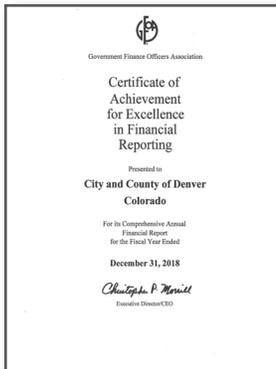


The City and County of Denver is proud to have been recognized with an award for Outstanding Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award offered by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)

Outstanding Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City and County of Denver for its Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state or local government financial reporting. The Certification of Achievement Program was established to encourage municipal governments to publish high quality financial reports and to provide peer recognition and technical guidance for officials preparing these reports.

In order to be awarded a Certification of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily-readable and efficiently-organized annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such reports should go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and demonstrate an effort to clearly communicate the municipal government's financial picture, enhance an understanding of financial reporting by municipal governments and address user needs. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only.

Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting

The GFOA has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City and County of Denver for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal. An Award for Outstanding in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The GFOA presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City and County of Denver for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. This award is valid for a period of one year only.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is specifically designed to encourage state and local governments to prepare and issue budget documents of the highest quality. Top-quality documents are essential if citizens and others with an interest in a government's finances are to be fully informed participants in the budget process. Better budget documents contribute to better decision making and enhanced accountability.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program allows the public finance profession a welcome opportunity to recognize those governments that have, in fact, succeeded in preparing a high-quality budget document.