

# ***O.C.E.A.N., INC. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT***

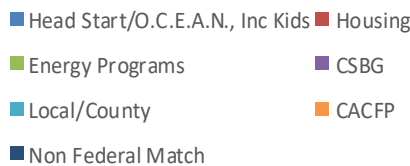


## ***PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY PERSPECTIVE***

***CONTINUED WORK THROUGH THE  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND BEYOND***

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## O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Funding and Impact Chart



**FOR EVERY CSBG DOLLAR EXPENDED,  
THE ECONOMIC IMPACT REALIZED IS  
\$18.02**

The CSBG network leveraged \$7.80 in non-federal funds for every \$1 of CSBG. Leveraging allows Community Action Agencies like Ocean Inc. to maximize their impact and provide more comprehensive programs and services.

**In 2021, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. leveraged \$9,845,922 to produce an Economic impact in the community.**



### HEAD START

*Served 472 children & their families through the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Head Start and LEAP EHS. 100% of the children received dental exams and 98% received medical exams*

### HOUSING

*150 affordable rentals; 8 1st Time Homebuyer closings; 345 1st Time Counseling & 199 Rental Asst/Counseling*

### HOME ENERGY

*Assisted 12,163 households*

### WEATHERIZATION

*Assisted 158 households*

### Food Distribution

*Assisted 13,999 households*

*Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand  
"COVID-19 highlights how truly interdependent we all are. How reliant we are on cooperation, communication, and compassion to successfully combat the virus. It highlights how important it is that we work together for a sustainable recovery that delivers for our economies and our planet."*

*Volkan Bozkır, President of the United Nations General Assembly  
"During the pandemic, the most vulnerable have been the hardest hit ... We must increase our resilience. We must work together and take an integrated approach to health, hunger, climate, and equity crisis-no one is safe from COVID-19 until everyone is safe."*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Mission Statement

As the Community Action Agency for low to moderate income residents, O.C.E.A.N., Inc. is committed to providing quality and comprehensive services that improve the quality of life of individuals and families and assist them in moving toward self-sufficiency.

We accomplish our mission by:

- ◆ Identifying community needs and advocating solutions.
- ◆ Utilizing available resources to promote the growth, development, and personal independence of our customers.
- ◆ Taking a leadership role in the strengthening and nurturing of partnerships in our communities.

## Pandemic needs continued in 2021 and so did Ocean Inc.'s Intensive Case Management Program

The coronavirus pandemic has had a large impact on the agencies Intensive Case Management Program as we continued to see an increased need for rental and mortgage assistance as cases rose.

In 2021, Ocean Inc. was awarded NJDCA Comprehensive Eviction Prevention funding by United Community Corporation (UCC) to ensure households were made aware of all assistance available in submitting eviction prevention self-certification forms and rental assistance applications.

We learned that often times people didn't know where to turn for help. Overall it was critical for Ocean Inc. to continue providing both in-person and virtual outreach throughout communities since so many individuals and families were affected by the pandemic. ◆

## New Ocean Inc. Partnerships Were Formed in 2021



The Ocean Inc. Mobile Kitchen Trailer continued to traverse throughout communities and reached a milestone of 10,000 meals served in 2021.

Additional new partnerships evolved included Ideal Institute of Technology in Atlantic County. Every piece they built, also built the students. Each day students at the Ideal Institute of Technology (Ideal Builders) learned different techniques and skills to get the job done. As they progressed through the build, they became more comfortable using different power tools and working on projects to prepare them for the workforce and their future.



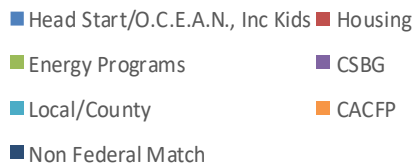
These programs were funded in part by Ocean Inc. from funding through the NJDCA Discretionary and Non-Discretionary Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

Coming Soon! Lincoln Tech Trade School at the Ocean Inc. location at 200 N. Texas Ave in AC and the 2022 Community Action JazzFest is scheduled for 9-17-22. ◆

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## O.C.E.A.N., Inc. 2021 Agency Funding

## Major Programs



HEAD START	\$ 5,943,523
HOUSING	\$ 3,227,899
ENERGY PROGRAMS	\$ 2,828,822
CSBG	\$ 2,562,991
LOCAL/COUNTY	\$ 858,666
CACFP	\$ 115,657
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 1,524,663
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,062,221</b>

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Weatherization Program provides services in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, and the agency continues to assist first time homebuyers through the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Housing Counseling Program including virtual community education seminars (budget/credit repair for First Time Homebuyers). Ocean Inc. completed the construction of six units for Veterans in Pine Beach.

