



# CITY OF FORT BRAGG

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CITY OF FORT BRAGG RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD**

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced this month that the City of Fort Bragg, California has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2016/17 budget.

In an October 3 press release, the Chicago-based association stated that the award represents a significant achievement and reflects the commitment of the City of Fort Bragg's governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to achieve the award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity'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 fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the GFOA award.

The award was presented to the City's Finance Department as a whole, and was accepted by Finance Director Victor Damiani. Damiani stated, "It was truly a group effort and we are honored to have received this award – the first time for our City," and applauded his staff for their hard work and diligence in putting the budget document together this year.

Last year, only 1,565 governmental entities in North America received this distinguished award. According to the GFOA, award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

This year's City budget is online at <http://city.fortbragg.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5444>; or read the hard copy located in the lobby of City Hall, 416 N. Franklin Street.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to City Clerk June Lemos, at (707)-961-1694.

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