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**GFOA Fifth Annual Hero Award Recipients
to be Recognized at 117th Annual Conference**

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WHAT: Members of the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Hero Award Committee, composed of members of GFOA's Executive Board, recently convened and selected three recipients of its Fifth Annual Hero Award.

WHY: GFOA's Fifth Annual Hero Award recognizes GFOA active government members who have demonstrated extraordinary actions in their organization and community. [Read](#) about the award.

WHEN: At the Association's general session on May 22, 2023, GFOA President **Terri Velasquez**, Finance Director, City of Aurora, Colorado, will recognize the three recipients of GFOA's Fifth Annual Hero Award.

WHERE: The general session will take place during GFOA's 117th Annual Conference, May 21–24, 2023, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. More than 5,000 public finance professionals are expected to attend the conference.

WHO: Fifth Annual Hero Award Recipients:

Jason Carini, Treasurer, Rogers County, Oklahoma

Susan Gooding-Liburd, Chief Financial Officer, City of Miramar, Florida

Will Payne, Performance & Budget Manager, City of Largo, Florida

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Nominations for the Sixth Annual Hero Award will open in January 2024. For information about GFOA's 117th Annual Conference, visit [GFOA's website](#).

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