



# THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

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## **City of Jacksonville receives Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

The City of Jacksonville is pleased to announce that City of Jacksonville, Texas, has received Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)'s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2021 budget beginning October 2020. This is the City's fifth year in a row to receive this award.

The award represents a significant achievement by the City. It reflects the commitment of the council and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, our finance team 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,
- and a communications device.

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to the Finance Department of the City of Jacksonville.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

*Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.*

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