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Lighthouse Works Receives \$40,000 Grant
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Lighthouse Works, an organization that provides competitive job opportunities for blind and visually impaired adults, has received a \$40,000 grant from Bank of America. The funds will support operating costs for the organization, which provides supply chain management, contact center services, digital accessibility and contract management solutions.

“Since our inception in 2011, Lighthouse Works has paid over \$4.5 million in wages to Central Floridians living with visual impairments and blindness,” said Kyle Johnson, president and CEO of Lighthouse Works and Lighthouse Central Florida. “This grant is highly impactful for our organization, and we are grateful to Bank of America for selecting us. These funds will help us continue to create competitive employment opportunities for local residents living with disabilities, who are often left behind in the workforce.”

Bank of America’s Workforce Development grant addresses two key factors in improving economic mobility: basic needs fundamental to building life-long stability, including access to food, shelter and health services, and access to educational and workforce development services that build pathways to employment, including providing resources to rebuild careers that may have been impacted by the pandemic.

“Helping communities like the ones Lighthouse Works Inc. serves is part of our ongoing strategic investment in Orlando and the surrounding communities,” said Steven Alch, president, Bank of America Orlando. “Our goal with this investment is to drive economic opportunity and upward mobility for individuals and families looking for lifelong stability.”

Lighthouse Works is the social enterprise subsidiary of nonprofit [Lighthouse Central Florida](https://www.LighthouseCentralFlorida.org), which provides life-changing vision rehabilitation services in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties. For more information about Lighthouse Works, visit www.LighthouseWorks.org.

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