

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 6, 2025

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator 

SUBJECT: York County Earns GFOA's Prestigious Award for Financial Transparency

I wanted to share with you a News Release scheduled for November 10, 2025.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) announced on October 30th that the County of York has received the **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR Award)** for its inaugural Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This award represents a significant milestone for the County and marks the final component needed to earn GFOA's prestigious **Triple Crown Award**.

The **Triple Crown Award** recognizes government entities that have received all three of GFOA's highest honors for financial reporting and budgeting:

- The **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**,
- The **Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award**, and
- The **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**.

Achieving this distinction places York County among a select group of governments nationwide that demonstrate an exceptional commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in financial management across both internal and public-facing documents.

York County has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for **39 consecutive years** and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for **22 years**. This new recognition for our Popular Annual Financial Report completes the trio.

To be eligible for the PAFR Award, a government must also submit its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program and receive the Certificate for the current fiscal year. Each eligible PAFR is reviewed by judges who evaluate the report based on reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity, and other elements.

Why This Award Matters

Receiving the Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Award is a prestigious honor that highlights York County's dedication to making complex financial information accessible and understandable to the public. By earning this recognition—and completing the requirements for the **Triple Crown**—York County not only meets the highest standards set by GFOA but also reinforces public trust by promoting openness in how taxpayer dollars are managed and reported.

This achievement reflects the hard work of County staff and leadership in fostering fiscal responsibility, transparency, and community engagement.