County of Orange Launches Interactive Budget Tool

“OpenGov” offers online, finger-tip access to County budget; it’s part of a financial transparency effort made accessible via technology.

(Santa Ana, CA) — For members of the general public and County of Orange employees alike, a new, online financial data tool provides access to the County budget like never before. And it provides the ability to analyze and share financial data in a few clicks.

Launched today, the tool is called OpenGov. It is one element of the County’s effort to deliver financial transparency. The County is also refreshing its web pages to provide easier pathways to accessing financial and budget-related background information.

Through OpenGov, users can, for example, find budget reports and spending and revenue details displayed in highly readable graphs and charts. Users also can drill down into details of individual or multiple County departments and agencies, to compare, contrast and analyze current and historical data.

It offers County employees opportunities for analyzing and presenting budget data, using a dynamic, interactive tool that is updated monthly and features user-friendly graphical illustrations.

Click here to try it out: http://ocgov.com/about/openoc

“This tool empowers the public with meaningful information about County government by providing easy access to the budget,” said County CEO Mike Giancola. “It also enables County staff to visually support and demonstrate our data-driven decisions. I see it as a real asset and a reflection of the County’s emphasis on excellence and delivering financial transparency.”
“Orange County is setting a new standard in financial transparency and access,” says Zachary Bookman, CEO and co-founder of OpenGov.com. "By transforming the way they share and analyze financial data, the OC is engaging residents and staff with highly visual, meaningful information about the County’s budget and priorities."

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About OpenGov:
OpenGov is a financial data platform that advances the way state and local governments do business. By transforming the way budget data is accessed, visualized, and analyzed, OpenGov enables government administrators to make smarter, data-driven decisions and empowers the public with meaningful information about their government’s finances. The OpenGov platform provides instant online access to the budget, and interactively displays current and historic revenue and expenses down to the department and object level. The expanding OpenGov network includes more than 180 leading governments across 30 states. Learn more at http://opengov.com/.