

# **INTRODUCTION**

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

# **HOW TO USE THIS REPORT**

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2023.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

# 1. Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1-4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

### 2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

# 3. Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

### Disclaimer

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*Budget Requests:* Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

*Budget Priorities:* Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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# 1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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# **2. 2020 CENSUS DATA**

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

# **New York City**

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		2020
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN</b>	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

# **Staten Island**

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	468,730	100.00	495,747	100.00	27,017	5.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	109,201	23.3	106,354	21.5	-2,847	-2.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	468,730	100.0	495,747	100.0	27,017	5.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	81,051	17.3	96,960	19.6	15,909	19.6	2.3
White non-Hispanic	300,169	64.0	277,981	56.1	-22,188	-7.4	-7.9
Black non-Hispanic	44,313	9.5	46,835	9.4	2,522	5.7	-0.1
Asian non-Hispanic	34,697	7.4	58,753	11.9	24,056	69.3	4.5
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,860	0.4	3,900	0.8	2,040	109.7	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	6,640	1.4	11,318	2.3	4,678	70.5	0.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	176,656	100.0	183,692	100.0	7,036	4.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	165,516	93.7	173,202	94.3	7,686	4.6	0.6
Vacant housing units	11,140	6.3	10,490	5.7	-650	-5.8	-0.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

### Staten Island Community District 2

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	132,003	100.00	140,795	100.00	8,792	6.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	27,850	21.1	28,715	20.4	865	3.1	-0.7
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN</b>	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	132,003	100.0	140,795	100.0	8,792	6.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	17,428	13.2	20,181	14.3	2,753	15.8	1.1
White non-Hispanic	93,318	70.7	85,970	61.1	-7,348	-7.9	-9.6
Black non-Hispanic	3,951	3.0	4,901	3.5	950	24.0	0.5
Asian non-Hispanic	14,961	11.3	25,887	18.4	10,926	73.0	7.1
Some other race, non-Hispanic	518	0.4	1,052	0.7	534	103.1	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,827	1.4	2,804	2.0	977	53.5	0.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	50,319	100.0	51,599	100.0	1,280	2.5	0.0
Occupied housing units	47,387	94.2	48,690	94.4	1,303	2.7	0.2
Vacant housing units	2,932	5.8	2,909	5.6	-23	-0.8	-0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

# **Statement on Data Accuracy**

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau "infuses noise" systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau's latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVII	EW OF COM	MUNITY DIST	RICT	

Our district is approximately 24 square miles in area encompassing the entire mid-island section of Staten Island. Our geographic district comprises Willowbrook, Todt Hill, Dongan Hills, Midland Beach, New Dorp, Arrochar, Old Town, Grasmere, Manor Heights, Bloomfield, Chelsea, Travis, Heartland Village, New Springville, Bulls Head, and Lighthouse Hill. Staten Island is primarily made up of one and two-family houses and many thriving businesses. Each town is proud of its unique qualities and individual characteristics which residents strive to maintain. The boundaries are from the Staten Island Expressway from the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge south along the narrows to New York Harbor (which include Hoffman and Swinburne Islands) to Ebbitts Street west to Jason Street. Tysens Lane to Amboy Road, Richmond Road to St. Patrick's Place to Clarke Avenue across Arthur Kill Road, to eastern boundary of LaTourette Park, and southern and eastern boundary to Richmondtown Restoration to southern boundary of LaTourette Park, to West Shore Expressway. Half mile north on Expressway to Fresh Kills Creek including Prall's Island to Arthur Kill. Our area consists of single and two family homes, townhouses, three NYC Housing Authority developments, several six-story apartment complexes, co-ops and garden apartments. Community Board #2 is one of the city's last growth areas. Growth calls for delivery of city services in a timely manner. We find that due to former cutbacks in the city, most agencies are still operating bare-boned and find it difficult to respond to minor complaints as quickly as we would like. Major complaints are responded to the board almost immediately, but quality of life issues have been taking longer than we like. The stability of our district depends greatly on the viability of its commercial sectors and housing stock. Community Board 2 is fortunate to have concerned, energetic and devoted citizens who work actively to maintain the stability of our area. Our board has supported, assisted and participated in activities that will continue to do so for the betterment of our district. There are two (2) Business Improvement Districts in Community Board 2's District, and one Merchant's Association. The West Shore Industrial Business District is located on the West Shore of Staten Island in the Bloomfield and Chelsea sections, bordering the neighborhood of Travis. It includes properties broadly bounded by Bloomfield Avenue to the north, the Arthur Kill to the west, Meredith Avenue to the south, and the West Shore Expressway to the east. The West Shore BID provides much needed services including private maintenance, private security, signage and wayfinding, advocacy on behalf of property owners and important infrastructure improvements. The BID contains over 72 parcels of land predominately developed with open industrial uses and relatively few buildings. The area of the BID is approximately 230 acres. About half of the overall BID acreage (approximately 114 acres) are occupied by 42 private businesses/uses; 25 are engaged in industrial or transportation (60%); 13 are engaged in commercial businesses (30%); and one is non-profit use (2.4%). Area businesses include bus parking and servicing, construction companies, auto storage and repair and cement production. About 13% of the land (approximately 30 acres) consists of vacant but developable private property. The BID also includes about 98.12 acres of publicly owned land owned by either New York City or New York State. There are no residential units in the district. The area does not have sanitary or storm sewers and many streets are in disrepair and subject to frequent flooding The New Dorp Business Improvement District (BID), consists of a group of 180 businesses and 146 properties in a mile-long stretch along New Dorp Lane, from Hylan Boulevard to Richmond Road, and on New Dorp Plaza, from Beach Avenue to Jacques Avenue. The Richmond Road Merchants Association has been formed to help improve the Dongan Hills/Grant City commercial district that includes more than 75 businesses along the stretch of Richmond Road from Delaware Avenue to Stobe Avenue. These neighborhood enrichment development efforts have enhanced over 1,000 businesses by providing a variety of services including sanitation, security, events and beautification.

