



## NEWS RELEASE

### National Honor Goes to City Budget

*Director Barkdoll Recognized by GFOA for Work*

**FREDERICK, MD – March 28, 2018:** The Fiscal Year 2018 budget prepared by Budget Director Katie Barkdoll has won the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

This is the eighth consecutive year that Barkdoll and the City's budget have earned the association's distinction. When the award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award.

"This being the eighth time, it may not seem like news, but Katie Barkdoll really deserves the recognition for this achievement," said Mayor Michael O'Connor. "As an alderman and now as mayor, I can attest to her thoroughness, but more than that, to her true commitment to doing well by the citizens of our City. She has developed an effective, sensible and streamlined budget process that results in a useful final document."

According to the GFAO, the award reflects the commitment of the elected officials and staff to meet the highest principles of government budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the city'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 the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

The Government Finance Officers Association, based in Chicago, is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 19,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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