



# Museum of Coastal Carolina Ingram Planetarium

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## **Ocean Isle Museum Foundation Awarded Grant**

Ocean Isle Beach, NC – The Ocean Isle Museum Foundation, Inc. (OIMF) announced that it has been awarded a mini-grant of \$3,647 administered by the NC Science Network, a collaborative of 25 museums across the state. The grant money received was provided by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF). BWF believes that a diverse scientific workforce is essential to the process and advancement of research innovation, academic discovery, and public service. BWF makes grants primarily to degree-granting institutions on behalf of individual researchers. To complement these competitive award programs, BWF also makes grants to nonprofit organizations conducting activities intended to improve the general environment for science. These funds have been applied to OIMF's skylase system at Ingram Planetarium in Sunset Beach and will provide programs for many years. This system engages families as a whole with the ultimate goal of teaching STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education.

OIMF is very appreciative that the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation, working with the NC Science Network, sees the benefit of investing in our foundation and other museums across the state. With our growth, we will continue to draw in patrons, a benefit to all of our businesses in the community.

OIMF welcomes other corporations to join us in our endeavor to educate our community. Anyone interested in becoming a corporate sponsor can contact OIMF Executive Director Terry Bryant at 910-579-1016.

The Museum of Coastal Carolina is located at 21 East Second Street, Ocean Isle Beach, NC. Ingram Planetarium is located at 7625 High Market Street, Sunset Beach, NC. Admission is free for members. Regular admission rates apply to nonmembers. Please note that the museum and planetarium are closed during the month of January. For more information about the Museum of Coastal Carolina and Ingram Planetarium, call 910-579-1016 or visit [www.MuseumPlanetarium.org](http://www.MuseumPlanetarium.org).