The Board plays an important advisory role, mandated in the New York City Charter, Community Board 2's primary responsibilities include the following:

- Hold public meetings regarding zoning and land use matters, proposed liquor license applications, transportation infrastructure proposals and other community matters.
- Provide formal input in the City's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), liquor license applications, Board of Standards and Appeals applications, requests for Certificates of Appropriateness from the Landmarks Preservation Commission and many other matters.
- Monitor service delivery to assure that agencies are responsive to the district.
- Resolve complaints on behalf of residents with City agencies regarding services.
- Prepare capital and expense budget priority requests and respond to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget.

Members of Community Board 2 volunteer to represent the interests of the district's residents, institutions, organizations and businesses.

# 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

### Crime and public safety

School Safety is Community Board 2's number 1 priority again this year. There is an ever-increasing demand to protect schools from threats of violence. It is important to take this threat seriously and responsibly. Community Board 2 requests that (1) every school door is locked at all times, (2) install metal detectors, (3) install a camera aimed at the front door so visitors are visible, and at all exit doors, (4) install a buzzer system, (5) place an NYPD officer at the front desk by the front door not a school safety agent (5) have a school Safety Agent stationed at each door inside the building, and (6) have NYPD presence outside the school building during dismissal to harden building security. School safety measures must be improved immediately. As we all know, school safety plays a vital role in the development of the emotional health and academic success of young people. School shootings are terrifying to children, parents, educators and the community. "School Safety" has been defined as creating a safe environment for children, starting from their homes to their schools and back. This includes safety from any kind of abuse, violence, psycho-social issue, disaster, natural and manmade, fire, and transportation. The physical and mental wellbeing of every child left at the front entrance of a school, must be protected. With the rise in mental illness, schools should provide two or more mental health professionals in every intermediate school on Staten Island. Provide safety trainings for principals, assistant principals and response team leaders in the case of an emergency. With a rise in mental illness, it may be wise to have two mental health professionals in every Intermediate school on Staten Island. Also, provide each school safety agent with a bullet-resistant vest to protect the guards posted at Staten Island schools.

### Infrastructure resiliency

A top priority for our district is the commercial revitalization and development of the East Shore of Staten Island. It is well-known that the East Shore of Staten Island sustained severe damage from Hurricane Sandy. Residential revitalization, as well as storm damage mitigation programs, have been well underway, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in regards to commercial development. With an eye to attract business owners to the area, it is essential that sidewalk improvement, street improvement, and signage projects are implemented. Sidewalk improvement needs for the East Shore are increased street furniture and lighting (i.e city benches, ornamental solar lights on street trees, holiday lighting on the main commercial corridors) and enhancement of greenery of streets (i.e. street trees, tree guards, rain gardens, bioswales). Street improvement needs include enhanced traffic calming measures, medians and pedestrian refuge islands. Other improvements that will beautify the area are creating a gateway between the beach and commercial corridors (i.e. gateway public art sculpture on Father Capodanno Boulevard), creating a pedestrian pathway connecting the FDR Boardwalk to Father Capodanno at Midland Avenue, and creating shared space around Fountain of the Dolphins.

