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Department of Finance and Administration Recognizes 2020 Local Government Budget Conference Award Winners

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Government Division (LGD) held its annual Budget Conference on November 16th through 20th, 2020. The conference provides budget and finance-related training to local government finance staff and officials from the 33 counties, 106 municipalities, and 200+ special districts throughout the state. It is a yearly testament to the LGD Budget and Finance Bureau’s mission in assisting officials and employees of the local public bodies in New Mexico to maintain budget and fiscal integrity.

“We continue on our promise to design, develop, and increase our trainings for local governments and special districts. Our LGD staff did an outstanding job pivoting this year’s conference to a virtual platform to provide training while keeping everyone safe,” said Acting Secretary Debbie Romero.

A highlight of the November 2020 Virtual Budget Conference is the budget awards to local governments. These awards honor those who have demonstrated teamwork, ongoing communication, strong leadership and who have strived for excellence in advancing their entity’s mission and goals to serve their communities’ needs better while meeting statutory budget and finance requirements.

2020 Award Winners:

LGD Director’s Award:

- Chaves County
- Village of Ruidoso
- Albuquerque-Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA)

The LGD Director’s Award recognizes the local governments that have exhibited high performing standards, outstanding budget, and financial reporting, setting a standard for their peers.

Rising Star Award:

- Valencia County
- Village of Hatch
- East Pecos Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association

Rising Star Award recognizes the local governments who demonstrated progress in budget management standards, improved quality of budgets, and financial reporting. It also recognizes significant strides in overcoming budget and financial challenges.

“We would like to congratulate all of the 2020 local government budget award winners. Their commitment to budget and finance excellence benefits their local communities and New Mexico as a state. We look forward to next year’s conference and assisting our local government partners however we can,” said LGD Division Director Donnie Quintana.

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