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St. Mary's County Government Honored with Distinguished Budget Award

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) is proud to announce that our Finance team has been recognized with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY2025 Budget Book. This prestigious recognition underscores our commitment to excellence in financial management.

Of note, the FY2025 Budget Book received special recognition for its Capital Improvement Program, earning the highest possible scores from all three independent reviewers. This exceptional achievement reflects the dedication and expertise of our Finance Team, whose hard work ensures the county's financial planning and reporting meet the highest standards.

“The Distinguished Budget Award represents more than a title—it’s a testament to the diligence, precision, and collaboration that drive the work of our amazing finance team,” said County Administrator, David Weiskopf. “Their efforts continue to enhance public understanding and trust in the fiscal stewardship of St. Mary’s County.”

The GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award recognizes state and local governments that excel in meeting nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines assess the budget’s ability to serve as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device.

SMCG’s Finance Team is currently working with the Commissioners, County Departments, and partners to prepare the FY2026 Budget. **Community members are encouraged to visit <https://bit.ly/SMCG-FY26-Budget>** to learn more about and follow the budget process.

About the GFOA

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for over 20,000 members and the communities they serve.

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