



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

PRESENTED TO

Catawba County

North Carolina

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

July 1, 2016

Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented this Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation to Catawba County for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting, meeting nationally recognized criteria as a policy document, operations guide, financial plan, and communications medium.

This award is valid for period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award. The County has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 28 consecutive years.

2016/17 Achievements & Activities

Catawba County has consistently delivered quality services across a wide-range of functions, supported by one of the lowest tax rates, strong program performance, and fiscal stewardship. The quality of these services has earned Catawba County a reputation for innovation and creativity both state-wide and nationally. Examples of the quality and value of County services in 2016/17 include:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Adopting the Trauma Informed Practice model in Child Welfare resulting in better outcomes for children and youths in our county who have received child welfare services
- Developing a website where Emancipated Youths and social workers could securely download and access needed documents saving time and frustration while providing enhanced services
- Collaborating to develop and design a uniform, transparent, detailed, visual presentation of the revaluation process providing a better grasp of the process to the Board of Equalization and Review and taxpayers
- Establishing TechConnect space and hired staff to facilitate access to engineering and design software applications and training in partnership with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments and Manufacturing Solutions Center
- Updating the Performance Dashboard to be more interactive and easy to access, saving the County over \$80,000

CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING AWARD

- Demonstrating sustained excellence in purchasing standards for the 15th year in a row

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

- Produced a more accessible and understandable financial report (PAFR) for the general public for the 8th year in a row
- Prepared a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) with full disclosure and transparency in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for the 34th consecutive year
- Crafted a proficient budget document that serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and a communications device for the 28th consecutive year

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

- Creating an Advanced Gardener Series program connecting the community to numerous benefits of produce gardening, outdoor activity, family learning, and community service
- Contributing to the and development of growth the Library by providing leadership, inspiration, and creativity to staff, patrons, and trustees

G. HERBERT STOUT AWARD

- Created a custom simulation application for EMS based on actual Catawba County EMS response data. The simulation enables EMS staff to proactively analyze different scenarios in response to changes in call volume and resource availability