

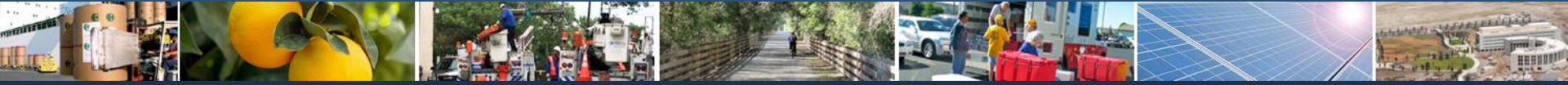
# An Overview of the ECFRPC



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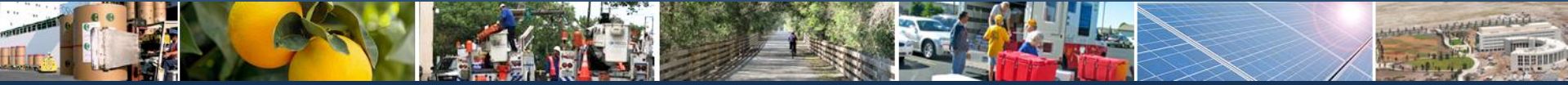
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# Organization Overview



- Established in 1962 as an area-wide association of governments
- Serves Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties
- Helped local governments and organizations receive over \$10.7 million in federal and state grants
- Return of investment is \$2.53 for every \$1 paid in dues



# Organization Overview



## Areas of Technical Expertise

- Economic Development
- Planning and Community Development
- Emergency Management
- Other areas



# Organization Overview



## Economic Development

- Council's EDD program allows governments and organizations to access EDA infrastructure grants
- Region has received over \$8.5 million to fund economic development projects in the last five years





# Organization Overview



## Planning and Community Development

- Led 24-member coalition awarded \$2.4 million HUD Sustainable Communities Grant
- Orange County and the City of Orlando received \$823,654 to plan for affordable housing near SunRail Stations



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## Emergency Management

- Council was awarded over \$400,000 to train East Central Florida first responders
- Conduct training exercises to help with emergency preparedness
- Coordinated Central Florida's largest full-scale emergency management exercise on April 6, 2017





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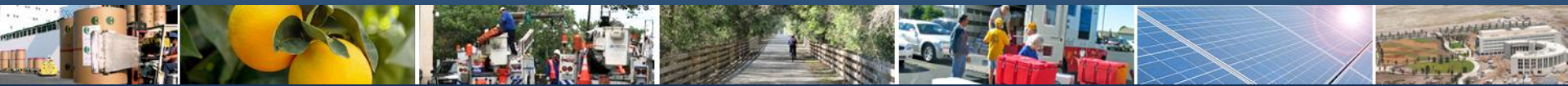


## Other Projects

- Coordinating with 7 county school boards and 4 transit systems to apply for a \$17.3 million grant to reduce their carbon footprint



# ECFRPC Presentation



- Orange County Projects



# Orange County Projects



## Project Development and Funding

- Completed in partnership with local governments and organizations
- Paid with small state grants and contracts
- Project budget supplemented with dues money paid by member governments