### **Public health facilities**

Staten Island is the only borough in New York City without a public hospital. There are only two private hospitals on Staten Island. Every other borough has two. In 1970, Staten Island had five hospitals. Staten Island currently has two main hospital systems and three main hospital facilities — Staten Island University North and South, and Richmond University Hospital With the growing and aging population, homeless shelters opening and migrants arriving in Staten Island, there is a need for a public hospital in the Mid-Island section of the borough. Also, the COVID-19 pandemic was an eye-opener. We must be prepared and well-equipped for natural and human caused disasters. The residents of Mid-Island are geographically disadvantaged due to the longer commute times to get to the hospitals. New York City needs to build a public hospital to better serve its neglected community and residents

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

# **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

# Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

### Health facilities (existing conditions, capacity, new facilities, etc.)

Senior advocates estimate that by 2040, New York's 60+plus population will increase to 1.86 million. By 2040, boomers will be part of the oldest population group. Staten Island is also projected to have the greatest senior population in New York City by 2030. As the population ages, we need to be able to provide services to ensure that resources are available to give our seniors the quality of life they deserve. Elder abuse protection, housing, healthcare, senior centers, and many other support systems must be enhanced and continued to meet the needs of our growing senior population. And, as the senior population grows, additional and appropriate placement of services is needed. There is not only the need to increase senior services, but also to advocate for managed long-term care companies to better evaluate client's needs so they can be placed in the appropriate care setting. Guidelines should look for criteria that evaluate medical, psychological, and social needs. Our growing aging population requires more funding and more services for our seniors.

# Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

### **Needs for Health Care and Facilities**

Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home located at 460 Brielle Avenue, is the only city-hospital on Staten Island, however, it does not provide acute healthcare for our residents. Our three private healthcare institutions are overburdened by those without healthcare insurance. There is a need to restore Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home's vacant buildings. We request full funding for the restoration.

### **Needs for Older NYs**

The city should do an inventory (identify) of large city-owned parcels of land and determine what can be turned over to responsible developers to construct affordable senior housing for purchase similar the 55+ developments built in New Jersey. This type of housing will enable seniors to connect with neighbors of similar ages and continue to enjoy retirement years in a safe and peaceful environment.

### **Needs for Homeless**

No comments

### **Needs for Low Income NYs**

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/6	ННС	Other health care facilities requests	Construct a public hospital on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, 460 Brielle Avenue, which is city-owned property and centrally located.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/12	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Provide funding to increase staffing for homebound adult programs, home care, case management, and transportation services. These services should be steered toward providing a greater level of care and support for the homebound older adult.	
8/12	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	NORCs provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods.	

# YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

# Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

### Other

School safety is our number one priority. Form a School Emergency Response Team (SERT). The school emergency response team (SERT) is responsible for the safety of students and staff during dangerous situations. Emergency situations such as hurricanes, earthquakes, medical emergencies, and active shooters are examples of situations that pose an immediate threat. Emergencies, whether natural disasters or man-made situations, come on suddenly and unexpectedly, SERT members are trained to be alert and prepared to activate the emergency response plan. Emergency professionals working with OSHA (the Occupational Safety and Health Administration), FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and U.S. Homeland Security help schools prepare their emergency plans and create a SERT with defined roles. When emergencies strike, the personnel on-scene are the best line of protection and defense. Prior to the arrival of the NYPD or FDNY, the designated emergency response team can handle emergency situations.

# Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

### **Needs for Youth Education**

School-based crime prevention programs can be very effective. Kids will make good decisions if they have the right principles installed in their thinking. The NYC Department of Education should consider incorporating the N.O.V.A. principles to their curriculum for fifth grade through high school. N.O.V.A. stands for "Nurturing youth to seek out positive Opportunities, internalize good Values, and to accept Accountability for their choices in life. N.O.V.A. was designed to provide a resource to children, families, and communities to fight against harmful influences, while providing guidance toward positive opportunities and values."

