

# **COUNTY OF GREENVILLE**SOUTH CAROLINA

## **BIENNIUM BUDGET**

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the County of Greenville, South Carolina for its biennial budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

This award is valid for a period of two years only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

## **COUNTY OF GREENVILLE**

## **VISION**

The vision of the government of Greenville County, South Carolina is to be a thriving, vibrant, diverse community with abundant opportunities for unmatched quality of life that blends tradition and innovation.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the government of Greenville, South Carolina is to provide quality public services to all citizens of Greenville County.

Greenville County values shall include:

Spiritual growth in a family environment
Excellence through teamwork
Responsible focus on community needs
Visible commitment to citizens
Integrity in all that we do
Courageous adherence to open and honest communication
Encouragement of knowledge and competence



Greenville County is "... at your service."

## READER'S GUIDE TO THE BUDGET DOCUMENT

The budget document contains the FY2016/FY2017 biennium budget for Greenville County and describes how the County government plans to meet the community's needs. This document is not only an assembly of information required for making policy and resource decisions; it is also a resource for citizens in learning more about the operation of their county government.

The County of Greenville's budget document is divided into the following major sections: Budget Message, Introduction, Budget Summaries, Fund Overview, and Appendix. These sections contain information useful to the administration of the County and are cross-referenced throughout the program document. Financial data, for example, is presented in two sections: (1) the budget summaries section presents actual revenues and expenditures, as well as projected future year revenues and expenditures; and (2) the fund overviews present the budgets by department to demonstrate the connection between resources, programs, and services.

#### **BUDGET MESSAGE**

This section contains the County Administrator's budget message which outlines key features of the FY2016/FY2017 biennium budget and a discussion of past and future challenges in budgeting. The message also discusses underlying administrative practices that support the County's budget goals.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Introduction section provides an overview of the organizational and fund structure, an overview of the budget process and fund types, a discussion of the budgetary and financial management systems utilized by the County, and the County's financial policies.

#### **BUDGET SUMMARIES**

The Budget Summaries section contains a comprehensive analysis of revenues and appropriations for all funds. This section summarizes the overall financial condition of the County's major funds.

#### **FUND OVERVIEW SECTIONS**

The Fund Overview Sections provide information concerning the different financial funds of the County: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Proprietary Funds, Capital Projects Fund, and Debt Service Fund. The overview of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Proprietary Funds provides budget information by specific department.

#### **APPENDIX**

The Appendix Section contains statistical information about Greenville County, and a glossary for the budget document. This section also includes the approved budget ordinances for both years of the biennium.