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GFOA's 2021 Awards for Excellence in Government Finance

(Chicago, Illinois – December 21, 2021) Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) announced the winners of its 2021 Awards for Excellence in Government Finance. GFOA's most prestigious award recognizes contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. The award stresses practical, documented work that offers leadership to the profession and promotes improved public finance.

Awards are presented in two categories and recognize governments for exceptionally well-implemented GFOA best practices, and governments that develop a creative solution to a common challenge. For 2021, GFOA awarded seven (7) governments with the Award for Excellence in Government Finance.

Awards for Excellence winners for **Exceptionally Well-Implemented GFOA Best Practices** include:

- **City of Bloomington, Minnesota**
Transforming Public Engagement Amid a Budget Crisis
- **City of Jersey City, New Jersey**
Forecast and Management through Economic Uncertainty
- **County of Riverside, California**
Transforming an Internal Services Rate Debate into a Culture of Collaboration

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Awards for Excellence winners for **Creative Solutions to a Common Challenge** include:

- **City of Austin, Texas (Austin Water)**
Building Resilience and Ensuring Affordability with Debt Management Strategies
- **City of Bondurant, Iowa**
Establishing a Strong Internal Audit Function, Strategic Evaluation, and Internal Controls
- **Cook County, Illinois**
Equitable Distribution Model for CARES Act Funding
- **Miami-Dade County, Florida (Office of the Commissioner Auditor)**
Elevating OCA's Performance Measures Report through Technology

Read more about each of the winners at gfoa.org/award-for-excellence. For more information about GFOA's Awards for Excellence Program, please contact Mike Mucha, deputy executive director, at mmucha@gfoa.org. Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 awards.

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