# **Needs for Youth and Child Welfare**

Over 48,000 students on Staten Island are eligible for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) yet due to the shortage of special education services in Staten Island schools, and the lack of on-site providers, parents are given Related Service Authorization (RSA) vouchers, which places the burden on parents to find a provider, coordinate services, and transport their child or children to the provider. Roughly 27% of the eligible students did not utilize their RSA vouchers and receive the services they need and are entitled to because of the burden placed on the parent to find providers who have availability. The RSA voucher program does not work for students, parents, or schools, and is leading to the neglect of students with disabilities. It is essential for the New York City Department of Education to re-evaluate its reliance on RSA vouchers and find a way to provide for all students." In addition to reevaluating the RSA voucher programs, Community Board 2 would like to request an increase in IEP program specialized teachers in our district schools. Provide funding for Careers and Technical Education (CTE). CTE Schools are an overlooked and under-funded part of the school system. CTE Programs in NYC are clustered in the very industries most at risk of facing shortages. CTE schools have enormous potential to help fill a pipeline of skilled workers in job titles from healthcare professionals and airline mechanics to carpenters and opticians. We need to prepare young people for higher education and careers. As baby boomers begin to retire in large numbers, we face the prospect of serious worker shortages in high-impact economic sectors like health care and construction. By 2025, we will have a shortage of 500,000 nurses.

# **Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Community Board 2 continues to support the request to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. This would help ease traffic in the surrounding community.	
CS	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them. This is a priority that needs to be addressed especially in these unsafe times.	485 Clawson Street

# **Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/12	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Increase funding for school nurses. At the beginning of the pandemic less than 40% of schools had a full-time nurse on staff. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school.	
10/12	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Increase funding for Summer Youth Employment Program. This is the nation's largest youth employment program. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience each summer. The program better prepares students for careers of the future.	

# **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

# **Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)**

Community Board 2 would like to see the enforcement of noise complaints transitioned to a specific enforcement unit outside of the NYPD. CB2 also requests that any unit responding to complaints be provided with the necessary noise measuring equipment. Having this equipment at hand will allow enforcement action to be addressed immediately. When Community Board #2 receives a complaint about nightlife noise and amplified sound, sometimes as late as 2:00 am in residential areas, we advise the complainant(s) to call 311 and fill out the complaint form on the NYS Liquor Authority's Website. As you know, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is the lead agency responsible for enforcing the City's Noise Code. However, nightlife noise can be difficult to control and regulate. Nightlife noise has clear criteria to guide government oversight, yet calling 311 does not resolve the issue. DEP does not send an inspector to the establishment when the disturbance is happening, and this type of complaint is not a priority for the NYPD. We need to protect the quality of life of all residents and workers in the district.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services</u>

# **Needs for Public Safety**

No comments

### **Needs for Emergency Services**

CB2 supports full funding for all fire and emergency medical services in our district and citywide.

# **Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# **Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to hire an additional 2000 uniformed officers. Prior to the pandemic, the city had about 36,000 uniformed officers, but that figure has dropped by 33,582,according to NYPD data.	
2/12	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	Provide funding to hire 100 safety agents on Staten Island to enhance the safety of children and educators, and to ensure the quality of education for our children,	
4/12	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	Hire additional safety agents to ensure the safety of students, faculty and visitors in public school buildings and the surrounding premises to patrol and operate scanning equipment, to verify and identity the potential of unsafe conditions.	
5/12	NYPD	Provide additional ShotSpotter coverage	Provide funding for deployment of new devices to detect and identify areas with a high number of shootings.	

# CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

# Protective Infrastructure (sea walls, flood walls, etc.)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' plans to build a 5.3-mile Seawall that stretches from Fort Wadsworth to Oakwood Beach which is intended to protect Staten Island's East Shore from coastal storms was supposed to be completed by 2021. For years, this project has been delayed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now estimates that the five-plusmile, East Shore Seawall won't be finished until the end of 2026. This is totally unacceptable. It is imperative that this project moves forward with no further delays. Each delay adds millions of dollars to the cost of construction. And, the homeowner's flood insurance premiums go up every year - one homeowner reported last year that he paid \$34,000 for flood insurance in 2020. This is very disturbing. The USACE needs to make this project their top priority and figure out how to get this project started and finished sooner than 2026. Staten Islanders have waited long enough and need relief!

