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May 18, 2021

Sheryl Carstens  
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Dear Ms. Carstens:

A panel of independent reviewers has completed its examination of your Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) submitted to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). We are pleased to notify you that your PAFR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, has substantially met the requirements of the PAFR Program. In the absence of authoritative standards governing the presentation, these requirements are based on an evaluation of information presented, reader appeal, understandability, distribution, and other elements (such as whether the PAFR is a notable achievement for the government given the government's type and size, and the PAFR's creativity and usefulness). The report received a weighted average score of 75.00 percent or above from three of the four highest individual reviews.

Each entity submitting a report to the PAFR Program is provided with confidential comments and suggestions for possible improvements in the subsequent year's presentation. Your comments and suggestions, as well as a "Summary of Grading" form, are enclosed. We urge you to carefully consider the suggestions offered by our reviewers as you prepare your next PAFR.

First-time recipients will find a Certificate enclosed with these results and will receive a plaque in approximately 10 weeks. We hope that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release has been enclosed.

In addition to the PAFR award, please note that the government will receive a special Triple Crown medallion, which signifies the government has received all three GFOA awards (the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award) for FYE 2019. Congratulations on this achievement!

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A current holder of a PAFR Award may include a reproduction of the Certificate in its immediately subsequent PAFR. A camera-ready copy of your Certificate is enclosed for that purpose. If you reproduce your Certificate in your next report, please refer to the enclosed instructions. The PAFR Award is valid for one year.

To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary for you to submit your next PAFR to GFOA within six months of the end of your entity's fiscal year. A Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award Program Application is posted on GFOA's website at [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org).

Over the course of the year, we are anticipating some changes to our application process. We will still be asking governments for the same documents we asked for in the past, but we are encouraging electronic submissions to [pafr@gfoa.org](mailto:pafr@gfoa.org) and expect to be making other changes going forward. We will keep members informed of any changes via email, and application instructions will be updated on our website.

We appreciate your participation in this program, and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain a well-presented PAFR. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the PAFR Program staff in the Technical Services Center at (312) 977-9700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Mark Levine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Michele" and "Mark" on the first line and "Levine" on the second line.

Michele Mark Levine  
Director, Technical Services Center

Enclosures