



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 8, 2020
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2020-024 and the renewal of the joint administration agreement for the Community Development Block Grant with Tarrant County for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.
PRESENTER: Kristin James, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services

SUMMARY:

Resolution No. 2020-024 allows the City of North Richland Hills to continue to be a part of the Urban County program for the purpose of planning and implementation for the entire period of the Urban County qualification. Programs for which the city receives funding under this program include the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The joint administrative agreement between the City of North Richland Hills and Tarrant County includes the administration of the CDBG Program for which the City of North Richland Hills receives direct entitlement funding.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

In order to continue to receive CDBG, HOME and ESG entitlement funding through 2023, Tarrant County must once again qualify as an Urban County. Entitlement counties must re-qualify every three years for funding. Tarrant County is eligible to receive entitlement grant funds by having a combined population of 200,000 or more from unincorporated areas and participating municipalities. Under the Urban County designation, Tarrant County is authorized to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities without the consent of local governments; therefore, the county must notify local governments that they have the option to be included or excluded from the Urban County designation. Current entitlement cities in Tarrant County include Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield and North Richland Hills.

The joint administrative agreement allows Tarrant County to administer the city's CDBG program and, as in previous years, Tarrant County is entitled to a 20% administrative fee. While the city will determine specific programs, projects and all CDBG funding decisions, Tarrant County will administer all activities and requirements of federal, state and local laws as well as rules and procedures of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the city.

Over the years, North Richland Hills has utilized over \$3.5 million in CDBG funding to reconstruct vital infrastructure throughout the city. The following is a list of projects completed since 2006:



- 32nd Year (2006) Jackie Lee Street reconstruction (Approx. \$256,000)
- 33rd Year (2007) Jerrell St. to 3700 blk of Charles St. (Approx. \$160,000)
- 34th Year (2008) 3700 block of Charles St. reconstruction (Approx. \$190,000)
- 35th Year (2009) 3900 blk of Honey Lane reconstruction (Approx. \$210,000)
- 36th Year (2010) 3900 & 4000 Blks of Honey Lane reconstruction (Approx. \$215,000)
- 37th Year (2011) 3900 & 4000 blks of Scruggs Dr. sanitary sewer line Replacement (Approx. \$200,000)
- 38th Year (2012) Jennings Drive & Dude Court Potable Water Line Replacement (Approx. \$225,000)
- 39th Year (2013) Jennings Drive & Dude Court Street Reconstruction (Approx. \$430,000)
- 40th Year (2014) 6500 Block of Harmonson Road Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement (Approx. \$230,000)
- 41st Year (2015) Lynda Court Reconstruction (Approx. \$200,000)
- 42nd Year (2016) 6400 block to 6600 Block Harmonson Road Sewer Replacement (Approx. \$360,000)
- 43rd Year (2017) Meadow Court Reconstruction (Approx. \$250,000)
- 44th Year (2018) Schiller Drive Reconstruction (Approx. \$295,000)
- 45th Year (2019) Garwood Drive Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction (\$287,000)
- 46th Year (2020) Matson Drive Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction – Currently under construction (Approx. \$290,000)

In addition to Community Development Block Grant funding, North Richland Hills has received approximately \$900,000 in HOME Investment Partnership Program funds since 2010. This money has assisted in the exterior and interior home improvements of thirty-five homes in the city.

In order to remain a part of the Urban County Designation and continue this relationship with Tarrant County, City Council must pass a resolution stating the desire to continue the partnership with Tarrant County and sign a new joint administrative agreement every three years. The entitlement designation and joint administrative agreement will be



effective through 2023, and will automatically renew in three year increments unless the county or city sends the Department of Housing and Urban Development written notice to elect not to participate in a new qualification period.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2020-024 and renew the joint administrative agreement for administration of the Community Development Block Grant with Tarrant County for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.