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

### Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Public infrastructure, including sewers, drainage, and roads, need fixing in the West Shore. Without these upgrades, the West Shore will not be able to grow and attract new business over time. Many streets are in dire need of improvement. The streets in dire need of improvement are Gulf Avenue between 5th Street and Edward Curry Avenue; Bloomfield Avenue between Gulf Avenue and Chelsea Road; Edward Curry Avenue between Gulf Avenue and Chelsea Road; Chelsea Road between Bloomfield Avenue and South Avenue; South Avenue between Chelsea Road and Meredith Avenue; The entirety of Industry Road; The entirety of Spencer Street Meredith Avenue from the northern limit to the West Shore Expressway overpass. Without infrastructure improvements to streets within the district, the West Shore will not be able to grow to its potential. Many sites on the West Shore have poor drainage systems and a lack of sewers. Lack of adequate drainage and standing water remain pervasive and recurrent problems. To date, property owners have not been able to even get septic tanks due to the proximity of the protected wetlands to some property. While one industrial business in the area does own its own sewage treatment plant, the others do not, and this may be another option to explore. Property owners and community stakeholders agree that installing sewers in the West Shore will enhance curb appeal, increase property value, attract new tenants to vacant land, and assist the industrial businesses to better serve their customers. The Bloomfield area of Staten Island which has no sewer system and was never included in the City drainage plan, needs sewers. Several years ago, NYC Department of Environmental Protection did a study to update the City drainage plan to include sewers in Bloomfield, including the streets listed above. Unfortunately, a Bluebelt was not feasible, so the plan included a new DEP sewage pump station and many street raisings that NYC Department of Transportation would have to fund. That would make this area very expensive to build sewers in, and DEP needs DOT to evaluate its own costs and decided if they want to fund the project. Advocating and securing the City of New York's commitment to install proper drainage systems and sewers in the Bloomfield area is imperative to the successful operation of all businesses in the area.

# **Needs for Sanitation Services**

Community Board 2 is responsive to residents' concerns about sanitation issues and the environment. The cleanliness of our streets and neighborhoods is of great importance to our entire community. Streets littered with garbage deter investment and create a perception that an area is neglected and unsafe. When quality-of life issues such as sanitation and maintenance are not addressed, other economic development initiatives do little to attract businesses and consumers to a given commercial corridor. We support frequent sanitation inspections and efforts to maintain clean-swept sidewalks and streets

# **Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/6	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a sewer project plan to construct storm sewers on Benedict Road, Callan Avenue in the Todt Hill neighborhood to prevent property flooding and destruction.	
CS	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC006 into the budget for the next fiscal year.	
CS	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC05B into the budget for the next fiscal year.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/12	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Provide additional funding for the curbside E-waste collection program.	

# HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

# **Neighborhood preservation**

Our growing aging population requires more funding and more services for our seniors. Advocates project that 1 in 5 New Yorkers will be over the age of 65 in 2030. Staten Island is also projected to have the largest aging population in New York City by 2030. As the population ages, we need to be able to provide services to ensure the safety and well-being of our senior population. The developmental trends within District 2 will help address these issues. The previously planned former Farm Colony would provide much needed senior-targeted housing and create a new district that compliments and enhances the surrounding community. This residential community would be located on Brielle Avenue. It would contain approximately 350 residential units, 17,000 square feet of commercial space, as well as a central green space and accessory parking. The Sea View Senior Living Center will create much-needed senior-housing and provide quality care for many of the area residents. This center will be used for both assisted living and non-assisted services and as a community center for our senior population.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use</u>

**Needs for Land Use** 

No comments

**Needs for Housing** 

No comments

**Needs for Economic Development** 

No comments

# Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# **Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

### TRANSPORTATION

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

### **Roadway maintenance**

Potholes are an ongoing problem which exasperate drivers across Staten Island. Potholes are common in areas where there is heavy traffic and Staten Island is inundated with heavy traffic. Year-round pothole repair crews are a necessity. Having pothole repair crews available only during the off-season for milling and paving is unacceptable. The roads get potholes year-round and must be fixed year-round. Staten Island should have at least three pothole repair crews to maintain the roadways before they cause damage. Also, an additional in-house markings crew and other Borough Engineering field staff and materials are needed to install and maintain signs and verticle elements. Another important issue is the condition of bus stops. Many of the bus stops within District 2 remain without lighting and are located in a wooded, dark, or desolate areas. This proposes as a safety issue putting commuters at risk of contracting West Nile Virus, tick bites, and at risk of being struck by a moving vehicle that does not see the commuter. There are bus stops along the stretch of Victory Boulevard from Arlene Street eastbound toward the West Shore Expressway that do not have sidewalks, which forces commuters to wait in the street or in the woods, both of which pose safety hazards.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

# **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

There is a need to develop an innovative Pavement Plan that utilizes sophisticated engineering data collection and analysis along with economic analyses that consider pavement performance, costs/benefits, vehicle travel, and long-range system optimization under limited funding scenarios. Paved areas with no drainage means the water has nowhere to go and often floods and overflows to everything around it. Additionally, redesign the pavement treatment plan to reduce the current 15-20-year paving schedule.

