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The Dot Experience Receives \$250,000 Grant from James Graham Brown Foundation

The grant will support The Dot Experience's mission of inclusivity and accessibility.

Louisville, KY (November 13, 2025) - The Dot Experience is honored to announce that it has been awarded a \$250,000 James Graham Brown Foundation Quality of Life Grant for 2025. The grant will be used to support the attraction's mission of changing perspectives about blindness, encouraging people to act in their own ways to make the world more welcoming for everyone, and leading as a model museum of inclusivity.

"We are immensely grateful to the James Graham Brown Foundation for its generous support," said Jo Haas, Vice President of Advancement and The Dot Experience. "This prestigious grant will support our goal of creating a fully immersive, accessible experience for our visitors, ensuring all who visit feel welcome and free to explore and learn."

The Dot Experience will be an innovative museum that incorporates elements of an attraction, a factory tour, and a center of education. Featuring people who are blind or have low vision, it will bring together historical and modern-day figures to share their lived experiences of success, struggle, and reality. Centered on human connection and innovation, The Dot Experience has been designed with an unprecedented set of applied inclusive design standards, allowing all visitors an immersive and interactive experience.

"The James Graham Brown Foundation is proud to support The Dot Experience and its vision to make Louisville a national leader in accessibility and inclusion," said Mason Rummel, President and CEO of the James Graham Brown Foundation. "This project exemplifies how innovation and collaboration can strengthen our community's identity and inspire lasting change."

The James Graham Brown Foundation is dedicated to making transformative philanthropic investments in Louisville that build, strengthen, and advance the city. In 2023, the Foundation distributed grants totaling \$12,575,511. The work carried out by [Quality of Life](#)

grant recipients must contribute to a positive image of the community by furthering organizational missions in strategic and substantial ways.

About The Dot Experience

Currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2026, this innovative museum will incorporate elements of an attraction, a factory tour, and a center of education. Extending from APH, The Dot Experience's mission is to change perspectives about blindness and empower individual action toward a world that welcomes everyone. APH has operated in Louisville, KY since 1858 as the world's largest nonprofit organization creating accessible learning experiences through educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are blind or low vision.

About the James Graham Brown Foundation

The James Graham Brown Foundation was established in 1954 by the noted lumberman, horseman and entrepreneur. Since its founding, the organization has awarded nearly 4,000 grants totaling over \$685 million. The foundation funds a variety of causes and local charities working in the areas of education, human services, economic development, cultural and civic projects.