

Recompete Wrap Up Meeting Summary

October 29, 2024

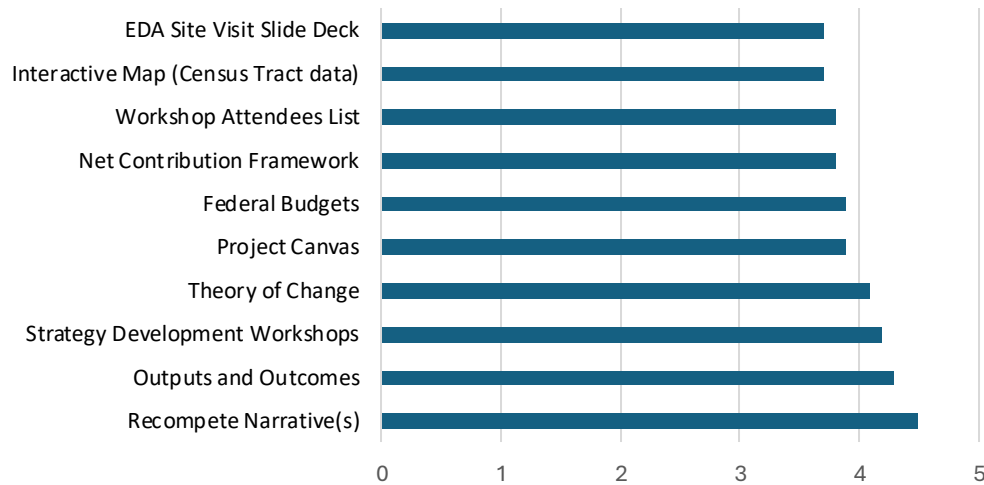
SHARED RESOURCES

Meeting participants were asked to provide feedback on the shared resources from the Recompete process.

- Highest valued resource: Recompete Narrative(s) - 4.5 average
- Most frequently applied resource: Strategy Development
- 36% of respondents were new/first-time participants

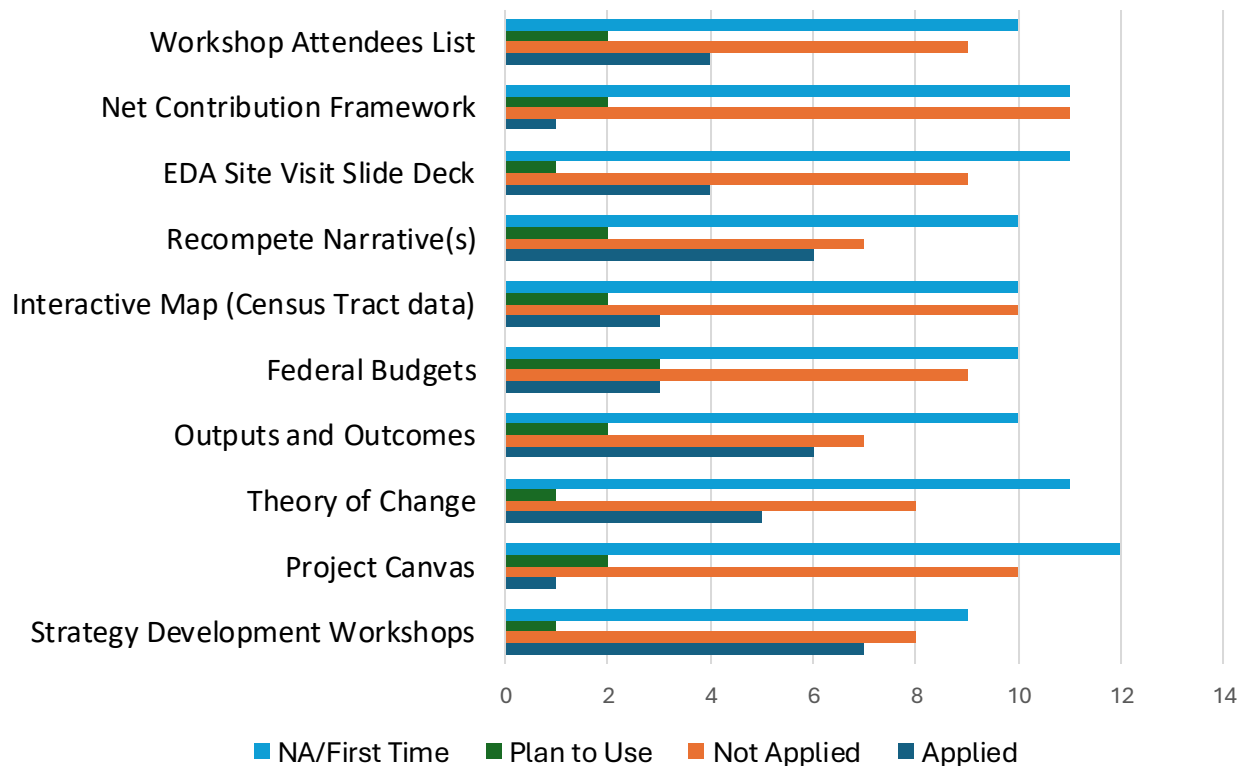
Average Rating of Recompete Resources

5 = Most Valuable, 1 = Least Valuable / Responses n=20



Use of Recompete Resources

Number of responses = 20



LEARNING JOURNEYS

Participants were asked to share their Recompete learning journey with the following prompts: Where did you start? What did you learn? How have you applied those learnings to meet organizational and/or community goals? What actions have you taken? Where will you go next?