### **Needs for Transit Services**

A major issue regarding transit service is the complete lack of connectivity to surrounding airports. In Queens, there are four buses available for residents to access LaGuardia Airport. An overwhelming majority of Staten Island residents who fly go through Newark Airport. Residents taking public transportation to Newark airport are required to go through Penn Station or Port Authority Bus Terminal; a commute that is likely over two hours long. Community Board 2 continues to support the development of a West Shore Light Rail system. The West Shore of Staten Island is on its way to becoming Island's Business Hub. We are home to an 855,000 square-foot Amazon Fulfillment Center that employs over 2,250 people. Furthermore, the Nicotra Group constructed a 330,000 square foot Century Office Building on Staten Island's Teleport Campus. These huge construction projects created more vehicles and trucks traversing the West Shore Expressway. A West Shore Light Rail system could provide a reliable and attractive travel choice for Staten Island residents located in South Shore and Mid-Island communities. The WSLR would extend New Jersey Transit's Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system (HBLRT) over the Bayonne Bridge and into western and southern portions of Staten Island and connect to SIRTOA service at the Richmond Valley Station. The benefits of Light Rail are: Trips are diverted from congested roadways, saves travel time, improves reliability, and increases property values near stations. SIEDC estimates that the area will be home to 65,000 new residents by 2030.

# **Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/6	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Acquire property on Forest Hill Road at 4 Dewhurst Street to eliminate the neckout in the roadway to extend the sidewalk.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility**

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

# PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

# **Staten Island Community Board 2**

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

# Access to and quality of cultural programming

There are plenty of noble reasons for supporting our local cultural institutions. The Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art was established in 1945 to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Tibetan art and culture. The Museum presents a permanent historic display as well as temporary changing exhibitions. The Museum also presents an on-going calendar of public events including lectures, films, tai chi classes, and school visits. They welcome approximately 5,000 visitors per year, half of whom are foreign tourists. The buildings that house the Tibetan Museum are the oldest examples of Himalayan style architecture in the United States and they were designed so that visitors could appreciate the art in a contextual setting. The Alice Austen House has delivered educational programming to over 3,000 Staten Island elementary and middle school students both in-school and on-site education programs. It has also celebrated the anniversary of its National Historic Designation to include LGBTQ history as an area of significance with an event that spanned both afternoon and evening, celebrating the work of the New York City Parks Department, the LGBTQ Historic Sites Project and their community partners. The Alice Austen House serves our community and ensures that the legacy of Alice Austen is known to Staten Islanders and preserves this land-marked treasure in partnership with the New York City Parks Department. Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden provides a vibrant, regional cultural destination that offers dynamic programming in arts, education, horticulture, agriculture and recreation for diverse visitors of all ages while ensuring a well-managed campus for all stakeholders. The 83-acre campus is home to historic, landmarked buildings, the borough's only botanical garden and a two-acre farm. Snug Harbor is a proud Smithsonian Affiliate and is home to multiple community based arts groups, artists, not-for-profits, and several large arts institutions. We would like the funding for the Staten Island Museum, the Staten Island Children's Museum, Historic Richmond Town and the Staten Island Zoo continue so that the residents of and visitors to Staten Island have access to culture, nature, education and history. Historic Richmond Town is Staten Island's largest and oldest cultural institution, Historic Richmond Town possesses some of the most celebrated and storied historical items of American history. There are more than 100,000 artifacts, photographs, and archival collections from different time periods. The total number of individual objects or bits and pieces of history in our care is close to a million! Surrounding and containing our collections are original historic structures dating back as far as the 1660s. The GRACE Foundation is committed to supporting, educating, and enhancing the quality of life for children/adults and their families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which is a neurological disorder that impacts.

# Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

### **Needs for Parks**

Our NYC Parks play a fundamental role in physical and mental health. As former Council Speaker Corey Johnson had said "Parks are our backyards, front yards, our wellness centers, where we host birthday parties, family reunions, weddings and so much more." In the midst of COVID-19 Parks have remained accessible to Staten Islanders, and all New Yorkers. Access to parks and open spaces is vital to public health. It is important that Park's budget is not cut so the facilities is our borough are well maintained.

