



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



DATE: June 24, 2013
BOARD MEETING DATE: July 9, 2013
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
SUBJECT: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2012-13 from the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA).

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 17,800 state and local finance officers in the United States and Canada. The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budgets of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting, and to recognize entities that succeed in achieving this goal. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and are excellent examples for other governments.

The GFOA's Budget Awards Program is the only national awards program for governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, the entity has to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as (1) a policy document; (2) a financial plan; (3) an operations guide; and (4) a communications device. The budget document must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award.

This Award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and its attainment is a significant achievement. The County has received this award for eight years and is one of only nine California counties that received it for FY 2012-13. This achievement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by using best practices to ensure that the County budget is easily understood and readable to the general public; that programs align with community goals and priorities; that there are sufficient resources in the budget to fund programs; and that all programs have meaningful performance measures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.