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City of Belleview Earns Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2024-2025 Budget

Belleview, FL – The City of Belleview is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its 2024-2025 budget. This prestigious honor is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant milestone for the City, reflecting its commitment to excellence, transparency, and accountability in financial management.

The award is given to governments that meet nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines assess the budget's quality as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool. The rigorous evaluation process ensures recipients demonstrate a clear commitment to both fiscal responsibility and transparency for their communities.

In addition to the award, the City of Belleview received special recognition for its long-range operating financial plans, which highlight its proactive approach to planning for the City's future needs. This recognition underscores Belleview's dedication to not only addressing the challenges of today but also preparing for the opportunities of tomorrow.

"This award is a tremendous honor for our City and a direct result of the dedication and professionalism of our Finance Department, led by Finance Director Marge Strausbaugh," said Mayor Christine Dobkowski. "This recognition isn't just about financial excellence—it's about building trust with our residents and showing them that their local government is being a responsible steward of their tax dollars. We are committed to maintaining this standard of excellence and continuing to invest in Belleview's future."

Finance Director Marge Strausbaugh echoed these sentiments, stating, "Receiving this award is a validation of the hard work and meticulous planning that goes into creating a budget that reflects the City's priorities and long-term vision. I am incredibly proud of the Finance Department team and grateful for the support of the City Commission and staff. Our goal has always been to provide a transparent and strategic budget that serves as a foundation for growth, and we are honored to receive this recognition from the GFOA."

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is a testament to the City of Belleview's commitment to excellence in financial management and its dedication to fostering transparency, accountability, and trust within the community. Belleview joins a select group of governments nationwide that have achieved this recognition, highlighting its status as a leader in sound financial practices.

The City extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Finance Department, City Commission, and all staff members whose contributions made this achievement possible. For more information about the City of Belleview's financial initiatives and budget process, please visit www.belleviewfl.org.