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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Acknowledge Receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with Special Recognition for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Acknowledge receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

Each year that Washoe County has received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the Board of County Commissioners has acknowledged receipt of the recognition of the achievement.

BACKGROUND

The Government Finance Officers Association Budget Awards Program is designed to encourage governments to prepare budget documents of the highest quality to meet the needs of decision-makers and citizens. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement for Washoe County and reflects our commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In receiving the distinguished budget presentation award, Washoe County has met both guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

The guidelines are designed to assess how well Washoe County's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. This is the 24th year that Washoe County has received this respected award.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

This document award decision marks the second year that Washoe County has received special recognition for outstanding ratings in the Strategic Goals and Strategies category.

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget document was prepared by the dedicated staff of Washoe County Finance-Budget Division, including Fiscal Analysts Gohar Barsegian, Patsy Buxton, Kari Estrada, Brianna McBride, Janet Tennant and Lori Cooke, Division Director - Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with Special Recognition for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be, *"Acknowledge receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with Special Recognition for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)"*.