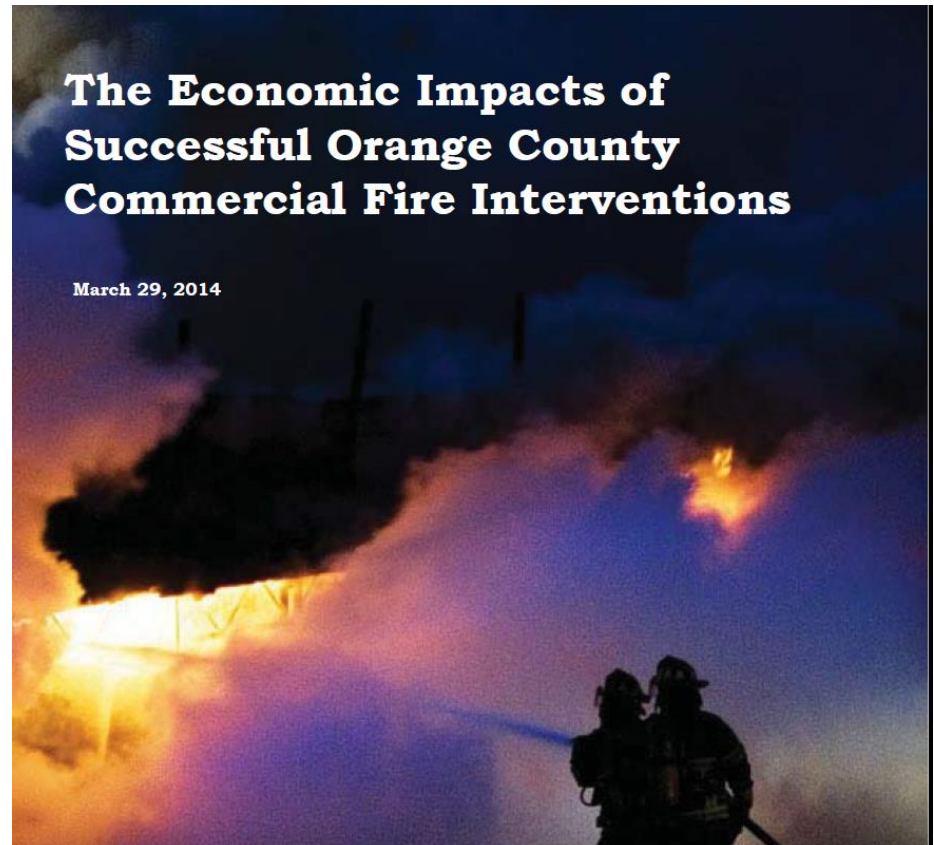


# Orange County Projects



## Economic Impact of Orange County Fire Services

- Partnership with Orange County Fire Department and University of Central Florida
- Used REMI software to calculate potential job and economic losses had OCFD not successfully fought the fires





# Orange County Projects



## International Drive Economic Impact Analysis

- Partnership with I-Drive Improvement District
- First project to analyze the economic impact of this corridor
- Developed methodology to estimate total number of I-Drive visitors and economic impact of visitor spending