These and other programs were made possible through Federal, State, and local grants as well as grants and donations from private sources such as United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Lakewood BlueClaws, PNC Bank, Wells Fargo, OceanFirst Foundation and others.

The year ahead promises to be challenging and rewarding. ♦

## Continuation of the National Emergency

In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to have a detrimental impact on the welfare of many residents within our region. The pandemic, through its devastating health and economic consequences continued to impact people's lives and livelihoods and disrupted societies, economies, and their development. This occurred in conjunction with the inevitable challenges on the road to equitable, sustainable development and the achievement of goals and objectives.

As we work with all populations to address the pandemic and work toward recovery, we are tapping every opportunity to achieve sustainable growth, promote inclusion and build on the programs we have developed. We are moving to strengthen those affected and remain firmly committed to helping individuals and families emerge from the pandemic and move toward a resilient, and inclusive recovery. ♦

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## Ocean Inc. Food Distribution in 2021

In 2021, the Ocean Inc. and Murphy's Chicken & Potatoes Community Feeding Tour kickoff was held at the Turning Point Day Center for the Homeless in Atlantic City using the new mobile kitchen unit funded by NJDCA.

As the Community Action Agency serving Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May Counties, Ocean Inc. utilized CSBG Discretionary funds for the purpose of purchasing the mobile kitchen trailer for emergent needs. Through this funding, we will continue to serve disadvantaged/vulnerable populations including homeless populations at locations spanning multiple counties.

The use of the new Ocean Inc. mobile kitchen trailer aligns with the Governors report on resiliency within programs. Families and individuals (including youth) within the Ocean Inc. region face difficult and harmful challenges such as poverty and access to nutritional foods during and as we begin to emerge from the pandemic. At the event, meals were prepared for the homeless and also distributed to seniors and other homebound residents who were not physically able to attend the Community Feeding event. ♦



*AC participants accepted hot meals during the event*



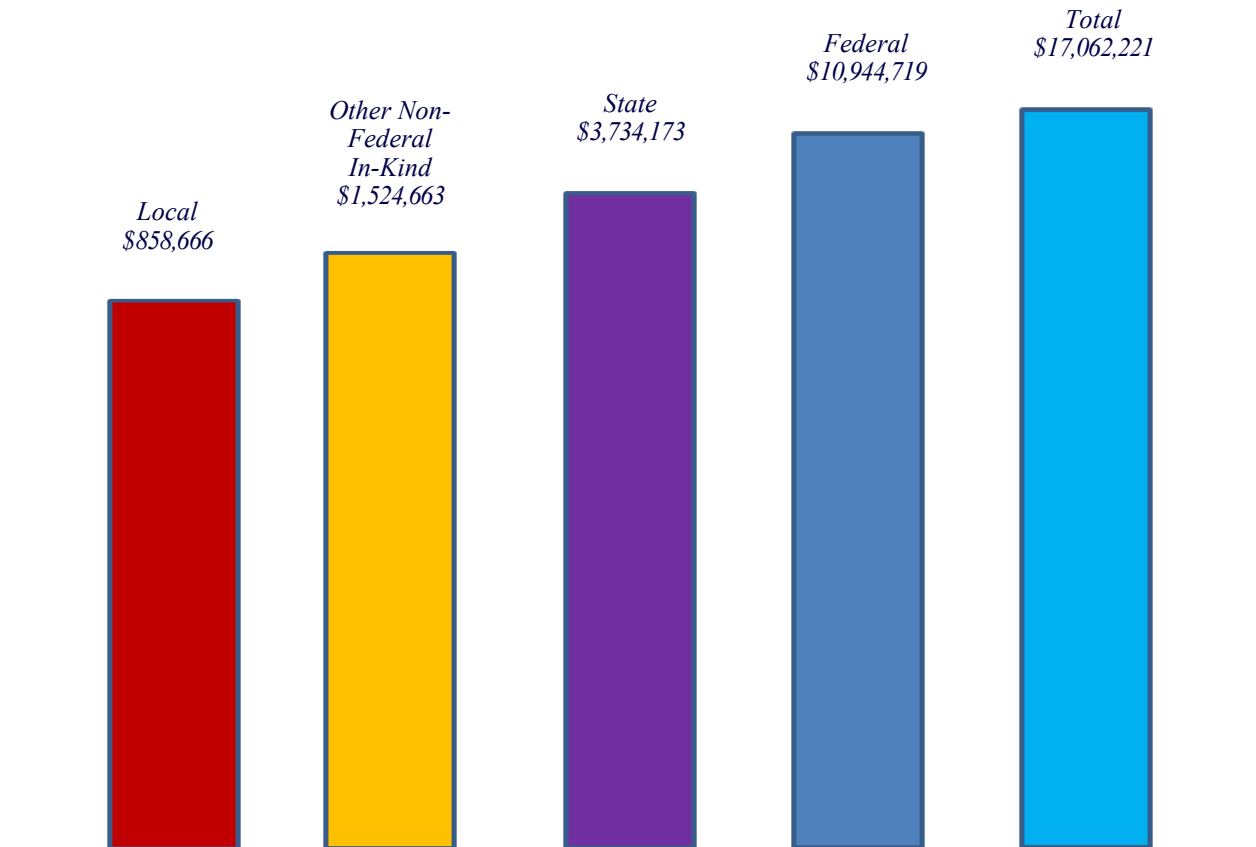
*Chef Andre Murphy of the Community Feeding Tour*

