



"A City for All Ages"

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

Office of Management and Budget

Date: March 3, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Via: Jesus Merejo, City Manager *JM*
Kristina Ciuperger, Deputy City Manager *KC*

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From: Caroline Sturgis, Director *CS*
Office of Management and Budget

RE: City of Port St. Lucie Earns GFOA Distinguished Budget Award Presentation, Special Performance Measures Recognition and Special Strategic Goals and Strategies Recognition

It is with great honor to share with you that the City of Port St. Lucie has earned the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award Presentation for Fiscal Year 2022-23. In addition to receiving the award, the City's budget received two (2) special recognitions:

- 1) Special Performance Measures Recognition and
- 2) Special Strategic Goals and Strategies Recognition.

Please join me in congratulating the Budget Division, and the City Manager's Office of Strategic Initiatives and Innovation for assisting the City in achieving these distinguished award and recognitions. We will present the award to City Council soon at an upcoming regular Council meeting. The significance of these accomplishments are:

- ❖ The GFOA Distinguished Budget Award Presentation is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by our City and Budget Team's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting, and nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.
- ❖ The Special Performance Measures Recognition is for a budget that receives "outstanding" ratings on performance measures from three reviewers in recognition for providing objective measures of progress toward accomplishing the government's mission as well as goals and objectives for specific departments and programs.
- ❖ The Special Strategic Goals and Strategies Recognition is for a budget that receives "outstanding" ratings on strategic goals and strategies from three reviewers in recognition for providing a coherent statement of organization-wide, strategic goals and strategies that address long-term concerns and issues.

The City originally earned the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award Presentation for Fiscal Year 1990 and has upheld it through Fiscal Year 2023, a total of 33 consecutive years. For a fourth year in a row, the City has earned a Special Performance Measures Recognition. A highlight this year is the first time

the City has received a Special Strategic Goals and Strategies Recognition. I'd like to extend a special appreciation to the Budget Team (Ivy Ladyko, Christine Brown and Christopher Sala), the City Manager's Office of Strategic Planning and Innovation, and the Communications Department for their contributions to delivering a quality budget presentation.

Thank you for the opportunity of providing you this update.

Attachment: GFOA award notice, and certificate of recognition

Copied: Ivy Ladyko
Christine Brown
Christopher Sala
Kate Parmelee
Sarah Prohaska

January 30, 2023

Ivy Ladyko
Budget Manager
City of Port St. Lucie
121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Dear Ms. Ladyko:

We are pleased to inform you, based on the examination of your budget document 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. In addition to receiving the award, your entity's budget received the following special recognition: **Special Performance Measures Recognition and Strategic Planning Recognition**

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:

Office of Management and Budget

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. Also 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 City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 01, 2022. 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 cursive script that reads "Michele Mark Levine".

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosure



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

PRESENTED TO

**City of Port St. Lucie
Florida**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

October 01, 2022

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director



**The Government Finance Officers Association
of the United States and Canada**

presents this

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR BUDGET PREPARATION

to

**Office of Management and Budget
City of Port St. Lucie, Florida**



The Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to those individuals who have been instrumental in their government unit achieving a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the highest award in governmental budgeting, is presented to those government units whose budgets are judged to adhere to program standards.

Executive Director

Christopher P. Morill

Date: **January 30, 2023**