FCD to Receive **Grant from Ford Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the Foundation for Community Development announced concurrently last
Thursday the awarding of a
\$200,000 grant to FCD by the
Ford Foundation to support its program through the early spring of 1974, and that FCD's Executive Director Allard A. Allston, is resigning in

September to enter law school.
William R. Holloman, chairman of the FCD board stated "FCD is given the responsibility of providing a basic 'first chance' for organizations started by people who are poor. We are pleased that the Ford Foundation has retained some interest in our efforts being made in North Carolina to broaden poor and Black peoples understanding of the dynamics of how and by whom things get done. It is clear to us that those who understand these dynamics are the people who will control our institutions. We are equally pleased that Allard Allston, although' resigning, will continue to be closely affiliated with our operations."

The activities of FCD for the past four years have focused on community-based programs, which include:

1. Developing educational techniques to assist the poor to a better understanding of the many systems, services, and institutions which affect the poor in their communities.

2. Training personnel, including volunteers to work with and for groups of poor, community action agencies, and other institutions with social service interests.

.. 3. Training leaders, community workers, volunteers, and administrators for organizations of the poor, and workers and volunteers for community action agencies.

4. Providing grants and technical assistance to groups of the poor for the purpose of conducting and developing self-help programs and projects designed to alleviate their poverty within the context of the democratic process.

FCD is currently involved in providing partial financing for a community-owned shopping center being developed in Rocky Mount by the Rocky Mount Development Corporation. In addition, Allston stated that FCD was in the final phases of negotiations with the North Carolina Federation of Child Development Centers and the Community Radio Workshop, WAFR-FM, which should result in FCD grants to support specific phases of these organizations' programs.

During the past twelve months FCD has made small grants to a number of North Carolina organizations including the Greensboro Association of Poor People, the Fayetteville Area Poor Peoples Organization, the Wilson Community Improvement Association and the United Organizations for Community Improvement. Small scholarships in accounting and business administration were made available at North Carolina Central University and at the Graduate School of Business, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. FCD sponsored two internship programs - an Institute in Small Venture Management conducted largely at the bureau of Business Services, the Graduate School of Business, UNC, Chapel Hill; and an intensive training program for persons running community-based early education centers throughout the state.

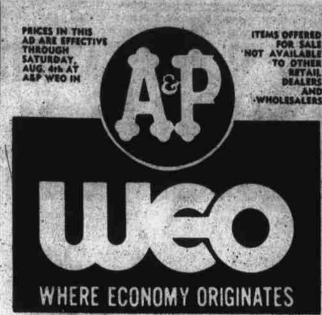
In May of this year the High Point Business Development Corporation, a group of low-income Black businessmen;

announced approval by the Small Business Administration of a loan of \$218,000 to construct the first phase of Brentwood Shopping Center in Farmington Forest subdivision on the east side of High Point. FCD provided HPBDC with a \$10,000 convertible loan to assist in purchasing the property for the center and conducted a series of workshops for the center's developers. FCD has also made loans to the Uhuru Bookstore in Greensboro, the Community Radio Workshop in Durham, and Afram, Inc. in Asheville

during the past year.

Equipment grants have been made in the last month to the Edgemont Community Center in Durham; Choanoke Area Family Life Council in Rich Square; Youth Organization for Black Unity in Greensboro; the Town of Princeville; the United Citizens Development Corporation in Tarboro; and United Durham, Incorporated. FCD is also the parent body

and major source of funding for Andamule, Incorporated, experimental farming unity located in Warren



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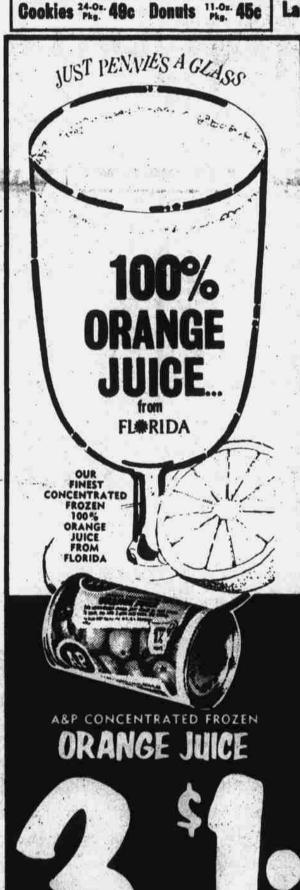
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