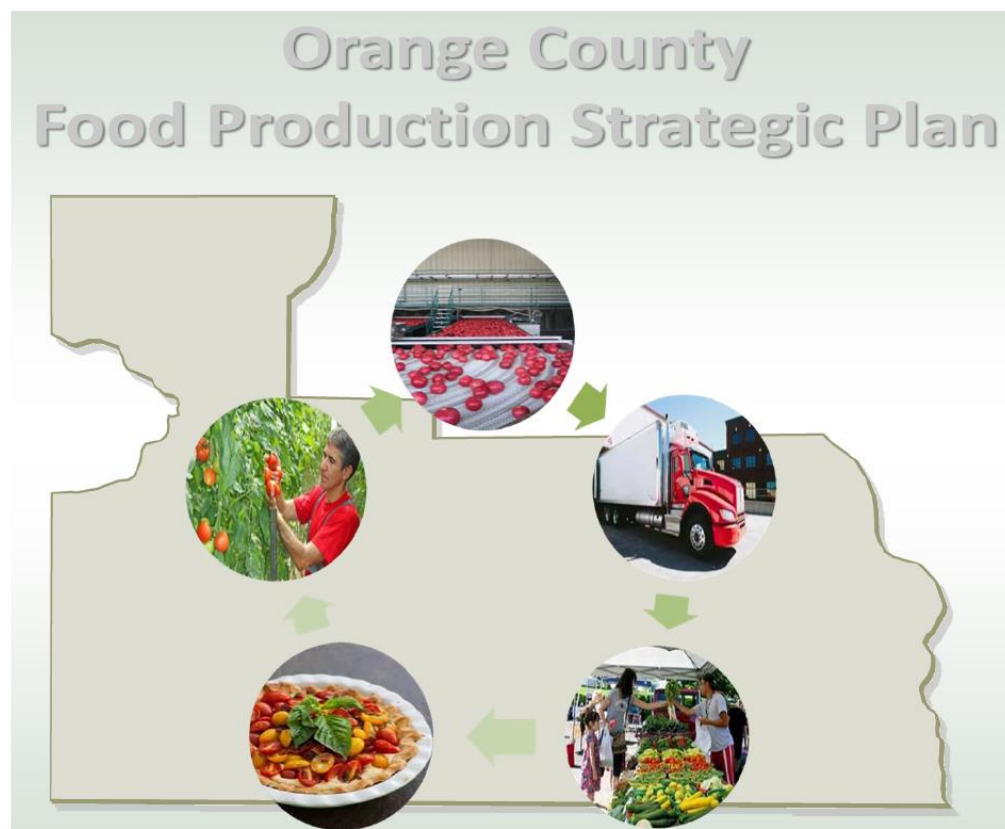


# Orange County Projects



## Orange County Food Production Strategic Plan

- Partnership with Good Food Central Florida
- Paid with \$30,000 grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity
- Assess Orange County's food production system and developed strategies to strengthen this sector



# Orange County Projects



## Lift Orlando Health Impact Assessment

- Partnership with Winter Park Health Foundation and Lift Orlando
- Paid with \$20,000 grant from Winter Park Health Foundation
- Evaluate health and wellness component of Lift Orlando's Strategic Plan



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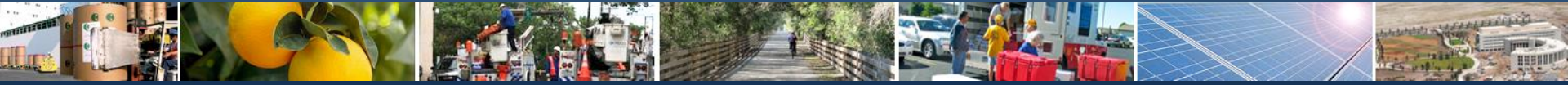


## Other Technical Assistance Projects

- Ocoee Trail Planning and Urban Design
- Transportation Corridor Analysis and Support
  - Orange/Osceola/Brevard Transportation Corridor
  - 408/SR50 Transportation Corridor
- Community Assistance (ex: Holden Heights, Eatonville, Parramore)
- Cross-Jurisdiction Outreach and Dispute Resolution
- Coast to Coast Trail
- Community Health Needs Assessment
- Creative Village and Parramore Affordable Housing Assistance



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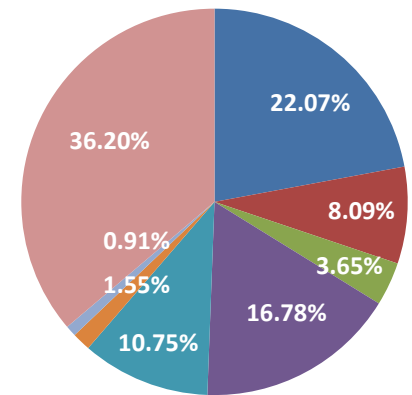


# ECFRPC Operations



## Role of County Dues

- Used to pay agency operational expenses
  - Account for about 36% of the council expenses
- Used to Satisfy matching fund requirements for various grant programs
- Reduced from \$0.23 to \$0.16 per capita to help local governments offset recession costs





# ECFRPC Operations



## Agency Budget

- Since 2008, Orange County has saved \$637,729 in dues when compared to the previous rate
- Reduction was intended to be a short-term/temporary adjustment
- State funding has been vetoed since 2012



# ECFRPC Operations



## ECFRPC Budget Adjustments

- Reduced staffing levels by 40%
- Reduced staff benefits by 10%
- Reduced rent costs by \$60,000 annually



# ECFRPC Operations



- To continue key activities and level of service, the ECFRPC is requesting an increase in per capita dues from \$0.16 to \$0.2089 for fiscal year 2018.
- This proposed rate is lower than what the county paid in 2008
- The rate increase would result in a \$62,610 increase in dues





# Questions?

