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**North Kingstown Receives Multiple Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting  
from Government Finance Officers Association**

**North Kingstown, RI** — It was announced last month by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada that the Town of North Kingstown, RI has once again received its award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR Award), this time for the [Popular Financial Report](#) for the 2024 fiscal year.

In order to be eligible for the PAFR Award, a government entity must submit its comprehensive financial report to GFOA's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting review program, and receive the award for the current fiscal year. Each eligible report is viewed by judges who evaluate the submission based on categories regarding reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity, and other elements. Significant credit goes to our Deputy Director of Finance, for this award reports Deb Bridgham, Finance Director, "She took the redesign and creation of our Popular Annual Financial Report on enthusiastically; her attention to detail and eagerness to produce a report the Town and our Finance Department could be proud of are very evident in the achievement of this award."

The second award the Town of North Kingstown received last month is the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its [FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#). The report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential uses and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. "Our Finance Director, Deb Bridgham, has shown great leadership in the achievement of our latest Certificate of Achievement," A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, said. With the achievement of these FY24 awards, the Town of North Kingstown is the highest achieving municipality for GFOA awards in the state of Rhode Island with 14 total financial reporting awards achieved.

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