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County Budget Office Receives Distinguished Budget Award for 19 Consecutive Years

Award-winning Document Explains Charleston County's Financial Plan

Charleston County Government's Budget Office recently received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its fiscal year 2008 budget from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

According to the GFOA, the award reflects the commitment of Charleston County Government and its staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The award is for the fiscal year 2008, which runs from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The award was given based not only on how well the County budgets its funds, but also on how well it communicates to the public how the money is spent. The County develops a Citizen's Guide to the budget each year so that residents can easily see where their tax dollars are going.

The fiscal year 2008 budget was judged and awarded by financial peers from government organizations around the country, marking the 19th consecutive year that Charleston County government's Budget Office has won the honor.

GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving 16,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

To view the Charleston County 2008 Fiscal Year Budget and Citizens' Guide, go to <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/index2.asp?p=/stats/budget4.htm> or the visit the main and regional Charleston County Public Libraries.

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