



**Press Statement**  
**July 9, 2021**

The City of Lewiston is once again a recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association of the US & Canada (GFOA) **“Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.”** 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.

Lewiston’s award lauds the City’s comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the program’s high standards, which include demonstrating a constructive *“spirit of full disclosure”* that clearly communicates the municipality’s financial picture.

Upon receiving notification of the award, Mayor Mark Cayer noted, ***“I am very proud of Lewiston’s commitment to full transparency and the provision of excellent financial reporting. Such management of our financial resources certainly sends the message that Lewiston is a great place to live and do business.”***

Finance Director Heather Hunter was also pleased with the award and noted, ***“The City of Lewiston was the first Maine municipality to receive this award and has received it for forty-six consecutive years. The Finance Department takes great pride in their hard work and serves as a mentor for other municipalities who wish to go through the award process.”***

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) 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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