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### Six Cities, One County Qualify for Auditor of State Award with Distinction

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*Columbus* – Recent financial audits of the following entities by Auditor of State Dave Yost’s office have returned clean audit reports. Their excellent record keeping has qualified them for the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*.

- City of Delaware (Delaware County)
- City of Grandview Heights (Franklin County)
- City of Green (Summit County)
- City of Norton (Summit County)
- City of Pataskala (Licking County)
- City of Reynoldsburg (Franklin County)
- Delaware County

“Clean financial books are vital to accountability in government,” Auditor Yost said. “These governments are clearly committed to maintaining accurate records, and I am proud to present them with this award.”

The *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State’s office in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
  - Ethics referrals
  - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
  - Lack of timely report submission
  - Reconciliation

- Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
- Findings for recovery less than \$100
- Public meetings or public records
- No other financial or other concerns exist that involve eligible entity.

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*The Auditor of State's office, one of five independently elected statewide offices in Ohio, is responsible for auditing more than 5,900 state and local government agencies. Under the direction of Auditor Dave Yost, the office also provides financial services to local governments, investigates and prevents fraud in public agencies and promotes transparency in government.*

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