

## STAFF REPORT

DATE: 07/15/2025

TO: City Manager

FROM: Marty McGee

RE: Lift Station: Emergency Portable pump



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**BACKGROUND:** Bel Aire has a total of six lift stations with two pumps in each lift station. It is critical that we maintain our pumps and keep the sewage flowing daily. Many of the lift station pumps have been replaced with new grinder pumps in the past years, however we are still in need of replacement of one more older pump to have all the city's lift stations upgraded. When these pumps fail due to age, mechanical failure, electrical failure, or any unforeseen issue, this causes us to bypass the sewer with a bypass pump.

**DISCUSSION:** When the lift stations' pumps fail, the city is forced to use a rental company to provide us with a backup pump to ensure continued flow of our system. In the past four years we have rented a portable pump fifteen times. The rental cost of the pumps continues to rise each year. With the purchase of the pump, public works would have better responds time to an emergency and quicker accessibility to backups. I would ask the council to consider the purchase of a trailer-mounted portable pump to better meet the city's needs.

Contractors	Bid amount
United Rentals	\$65,568.56 Source well
SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 21633	
UNITED RENTALS CONTRACT # 040924-URI	

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Funding for this project will be taken from the lift station operations line item of the Sewer Utility funds.

The use of Sourcewell is a different approach we are using to secure the best price. Sourcewell is a cooperative purchasing organization that helps public sector agencies, including municipalities, with their procurement process. Sourcewell has the buying power of over 50,000 members nationwide and uses it to secure competitive pricing and favorable contract terms on a wide variety of products. As stated, Sourcewell offered the most cost-effective option. When priced against competitors, a similar Cummins pump was \$67,400, and a similar Ironclad pump was \$81,278. Currently, renting a portable pump costs \$1,500 per week.

**RECOMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council accept the bid from United Rentals not to accede the amount of \$65,568.56