### **Needs for Cultural Services**

No comments

### **Needs for Library Services**

It is imperiative that the Staten Island library systems be supported and adequately funded so their needs and the needs of the community are met. New York Public Libraries have provided quality service to all New Yorkers for more than a century. City funding for libraries has been cut by nearly 20% over the past decade and library staff has been reduced by more than 1,000 workers. The NYPL libraries within CB2 (Staten Island) are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community

space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades, and ADA upgrades. The three library systems are seeking a restoration of \$65 million in expense funding and the inclusion \$1.4 billion in the City's 10-Year Capital Strategy. This capital funding is needed for renovations, critical maintenance, elevator replacement when necessary, heating and cooling systems, ADA compliance and technology upgrades. The funding is essential, as the libraries are especially important to low and moderate income residents who depend on the libraries for access to books, internet access, job search, and film, while also acting as a quiet place to read, do homework, or other work. Currently, the operational funding enables our libraries to be a stable and consistent resource for all New Yorkers, opening their doors at minimum six days per week and offering high[1] quality and diverse programming. We seek funding for our libraries to expand to 7-day services. Increased funding will ensure that at least one branch in every Council District is open 7 days. This is particularly important at this time, when more people than ever rely on library services, from early literacy to ESOL classes for immigrants and story times for homeless families

# **Needs for Community Boards**

No comments

# **Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/6	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.	1 Eton Place
5/6	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for the reconstruction of Baseball Fields at Willowbrook Park. Include lighting and entry drive/parking area improvements.	Richmond Avenue, Victory Boulevard,
6/6	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide additional funding to fill supplemental gaps in current projects to ensure they get completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.	

# **Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/12	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	Increase the budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation to 1% of the total city operating budget which would mean \$1 billion annually. There was a Parks Department budget cut two fiscal years ago with the onset of COVID-19 and the condition of the parks are suffering.	
12/12	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	There is a small overgrown, undeveloped piece of property on Winfield Avenue between Hylan Boulevard and Fayette Avenue that is in the Green Street and owned by Parks that has a drain ditch. The exit drain clogs during a heavy rainfall. The drain ditch fills up with several feet of water and the stormwater overflows into the street causing damage to private property. The ditch is filled with weeds, twigs, branches, leaves and debris. It is imperative that this undeveloped piece of property is maintained on a regular basis to keep it clean and safe for the area residents.	

# 6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

# **Other Capital Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	Other	Other capital budget request	Provide sufficient funding to construct the planned levee, buried seawall, and vertical floodwall along Staten Island's East Shore.	

# **Other Expense Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/12	Other	Other expense budget request	Provide funding for bullet durable ballistic resistant vests to be issued to each school safety agent working in Staten Island school sites.	

# 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

# **Capital Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/6	ННС	Other health care facilities requests	Construct a public hospital on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, 460 Brielle Avenue, which is city-owned property and centrally located.	
2/6	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.	
3/6	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a sewer project plan to construct storm sewers on Benedict Road, Callan Avenue in the Todt Hill neighborhood to prevent property flooding and destruction.	
4/6	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Acquire property on Forest Hill Road at 4 Dewhurst Street to eliminate the neckout in the roadway to extend the sidewalk.	
5/6	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for the reconstruction of Baseball Fields at Willowbrook Park. Include lighting and entry drive/parking area improvements.	Richmond Avenue, Victory Boulevard,
6/6	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide additional funding to fill supplemental gaps in current projects to ensure they get completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.	
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Community Board 2 continues to support the request to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. This would help ease traffic in the surrounding community.	
CS	Other	Other capital budget request	Provide sufficient funding to construct the planned levee, buried seawall, and vertical floodwall along Staten Island's East Shore.	

CS	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them. This is a priority that needs to be addressed especially in these unsafe times.	485 Clawson Street
CS	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC006 into the budget for the next fiscal year.	
CS	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	number MIBBNC05B into the budget for the next fiscal year.	

# **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to hire an additional 2000 uniformed officers. Prior to the pandemic, the city had about 36,000 uniformed officers, but that figure has dropped by 33,582,according to NYPD data.	
2/12	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	Provide funding to hire 100 safety agents on Staten Island to enhance the safety of children and educators, and to ensure the quality of education for our children,	
3/12	Other	Other expense budget request	Provide funding for bullet durable ballistic resistant vests to be issued to each school safety agent working in Staten Island school sites.	
4/12	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	Hire additional safety agents to ensure the safety of students, faculty and visitors in public school buildings and the surrounding premises to patrol and operate scanning equipment, to verify and identity the potential of unsafe conditions.	
5/12	NYPD	Provide additional ShotSpotter coverage	Provide funding for deployment of new devices to detect and identify areas with a high number of shootings.	
6/12	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Increase funding for school nurses. At the beginning of the pandemic less than 40% of schools had a full-time nurse on staff. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school.	
7/12	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Provide funding to increase staffing for homebound adult programs, home care, case management, and transportation services. These services should be steered toward providing a greater level of care and support for the homebound older adult.	
8/12	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	NORCs provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods.	

