The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) recognizes with two levels of certificates those entities with highly professional budget documents. The first level is the “Meritorious Budget Award”, which requires the entity to meet a very specific list of criteria defined by CSMFO. The second level is the “Excellence in Operational Budgeting Award”, which requires that the organization meet even higher criteria which effectively enhances the usability of the document.

The City’s adopted budget for fiscal years 2011-2013 received the “Excellence in Operational Budgeting” Award. In preparing the fiscal years 2013-2015 budget, the staff has once again followed CSMFO’s criteria. This document will be submitted to the CSMFO for the fiscal years 2013-2014 budget award. The City has received the Excellence in Operational Budgeting Award for each of the five budget documents since 2003-2005 when the City began to apply for this award.