Stage	Count	Percentage	Key Characteristics
Initial/First Time	6	24%	First exposure, learning about ecosystem
Early Learning	4	16%	Beginning to understand scope, some disconnection
Mid-Stage	5	20%	Active learning, starting to see opportunities
Active Development / Implementation	7	28%	Applying learnings, creating programs
Reengagement	3	12%	Returning with new perspective, seeking reconnection

Summary of key themes from learning journeys:

1. Organizational Evolution

- Movement from individual to collaborative thinking
- Shift from observation to active participation
- Recognition of need for structural support (particularly staff/resources)
- Strong desire to build sustainable programs

2. Resource Recognition Frequently Mentioned Tools:

- Interactive mapping (especially for geographic understanding)
- Theory of Change framework
- Output/Outcome planning tools
- Strategic workshops

3. Partnership Development Common Threads:

- Cross-sector collaboration interest
- Rural-urban connections
- Recognition of complementary strengths
- Desire to avoid redundancy in efforts

4. Implementation Challenges Consistent Barriers:

- Funding limitations
- Volunteer capacity constraints
- Need for sustained momentum
- Geographic inclusion challenges

5. Forward-Looking Elements Dominant Themes:

- Grant pursuit and funding alignment
- Program scaling opportunities
- Digital equity focus
- Workforce development integration

The pattern analysis suggests a dynamic ecosystem with strong potential for collaborative success, provided appropriate support structures are maintained and enhanced. Continued ecosystem growth and collaboration requires:

1. Recognition of varying capacity and resource needs at different stages
2. Tiered support systems matching organization stage
3. Opportunity for peer mentoring across stages
4. Importance of maintaining engagement and convenings
5. Value of documenting and sharing success stories

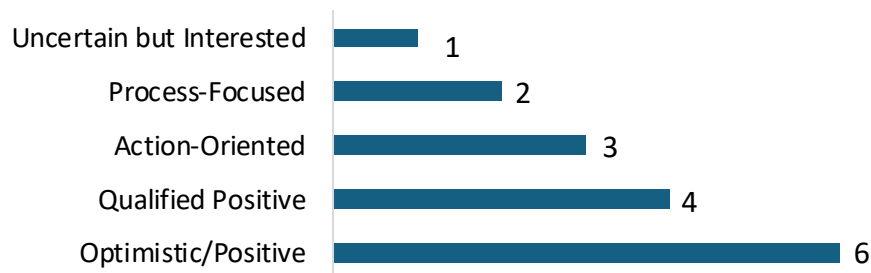
REGIONAL COLLABORATION + COGOVERNANCE

Participants were asked to identify opportunities for regional collaboration and co-governance. Two key themes emerged from their responses.

- **Link + Leverage Existing Assets:** Responses indicated a strong recognition of the need for collaboration that builds on existing strengths in the region, particularly around digital equity, workforce development, and cross-border opportunities. Participants specifically noted the potential to break larger initiatives into manageable projects that could create momentum through early wins while building toward larger systemic change. The feedback consistently emphasized leveraging current partnerships and resources rather than creating entirely new structures.
- **Develop Co-governance:** Participants highlighted the importance of creating formal coordination mechanisms that can sustain collaboration beyond initial grant funding or specific projects. They emphasized the need for structured regular meetings, clear processes for shared decision-making, and dedicated resources for coordination. Many noted that while past collaborative efforts have shown promise, they often faltered due to lack of sustainable infrastructure and dedicated staff capacity. The responses suggest strong support for establishing more permanent co-governance structures, particularly those that can bridge across sectors (government, nonprofit, business) and geographies (rural-urban, cross-border) while ensuring equitable voice and representation in decision-making.

How are you feeling about the opportunity for regional collaboration and co-governance?

(N=16 of 25 participants responded)



Have you started implementing the early stages of any of the projects you or partners proposed for the Recompete grant? (N=14 responses)

Response	Count	Percentage	
YES	4	29%	Clear affirmative responses
NO	8	57%	Clear negative responses
N/A or Not Yet	2	14%	Responses indicating "not applicable" or timing issues

What questions do you have that you would like addressed at the next meeting? (N=12 of 25 participants)

Response Theme	Count	Representative Quotes
Funding Opportunities	4	"Other funding opportunities, federal govt or other regional/state/national funders"; "Who can help/write grants"
Implementation Steps	3	"How we can I.D. a public entity to help manage collaborative opportunities"; "Creating a roadmap of immediate needs ('collaborative')"
Partnership Development	3	"What entities are interested in providing digital & technical creative skills to youth + adults to serve business, residents + nonprofit"
Status Updates	2	"Would like to explore in what way we should continue being involved"