



Orange County

Recovery and Transformation Planning Project

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Project Intent and Deliverables

The Orange County Recovery and Transformation Planning Project is intended to help Orange County and its municipalities navigate recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.



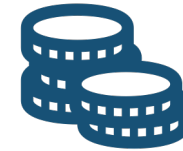
Impact Assessment

- Provide Orange County with a broad picture of the impact of COVID-19 on economy, community health, housing, and social services.



Recovery and Transformation Plan

- Describe goals, initiatives, and tactics to achieve community-informed recovery outcomes.



Cost Recovery Training

- Provide training to county, municipal, and non-profit recovery stakeholders to assist in the financial recovery of COVID-19 response and recovery expenditures.

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Orange County Recovery Support Functions

Individuals and organizations participating in the planning effort are broken into Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) based on field and expertise. Over 30 different public or non-profit organizations participate in planning activities.

Long-Term
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Group

RSF 1: Economic

RSF 2: Health

RSF 3: Human Services

RSF 4: Housing

RSF 5: Natural and Cultural Resources

RSF 6: Community Planning and Capacity Building

RSF 7: Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Information Officers

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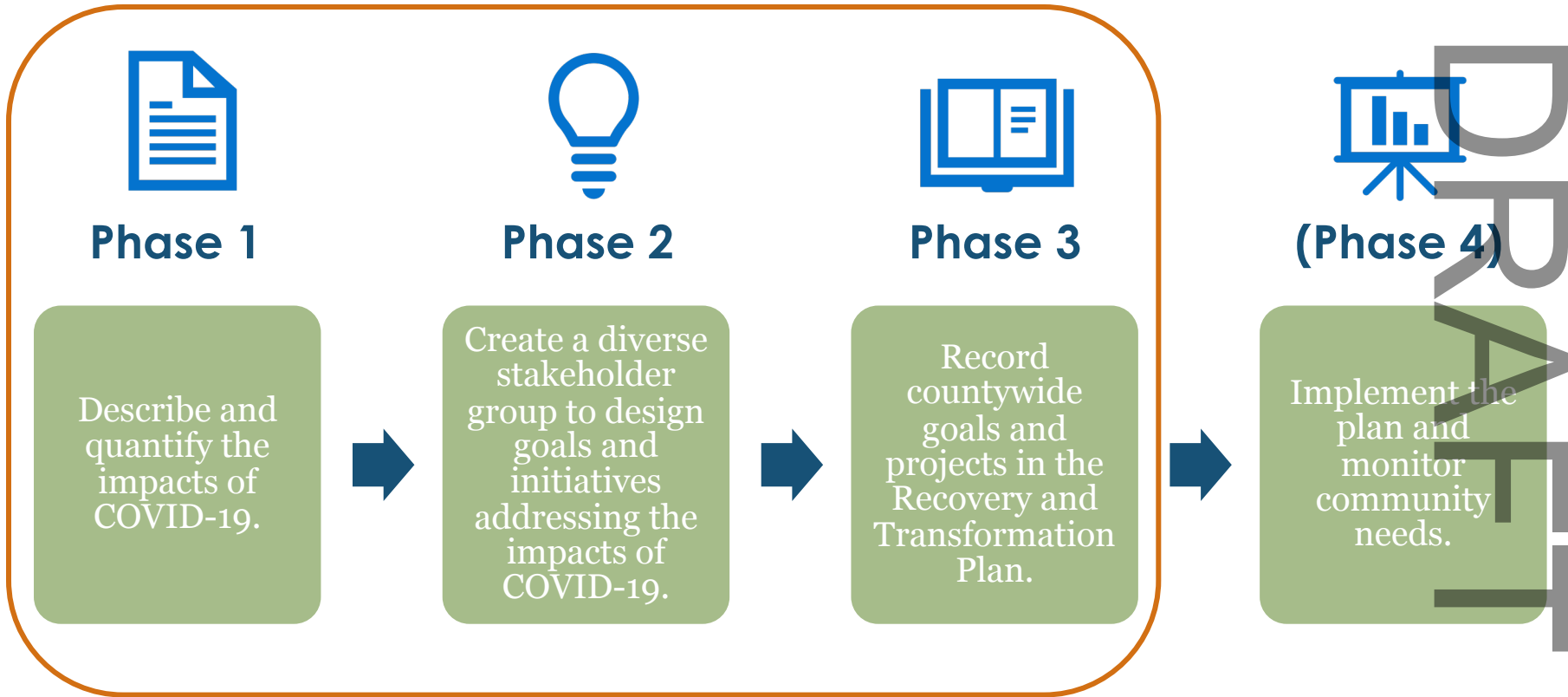
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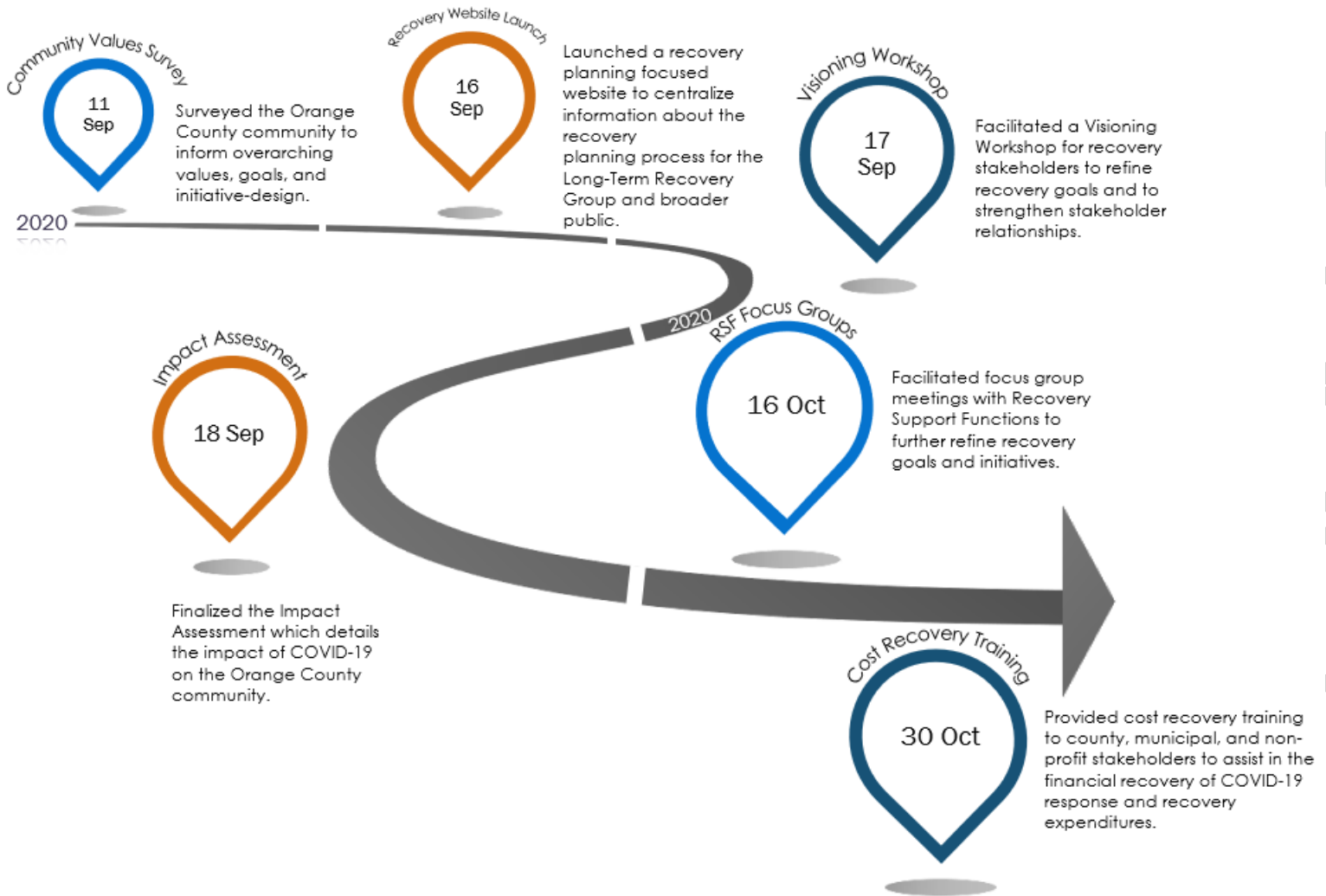
Project Phases



