



## Press Release

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### **Kelso Finance Department is Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

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The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada has awarded the City of Kelso the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The certificate 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. The City's Finance Director, Brian Butterfield, has also been recognized with an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for his role as the primary individual responsible for preparing the award-winning report. This is the thirteenth consecutive year the City has received this award.

The CAFR 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 to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 19,000 appointed, elected local, state, government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

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