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Town of Kingston Springs, Tennessee

KINGSTON SPRINGS RECIEVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

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The Town of Kingston Springs has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2015-2016 budget from the Government Finance Officers Association. In order to receive the award, Kingston Springs had to be graded using nationally recognized guidelines in effectively presenting its budget. Namely, a high rating as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device.

GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. For the 2015 fiscal year, 1,424 participants received the award, including 16 municipalities in Tennessee.

"Our goal was to make the budget more transparent and to directly involve the public during its development. This recognition is a result of the effort put forward by the City Commissioners, City Manager and town staff." explained Assistant City Manager/Certified Municipal Finance Officer Debbie Finch.

The Town of Kingston Springs develops its annual budget using a multi-month process. For the 2015-2016 budget year, the process began in February with a City Commission retreat and ended in July with the adoption of a budget. An ice cream social was held on Monday, April 20th, 2015 to gather public comment on upcoming projects and changes in rates and services. An electronic version of the budget can be accessed at <http://www.kingstonsprings.net/info-budget.aspx>. Paper copies can be requested at Kingston Springs City Hall and the South Cheatham Public Library.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a professional association servicing more than 18,000 local, state, and provincial level elected officials and appointed practitioners. It provides publications, training programs, services, and products to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for governmental finance policy and management. The association is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

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