



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager

Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2023-070, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Don Smith Concrete, LLC, for the Sao Paulo Court Pavement Reconstruction Project for the 48th Annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project in the total contract amount of \$280,159.44.

Presenter: Nathan Frohman, City Engineer

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Don Smith Concrete, LLC for the Sao Paulo Court Pavement Reconstruction Project for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

General Description:

The Sao Paulo Court Street Reconstruction Project CDBG23 (the "Project") represents the city's 48th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. 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 the county administers the projects. However, the city reviews all bids and consultant contracts and makes recommendations to the 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 Sao Paulo Court from an asphalt street section to a concrete street section and installing sidewalks. City forces recently replaced the existing water main and services in preparation for this project.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for June 14, 2023. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of five (5) contractors submitted bids. The bids are summarized in the table below:



Name of Contractor	TOTAL BID
Don Smith Concrete, LLC	\$ 280,159.44
Keeley Construction Group	\$ 285,822.31
McClendon Construction Co Inc.	\$ 384,174.00
Capco Concrete Structures, LLC	\$387,310.00
Cole Construction, Inc.	\$ 431,014.00

Tarrant County is requesting the city to recommend an award for the bid for this project. Although North Richland Hills has not directly hired Don Smith Concrete, LLC in the past, Tarrant County has prior experience with the low bidder on projects of similar scope and size. In addition, city staff checked the company's references with other governmental entities, all of whom have awarded similar projects to this contractor and have positive experiences to share.

The current project budget 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's allocation of funds was included in the budget in case the bids for the project came in over the CDBG funding amount. CDBG funds available for the construction of Sao Paulo Court are \$265,875.80. Therefore, funds from the city pledge will be included to award the project. Historically, CDBG funds have covered the bid amount without utilizing the city's pledge. However, due to rising construction prices, the bids came in over CDBG funding amounts.

Bid Amount:	\$280,159.44
Tarrant County:	\$265,875.80
North Richland Hills:	\$14,283.64
Total:	\$280,159.44

Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2023 and take 150 calendar days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2023-070, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Don Smith Concrete, LLC, for the 48th Annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project identified as the Sao Paulo Court Pavement Reconstruction Project CDBG23 in the total contract amount of \$280,159.44.