



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 28, 2022
SUBJECT: Conduct public hearing and consider Resolution No. 2022-018, adopting the 48th Year Community Development Block Grant Program.
PRESENTER: Kristin James, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

SUMMARY:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that a public hearing be held so that the City can receive comments and input from citizens regarding the 48th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program project.

Following the public hearing it is necessary for City Council to take action regarding the project(s) to designate for the 48th Year CDBG program. Tarrant County and the City of North Richland Hills have entered into a joint agreement whereby Tarrant County is given the authority to administer the program.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In 1996, HUD designated the City of North Richland Hills as a metropolitan city to receive direct entitlement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. On June 24, 1996 the City Council accepted the direct entitlement designation and entered into an agreement with Tarrant County for the administration of the City's CDBG program. As a result of the direct entitlement designation, the City is awarded an annual grant on a formula basis to help provide a wide range of community development activities.

CDBG funds are used in the revitalization of neighborhoods, economic development, and to provide public facilities and services for low to moderate income persons. Eligible CDBG projects include construction or rehabilitation of homes, basic infrastructure development such as water/sewer facilities, streets and other programs that target designated areas or persons. The programs/projects selected by the City must fall in the geographic target area identified by the most recent census as being in an area with low to moderate income persons.

Each program year, the City must prepare and submit a CDBG program outlining the use of these funds in accordance with HUD guidelines. Staff was informed that the City of North Richland Hills will be awarded approximately \$370,000 for the 48th Year CDBG program. Staff is proposing this money be used for the reconstruction of the entire length



of Sao Paulo Court. The reconstruction of Sao Paulo Court is being proposed as the City's 48th Year CDBG Project because the poor condition of the street makes it unfeasible to include it with the annual Preventative Street Maintenance Program since too much of the existing pavement and all of the subgrade needs to be replaced. When streets reach this condition level it is more economical to reconstruct the entire street.

The current estimate for the reconstruction is \$369,416, in line with what the projected grant funding will be. The project will be managed and paid for directly by Tarrant County.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2022-018, adopting the 48th Year Community Development Block Grant Program.