Our team in Finance worked extremely hard in putting the budget book together every year,” said Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer. “I’m thrilled and honored to have received the award for a second year. This is another indication of how our department demonstrates teamwork and overall quality performance.”

Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

“This is another piece of good news for the Department of Finance and the county's financial practices,” said Commissioner President Randy Guy. “I’m proud of the work of everyone in Finance and thank them for their efforts in producing a high quality publication.”

To view the award winning document, go to [FY18 Approved Budget Book](#).

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