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St. Louis County honored for excellence in financial reporting for 25 years

The St. Louis County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, better known as the CAFR, is anything but light reading. The 167-page document provides considerable details about the county's current financial activities and performance, as well as trends over time. It is an important tool in providing budget transparency for citizens, and for the twenty-fifth consecutive year, it's received the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

St. Louis County Auditor Don Dicklich and his Accounting and Finance team have received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2013 CAFR from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). An impartial panel judged the CAFR and determined it demonstrated a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

"In our line of work, it's important that we work well with numbers and understand the impacts of complex, ever-changing laws and accounting rules," said Auditor Dicklich, "but it's also important that we clearly communicate and explain the work that we do so that citizens trust their tax dollars are being put to the best use possible. I see how hard Finance Director Cristen Christensen and the rest of the staff works every day, but it's nice to see that affirmed with this outside recognition."

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