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Recovery Activity Update



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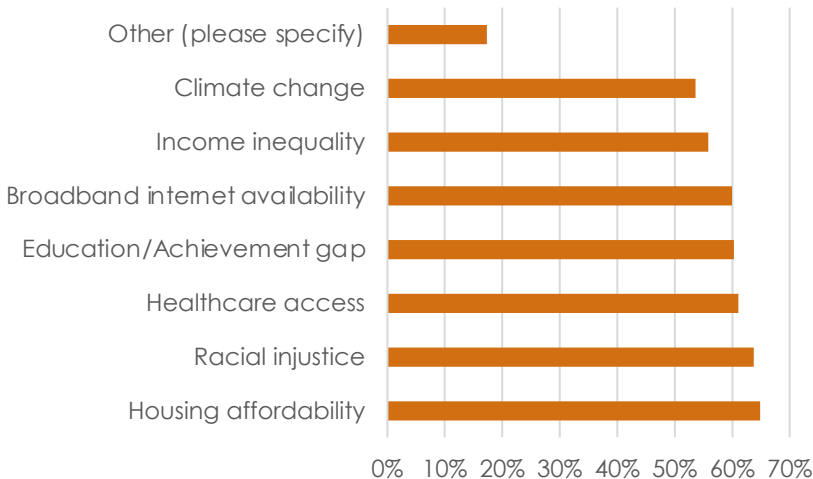
Key Findings: Community Values Survey

From August 31 to September 11, 2020, the Long-Term Recovery Group conducted a community survey to gather community input on recovery initiatives and priorities. The survey collected 1,535 responses from community members.

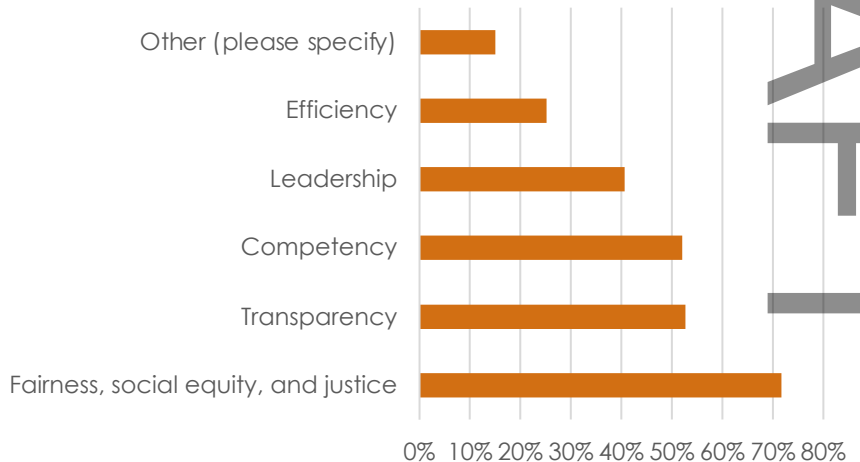
The graphics below summarize the top values of the Orange County community. Other values include environmental stewardship, diversity/inclusion/accessibility, communication and engagement, responsible spending, and safety.

