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LCSO Receives Distinguished National Budget Award

The Leon County Sheriff's Office received notification earlier this month that the agency has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Along with the noteworthy distinction, the GFOA also awarded LCSO's Budget Manager, Kendrah Wilkerson, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation.

According to GFOA, the award reflects the commitment of the agency's governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the LCSO 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 in fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

LCSO was one of more than 1,600 participants in the awards program. The 2020 budget for LCSO is just under \$80 million dollars.

"This is an honorable recognition for Mrs. Wilkerson and the entire LCSO Fiscal Operations staff. We appreciate their dedication to excellence and the people of Leon County," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.



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