



**RCA  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/17/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve the negotiation and execution of a deferred forgivable loan to FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES, INC., Austin, TX, or its affiliate in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 under the Public Facilities Program for construction of a learning center in the Vintage Creek Apartments, 7224 Northeast Drive, to provide various resources to at-risk youth, including tutoring, job-readiness classes and mentoring activities.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development budget allocation under the Public Facilities Program.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Neighborhood Housing      **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** and Community      **AUTHORIZATION:** Paul Hilgers  
Development

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Hilgers, Community Development Officer, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3108.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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Foundation Communities seeks to build a new 4,827 square foot learning center in the Vintage Creek Apartment complex. The total cost of the project is \$600,000. Foundation Communities plans to leverage the remaining balance with private donations that include \$150,000 from the Susan and Michael Dell Foundation, \$200,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, and \$150,000 from various private foundations.

Foundation Communities was established in 1984 and is a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and community development programs in Austin. They currently provide after-school programming to disadvantaged youth. These services include tutoring, job-readiness classes, and mentoring activities.

The requested funds will assist Foundation Communities in the construction of a learning center on property they currently own. They currently serve 180 disadvantaged youth who live both in the Vintage Creek Apartments and in the surrounding neighborhood. The proposed learning center will double participation in services and will serve 360 youth.