**“A hot, wholesome meal served by people who care can do so much to feed the body and soul of people who are struggling to make ends meet,”** said Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, who serves as DCA Commissioner. **“We are eager to see O.C.E.A.N., Inc. partner with community organizations to bring this mobile kitchen to places where it can make a real difference and even serve as a catalyst for positive change in people’s lives.”**

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## Public and Private Funding 2021

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. has provided services to those in need for over 57 years. Currently, the agency raises funding through Federal, State and Local sources to support families in many communities. O.C.E.A.N., Inc. could not provide these high quality services without this support.



### Statewide ‘Shop with a Cop/Hero’



The Statewide ‘Shop with a Cop/Hero’ was conducted in 2021 with events coordinated throughout New Jersey. From December 13, 2021 thru December 18, 2021 and with the support of Walmart, the Police Athletic League (PAL), Ocean Inc., United Community Corporation, United Progress Inc., Affordable Housing Alliance, Somerset Community Action Program, Gateway Community Action Partnership and Greater Bergen Community Action Inc. hosted the 2nd Annual Shop with a Cop. The week-long Shop with a Cop/Hero Program was not just about taking the children shopping, it was a fun filled day for a number of kids during the holidays while creating a bond with local police officers. ♦

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## First Ever Asian Consulate and Resource Day in Atlantic City

At the Atlantic City Convention Center, the City of Atlantic City Mayors office in collaboration with Ocean Inc. and CRDA provided the first ever in Atlantic City Asian Consulate and Resource Day.

The purpose of the event was to build a strong, positive and productive relationship between general Consulates, local government and agencies throughout Atlantic City to meet the needs of the Asian community. The event was designed to better understand the culture, values, principles and tradition in order to provide services, resources and the necessary tools to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Ocean Inc. President/CEO Channell Wilkins, discussed the collaborations formed and programs provided by Ocean Inc. “We brought our services to this event with the hope that those in attendance will learn what is available from our agency and from many other community partners in attendance today” according to Wilkins.



*Honorable Sadia Faiunnsa, Consulate General of Bangladesh discussed the enriched history with Mayor Marty Smalls Sr., Channell Wilkins, President/CEO of Ocean Inc. and others*

Honorable Marty Small, Sr. the Mayor of the City of Atlantic City welcomed all participants and presented Certificates of Appreciation to South Jersey Indian Association President KD Patel, Randhir Jaiswal, Consulate General of India, Honorable Sadia Faiunnsa, Consulate General of Bangladesh, Mohammed Khan, President of the Bangladesh Association of Atlantic County and Sai M. Mak, President of the Hoy Sun Ning Young Benevolent Association of Atlantic City.

Honorable Sadia Faiunnsa, Consulate General of Bangladesh thanked both Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small Sr. and Ocean Inc. for bringing all the communities together for this historic event. “This year is the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Bangladesh, said Consulate Sadia Faizunnesa. She discussed the historic March 7, 1971 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation of Bangladesh who is recognized by UNESCO as the world’s important documentary heritage. ♦



*Channell Wilkins, President/CEO of Ocean Inc. met with local Atlantic City Representatives*

## DIRECTORY OF O.C.E.A.N., INC. SERVICE LOCATIONS

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