



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager **Date:** January 25, 2021

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2020-004, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Excel 4 Construction, LLC for the Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project for the 46th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project in the total contract amount of \$228,896.50.

Presenter: Caroline Waggoner, Director of Public Works

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Excel 4 Construction for the CIP Project identified as Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (CDBG21) in the Capital Projects Budget.

General Description:

The Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project marks the 46th Year in which the City of North Richland Hills will participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Although the City of North Richland Hills is an entitlement city and therefore receives CDBG funds directly, the city has contracted with Tarrant County's CDBG Department to administer the city's CDBG funds. Essentially, the city determines the projects and Tarrant County administers the projects. However, the city reviews all bids and consultant contracts and makes recommendations to Tarrant County for approval. Tarrant County therefore awards both the design consultant and construction contracts. Tarrant County's administration of the city's CDBG projects does not include construction inspection; the city will provide these services.

The project consists of reconstructing approximately 1,300 linear feet of sanitary sewer main in the far southwest portion of the city. The existing sanitary sewer main is clay tile and has reached the end of its useful life. The project includes a base bid which consists of the sewer main running between Matson Street and US 377.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for December 10, 2020. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of three (3) contractors submitted bids. The bids are summarized in the table below, including the unqualified bid for informational purposes:



Bidders	A&B Construction, LLC	Horseshoe Construction, Inc.	Excel 4 Construction, LLC
Bid Amount	\$245,357.00	\$229,001.00	\$228,896.50

Both the city and Tarrant County have had prior experience with the low bidder on projects of similar scope and size and both believe Excel 4 Construction to be a reliable contractor. Because the project low bid came in approximately \$39,000 below the CDBG construction budget amount, city staff is working with Tarrant County to expand the limits of the current project to make full use of the available funding. Once the scope has been revised and agreed to by the contractor, a change order will be brought to council for consideration.

The current project budget only includes a city pledge of \$15,000 as the CDBG funds will be administered by Tarrant County and will never actually be handled by the city. The city allocation of funds was included in the budget in the event that the project bids came in over the CDBG funding amount.

Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2021 and take 120 calendar days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2020-004, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Excel 4 Construction Company for the 46th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project identified as the Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the total contract amount of \$228,896.50.