

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 21, 2021

DeKalb Budget Recognized by National Government Finance Organization

The Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that the **City of DeKalb** has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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 in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

"The annual preparation of the municipal budget is a team effort involving all city departments, but the most fierce number-crunching is completed by the senior accountant, Susan Hauman; Assistant City Manager Josh Boldt, and the city manager. I am proud of our collective effort and look forward to the creation of another notable budget document for fiscal year 2022," said DeKalb City Manager Bill Nicklas.

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 having achieved the award. This has been presented to the **Finance Department**.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of

budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

DeKalb's Fiscal Year 2021 budget can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/svasyd8a>.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.



The City of DeKalb and its Finance Department has been recognized with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. From left to right are Finance and Accounting staff members Beth Patrick, Amy Frantz, Susan Hauman, Meagan Challand and Assistant City Manager Josh Boldt.

###