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Priority Issues



Community Values



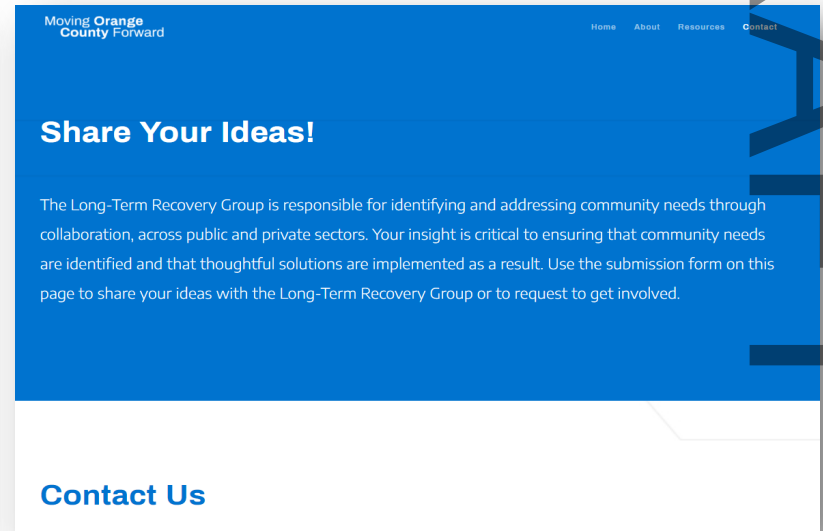
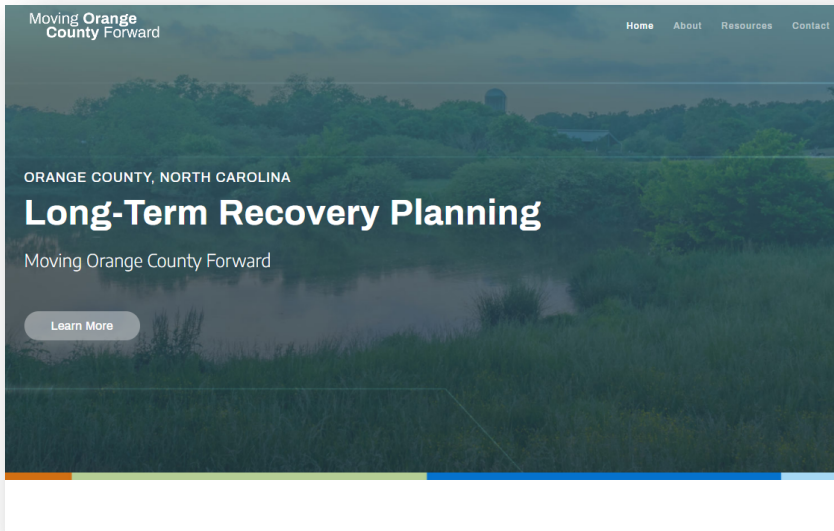


Website Launch

On September 16, 2020, the Orange County Recovery Planning Website was launched to centralize recovery efforts and actions taken by the group.

The website includes an “About” page detailing the Long-Term Recovery Group’s purpose and identified Recovery Support Functions. Additionally, the website houses meeting materials, planning documents, project timeline, and a contact submission box for community inquiries or concerns.

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Key Findings: Impact Assessment

- Black and Latinx communities are contracting COVID-19 at notably disproportionate rates in Orange County, mirroring a similar trend across the United States.
- Most individuals who contract COVID-19 are under 49 years old and many are under 30, indicating high infection rates in younger adult populations within Orange County.
- Job loss was five percent lower in Orange County than the national average. The industry breakdown of Orange County, with roughly 23.1% of jobs being those in the educational services sector and 16.2% in the healthcare and social assistance sector, may have created stability for the County but statistically camouflage the impact of unemployment in other sectors.
- Between January and July 2020, the Orange County Emergency Housing Assistance Fund helped divert 365 households from eviction and/or homelessness, compared to 26 households in 2019 (1000%+ increase).
- Moving to an online learning environment has been challenging for many families in Orange County. In 2018, Orange County cited 5,000 households in rural areas that are underserved by broadband internet.

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Recovery and Transformation Goals

The Planning Support Team identified five preliminary (draft) recovery goals for Orange County through the Community Values Survey, recovery stakeholder input, and community needs exposed through the COVID-19 Impact Assessment.

Long-Term Recovery and Transformation Goals

- Address fundamental needs of all residents;
- Create safe, stable, and affordable housing solutions;
- Promote a dynamic, equitable, and sustainable economic recovery;
- Streamline access to community-based resources; and
- Combat the negative effects of social distancing.

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Engage BIPOC Community Leaders

- Work with the Department of Human Rights and Relations to engage BIPOC community leaders to validate and help design the Recovery and Transformation Plan.



Recovery and Transformation Plan

- Continue to refine initiatives and strategies based on community and stakeholder input, to inform the Recovery and Transformation Plan.

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Thank You!

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