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Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Awards Grant to Foundation Communities



Pictured l to r: David Long, TSAHC President; Cynthia Leon, TSAHC Board Member; State Representative Eddie Rodriguez; and Julian Huerta, Director of Programs for Foundation Communities

(Austin)—Foundation Communities accepted a \$50,000 grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation today. Accepting the check on behalf of Foundation Communities was Julian Huerta, Director of Programs for Foundation Communities. The grant was presented by Cynthia Leon, Board Member of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation and Texas State Representative Eddie Rodriguez.

“During these tough economic times, organizations like Foundation Communities are more important than ever,” said Cynthia Leon, Board Member of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. “Foundation Communities’ supportive services are essential to the well-being of families and individuals who are at risk of homelessness in Austin. We are excited to partner with Foundation Communities to serve such an underserved community.”

“Due to the current economic picture, low-income families in Travis County more than ever need the services provided by Foundation Communities and other vital programs like it,” said State Representative Eddie Rodriguez (D-Austin). “This grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation will allow greater numbers of underserved families to have access to safe, decent and affordable housing.”

“We are very grateful for this support,” said Julian Huerta, Director of Program for Foundation Communities. “The money will pay for critical case management and social services that keep people housed.”

The grant, part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program, will be used to fund supportive housing services for the residents of multifamily apartment complexes in Austin. The grant will enable Foundation Communities to enhance supportive housing services for homeless single adults and homeless families with children. Foundation Communities anticipates serving 432 individuals and 78 families through these supportive housing services programs. This grant will be used to fund direct costs associated with the provision of supportive housing services. Foundation Communities has created supportive housing services that work to end homelessness, while increasing the income, health and well-being of its residents.

Foundation Communities received one of five grants awarded this year across Texas by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation as part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program. Eligible grant applicants were nonprofit organizations and rural government entities. Specifically, grants were awarded for the construction, rehabilitation and/or critical repair of owner-occupied single family homes and for the provision of supportive services in multifamily housing. Income levels of families served through this grant must be at 50% of the Area Medium Income or less.

About Foundation Communities

Foundation Communities is a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization that creates high-quality affordable housing and empowers families and individuals with low incomes through programs that educate, support, and improve financial standing. Founded in 1989, Foundation Communities creates housing where families succeed. Foundation Communities is a member agency of United Way Capital Area and a charter member of NeighborWorks America, a national network of more than 240 community-based organizations creating healthy communities. To learn more, visit www.foundcom.org.