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Bank of America Awards Hartford Public Library Workforce Development Grant

Hartford, Connecticut (October 31, 2012) – Bank of America recently awarded Hartford Public Library a \$20,000 workforce development grant to support CTWorks@HPL, a collaborative one-stop career center. The center connects diverse, low-income unemployed and underemployed individuals to livable wage jobs and other employment opportunities by offering on-site resources, job services, and occupational skills training.

“Supporting organizations that connect people to jobs is an important part of our efforts to improve the local economy,” said Kevin Cunningham, Connecticut president, Bank of America. [“CTWorks@HPL has already proven an incredible resource for hardworking men and women looking to get back into the workforce, or enter it for the first time.”](#)

CTWorks@HPL is an innovative partnership between Hartford Public Library and Capital Workforce Partners, the North Central Connecticut region’s workforce board, and is located at the downtown library at 500 Main Street. The center first opened in July and in just three months has assisted over 1,000 individuals in their quests for jobs, training and career assistance.

“We are appreciate Bank of America’s commitment to the library and to its community by supporting an initiative that helps Hartford citizens find the jobs they need,” said Matt Poland, Hartford Public Library’s chief executive officer.

About [Hartford Public Library](#)

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit hplct.org and the library’s new blog at blogs.hplct.org

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