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Department of Finance and Administration Recognizes 2021 Local Government Budget Conference Winners

Six local New Mexico governments recognized for outstanding achievement

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's Local Government Division (LGD) held its annual Budget Conference in November. The conference provided budget and finance-related training to local governments, finance staff, and officials from 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.

A highlight of the conference are the awards given to the state's local governments. These awards honor those who have demonstrated teamwork, exceptional communication, strong leadership, and who strived for excellence in advancing their entity's mission and goals to better serve their communities' needs, while meeting statutory budget and finance requirements.

2021 Award Winners

LGD Director's Award:

- San Juan County
- City of Clovis
- Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District

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:

- Rio Arriba County
- Village of Williamsburg
- Artesia Special Hospital District

The 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.

"Congratulations to all the 2021 local government budget award winners. Your commitment to budget and financial excellence continues to benefit your local communities in countless ways," said LGD Division Director Donnie Quintana.

For more information on the LGD Budget Conference, please visit the <u>Budget and</u> <u>Finance Bureau page.</u>

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