



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** March 4, 2019
SUBJECT: Conduct Public hearing and consider Resolution No. 2019-016, adopting the 45th Year Community Development Block Grant Program
PRESENTER: Kristin James, Assistant to the City Manager

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 45th Year Community Development Block Grant program project.

Following the public hearing it is necessary for City Council to take action regarding the project to include in the 45th Year Community Development Block Grant (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 (2010 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 \$295,000 for the 45th Year CDBG program. The proposed use for this money is to reconstruct approximately 1,180 linear



feet of sanitary sewer line along Garwood Drive and 300 linear feet of sanitary sewer line along Circular Drive (see attached map). The existing sewer lines are experiencing ongoing issues due to pipe settlement in some areas. Currently there are 6" clay tile sewer lines, and the proposed lines will be 8" pvc lines.

The current estimate for the reconstruction is approximately \$295,000, 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. 2019-016, adopting the 45th Year Community Development Block Grant Program.