



## News Release

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### **City Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

**Holland, MI** – For the 30<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the City of Holland has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Holland first received this award in 1992.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

At the September 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting, the City recognized Lynn McCammon, Finance Director for the City of Holland, and Michelle Price, Assistant Finance Director for the City of Holland, as the persons primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning financial report.

Keith Van Beek stated, “We appreciate the hard work by Lynn McCammon, Michelle Price, and all other support staff that made this prestigious award possible. This GFOA award affirms a long-standing priority of assuring Holland’s citizens that their hard-earned tax dollars are properly accounted for.”

The comprehensive annual financial report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups of the report.

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**About the City of Holland:**

The City of Holland, Michigan is a vibrant community in a beautiful lakefront setting. It is a world-class city with a small-town feel, making it one of the best places to live, work and vacation. Holland has been recognized by Forbes Magazine and Money Magazine as one of the safest and most beautiful places in the U.S. and was voted as the “Second Happiest and Healthiest Places to Live in America” by Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. In 2015, Holland landed the number three spot on the Livability.com list as one of the “10 Best Cities for Families.”

**About Government Finance Officers Association (GOFA):**

GOFA advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.

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