

April 10, 2018

Mary Blasi City Manager City of Coconut Creek 4800 West Copans Road Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Ms. Blasi:

We are pleased to notify you that City of Coconut Creek, Florida, has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

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. This has been presented to:

## Kisha N. Bolden, Budget and Grants Manager

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program, and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others to achieve and maintain excellence in governmental budgeting.

Sincerely,

Michele Mark Levine

Director, Technical Services Center

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Karen M. Brooks
Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer
City of Coconut Creek
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Ms. Brooks:

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**

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is valid for one year. To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary to submit your 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. A Distinguished Budget Program application is posted on GFOA's website. This application must be completed and accompany your next submission. (See numbers 12 and 13 on page 2 of the application for fee information and submission instructions.)

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:

Kisha N. Bolden, Budget and Grants Manager



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Continuing participants will find a brass medallion enclosed with these results. First-time recipients will receive an award plaque that will be mailed separately and should arrive 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 Coconut Creek, Florida, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017. 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.

GFOA encourages you to make arrangements for a formal presentation of the award. If you would like the award to be presented by a member of your state or provincial finance officers association, we can provide the name of a contact person for that group.

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,

Michele Mark Levine

Director, Technical Services Center

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