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Cumberland County Receives National Recognition For Budget Best Practices

Carlisle PA – For the 11th consecutive year, Cumberland County has been recognized for meeting national best-practice standards when preparing its annual budget.

The county earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the preparation and presentation of its 2018 budget. Commissioners and finance office staff today received a certificate of recognition from GFOA at the commissioners' workshop.

“We are certainly pleased to receive this award again. It reflects the hard work by our staff that goes into preparing the budget every year,” said Dana Best, director of finance. “It’s important to make the document as comprehensive as possible.”

The award recognizes state and local governments for preparing budget documents that adhere to both GFOA best practices on budgeting and guidelines from the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting.

Budget documents are assessed in four categories. A budget must be effective not only as a financial plan, but also as a policy document, a guide to governmental operations and a means of communicating information to the public.

Budget documents must have a minimum rating of “proficient” in those four categories and in the 14 mandatory criteria within the categories to earn the award.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a professional association of more than 19,000 appointed and elected state, local and provincial-level government officials in the United States and Canada. More than 1,600 governmental agencies participate in its awards program.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.