



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager **Date:** March 20, 2023

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2023-022, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to S-Co, Inc., for the Cynthia Circle Water Line Replacement Project for the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Project in the total contract amount of \$140,576.00.

Presenter: Nathan Frohman, City Engineer

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to S-Co, Inc., for the Cynthia Circle Water Line Replacement Project for the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Project.

General Description:

In addition to the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program that the City of North Richland Hills participates in, the city was notified of an additional grant opportunity. In response to combating the effects of COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated special Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The city identified an eligible candidate for this project as the Cynthia Circle Water Line Replacement 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 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 1,200 linear feet of water main in the far southwest portion of the city. The project includes a base bid which consists of the water main on Cynthia Circle from Tourist Drive to the dead-end cul-de-sac.



Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for February 27, 2023. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of four (4) contractors submitted bids. The bids are summarized in the table below:

Bidders	S-Co, Inc.	Canary Construction, Inc.	Excel 4 Construction, LLC	Atkins Brothers Equipment, Co.
Bid Amount	\$140,576.00	\$196,595.00	\$280,691.00	\$755,233.00

Although North Richland Hills has not directly hired S-Co, Inc., in the past, 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. Because the project low bid came in approximately \$37,000 below the CDBG-CV 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.

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

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2023-022, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to S-Co, Inc., for the Community Development Block Grant – Care's Act (CDBG-CV) Project identified as the Cynthia Circle Water Line Replacement Project in the total contract amount of \$140,576.00.