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## **City Wins Prestigious Budget Award**

Morro Bay, CA – In late April 2021, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) announced the City of Morro Bay has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

According to GFOA, 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.

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 Morro Bay's Finance Department, and will be shared with City Council and the Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee at their next respective meetings.

"We are so proud as an organization to receive the GFOA award for our budget, particularly this year given all of the financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic," said City Manager, Scott Collins. "We share this award with our entire staff, particularly our Finance team, as well as City Council, CFAC and the community. Budgeting truly is a team sport."

*Per GFOA: Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 20,500 members and the communities they serve.*

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