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## **Crow Wing County is Nationally Recognized for Budget Presentation**

For the fourth consecutive year, Crow Wing County has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award was awarded to Crow Wing County Finance Director Jason Rausch and Business Analyst Cara Bengtson for the 2017 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, Crow Wing County had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

Jason Rausch has earned this award every year since 2014. "I am very proud of the excellent work of the County Departments and the Financial Services staff that put many countless hours into the budget process and documentation. Without the dedication to the budget process we would not be able to compile a document to help our residents understand Crow Wing County's budget."

This was Cara Bengtson's first year compiling the budget book and applying for the award. "I am very proud to be a part of an organization that strives for excellence. I am already starting to plan my own enhancements for the 2018 budget book, such as expanding on how we incorporate our organizational priorities into the book, provide more information on our long range financial plans, and adding our performance measures"

Crow Wing County is one of only six counties in the state of Minnesota that have achieved this award. Crow Wing county is also one of only four counties to be given all three awards that are presented each year from the GFOA. The 2017 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan are available on the Crow Wing County website at [www.Crowwing.us](http://www.Crowwing.us)

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**Our Vision:** Being Minnesota's favorite place.

**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

