

Village of Lake in the Hills News Release

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Village of Lake in the Hills awarded GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Lake in the Hills, IL—The Village of Lake in the Hills is proud to announce that it has been honored with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024. This award represents the highest recognition in governmental budgeting and reflects the Village's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. This is the 25th consecutive year that the Village has received this award.

After a thorough review by an independent panel, the Village's annual budget document not only met but exceeded the expectations set by the GFOA. The award highlights efforts in presenting a budget that serves effectively as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The budget document was rated "proficient" in all four categories, along with the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, a testament to a meticulous and transparent budgetary process.

Moreover, the Village received special recognition in the category of Performance Measures, where all three reviewers awarded the highest possible scores. This recognition is awarded to entities that showcase exceptional quality and effectiveness in their budget presentation.

"We are incredibly honored to receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This achievement is a testament to the Village's dedication to fiscal responsibility and transparency," said Peter Stefan, Finance Director. "It reflects our collective effort to ensure that our budgeting not only meets but surpasses the highest standards of governmental finance."

As one of over 1,700 participants in the GFOA Budget Awards Program, the Village of Lake in the Hills stands as a leading example of how rigorous standards and a commitment to transparency can improve the quality of budgeting.

The award-winning budget and financial reports may be viewed on the <u>Village website</u>. To learn more about GFOA's Awards Programs, visit gfoa.org/awards.

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