

**MEMORANDUM
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Randall Tweet, Interim City Manager
SUBJECT: GFOA Award Presentation

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Date: 03-29-17

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's nearly 19,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. **GFOA's mission is to promote excellence in state and local government financial management.** To meet the many needs of its members, the organization provides best practice guidance, consulting, networking opportunities, publications including books, e-books, and periodicals, recognition programs, research, and training opportunities for those in the profession.

GFOA offers several recognition programs and the City of Rock Island participates in two of them. One is the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR) and the other is the Distinguished Budget Presentation. The City's 2015 audit received the CAFR award for the 35th time. The 2016 Budget also received an award, representing the 29th year. This puts the City in an elite class of Illinois governments that prepares both documents in a comprehensive manner and receives the award for each. Of the more than 2700 Illinois cities, counties and school districts, there were a total of 154 CAFR and 95 Budget awards last year.

Mary Dankowski, Finance Director of Park Forest, serves on the Executive Board of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association as the GFOA Representative. She will be attending the April 3rd Council meeting to present the two awards and will highlight this significant achievement.

Submitted by: Stephanie Masson, Finance Director



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

PRESENTED TO

**City of Rock Island
Illinois**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

January 1, 2016

Jeffrey R. Enow

Executive Director



Government Finance Officers Association

**Certificate of
Achievement
for Excellence
in Financial
Reporting**

Presented to

**City of Rock Island
Illinois**

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2015

Executive Director/CEO