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TITLE:

Orange County Recovery and Transformation Plan Update

PURPOSE: To discuss and provide feedback on the Orange County Recovery and Transformation Plan.

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INFORMATION: The town has been participating in a countywide recovery planning effort jointly funded by Orange County, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and Carrboro through CARES funds. In May, 2020 the Town Council received a [report <https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4538374&GUID=E779D265-7B64-452A-BD7F-1C5CB30C1EB1&Options=ID|Text|&Search=recovery>](https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4538374&GUID=E779D265-7B64-452A-BD7F-1C5CB30C1EB1&Options=ID|Text|&Search=recovery) by Travis Myren, Orange County Deputy County Manager outlining the recovery planning process. In the [November 10, 2020 agenda <https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4688915&GUID=B6969C1F-DBBC-4180-94F9-3A0B02499116&Options=ID|Text|&Search=recovery>](https://carrboro.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4688915&GUID=B6969C1F-DBBC-4180-94F9-3A0B02499116&Options=ID|Text|&Search=recovery), a progress report was provided to the Town Council that outlined the project development, presented draft goals, and clarified the next steps in the process.

The goal of the recovery planning effort is to reduce weaknesses in the County's critical physical, social, and institutional systems - while creating a brighter future for all residents. The effort began with community input received from surveys, workshops, and focus groups that helped to describe and quantify the impacts of COVID-19. A diverse stakeholder group was formed to help design goals and initiatives addressing these impacts. As part of this effort, a training was also held for community partners on cost recovery, specifically focused on funding programs available to promote community resilience.

More information on the process and the plan itself can be found at
[<https://www.orangencforward.org/resources/>](https://www.orangencforward.org/resources/)

The plan's five goals are:

- 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.
- Combat the negative effects of social distancing to promote community healing.

The Plan looks at these goals from the following perspectives: Economic, Housing, Human Services, Health, Natural and Cultural Resources, Community Planning and Capacity Building, and Intergovernmental Affairs

and Public Information.

The Plan was created with significant efforts to reach communities of color and underserved populations and consider the impacts of the pandemic with a racial equity focus. This Plan will also directly relate to the GARE planning effort currently underway.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The plan identifies potential funding sources for implementation. Some of the efforts are ongoing and have dedicated funding; other strategies require additional funding. The plan may help guide the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council review the Recovery and Transformation Plan and provide feedback. The intent is for each jurisdiction to formally endorse the plan in June.