9/12	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	Increase the budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation to 1% of the total city operating budget which would mean \$1 billion annually. There was a Parks Department budget cut two fiscal years ago with the onset of COVID-19 and the condition of the parks are suffering.
10/12	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Increase funding for Summer Youth Employment Program. This is the nation's largest youth employment program. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is the nation's largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience each summer. The program better prepares students for careers of the future.
11/12	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Provide additional funding for the curbside E-waste collection program.
12/12	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	There is a small overgrown, undeveloped piece of property on Winfield Avenue between Hylan Boulevard and Fayette Avenue that is in the Green Street and owned by Parks that has a drain ditch. The exit drain clogs during a heavy rainfall. The drain ditch fills up with several feet of water and the stormwater overflows into the street causing damage to private property. The ditch is filled with weeds, twigs, branches, leaves and debris. It is imperative that this undeveloped piece of property is maintained on a regular basis to keep it clean and safe for the area residents.

# FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses - Capital

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/11	ННС	Other health care facilities requests	Construct a public hospital on the grounds of Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, 460 Brielle Avenue, which is city-owned property and centrally located.	Our site at 155 Vanderbilt Avenue is now open.
02/11	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Willowbrook Park with new apparatus such as ramped play equipment, universally acceptable swings, and charcoal barbecue grills. Willowbrook Park's Carousel, picnic grounds, and ballfield attract many families and an upgrade would enhance one of Staten Island's most popular Greenbelt parks.	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
03/11	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	Create a sewer project plan to construct storm sewers on Benedict Road, Callan Avenue in the Todt Hill neighborhood to prevent property flooding and destruction.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
04/11	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Acquire property on Forest Hill Road at 4 Dewhurst Street to eliminate the neckout in the roadway to extend the sidewalk.	The Borough Commissioner's office is reviewing the request. It is under consideration. Please contact the B/C's office for further details.
05/11	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Provide funding for the reconstruction of Baseball Fields at Willowbrook Park. Include lighting and entry drive/parking area improvements.	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
06/11	NYPL	Other capital budget request for NYPL	Provide additional funding to fill supplemental gaps in current projects to ensure they get completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.	NYPL is in favor of this project; however, restored City capital funding is required. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding Please contact NYPL for additional information.
CS/11	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Community Board 2 continues to support the request to open up the road system in Fresh Kills Park, which would connect Richmond Avenue to the West Shore Expressway through Nascent Park. The plan includes a four-lane road that would stem from the Yukon Avenue intersection at Richmond Avenue and traverse the East Park. This would help ease traffic in the surrounding community.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/11	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	Provide funding for security cameras at Staten Island Technical High. It is the only public high school on the island that doesn't have them. This is a priority that needs to be addressed especially in these unsafe times.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/11	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC006 into the budget for the next fiscal year.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/11	DEP	Move a planned capital project into the budget for the next fiscal year	Provide additional funding to move project number MIBBNC05B into the budget for the next fiscal year.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
CS/11	OEM	Other capital budget request	Provide sufficient funding to construct the planned levee, buried seawall, and vertical floodwall along Staten Island's East Shore.	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

# FY25 Community Board Budget Requests with Agency Responses - Expense

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/12	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	Provide funding to hire an additional 2000 uniformed officers. Prior to the pandemic, the city had about 36,000 uniformed officers, but that figure has dropped by 33,582,according to NYPD data.	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
02/12	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	Provide funding to hire 100 safety agents on Staten Island to enhance the safety of children and educators, and to ensure the quality of education for our children,	The future funding for civilian personnel depends on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process.
03/12	NYPD	Other expense budget request	Provide funding for bullet durable ballistic resistant vests to be issued to each school safety agent working in Staten Island school sites.	In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/ equipment funds are maintained in FY 2024. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after budget adoption.
04/12	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	Hire additional safety agents to ensure the safety of students, faculty and visitors in public school buildings and the surrounding premises to patrol and operate scanning equipment, to verify and identity the potential of unsafe conditions.	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
05/12	NYPD	Provide additional ShotSpotter coverage	Provide funding for deployment of new devices to detect and identify areas with a high number of shootings.	ShotSpotter is currently deployed in the areas with the highest rate of shootings citywide. We are constantly evaluating if further expansion is needed.
06/12	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Increase funding for school nurses. At the beginning of the pandemic less than 40% of schools had a full-time nurse on staff. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
07/12	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Provide funding to increase staffing forhomebound adultprograms, home care, case management, and transportation services. These servicesshould be steered toward providing a greater level of care and support for the homebound older adult.	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
08/12	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	NORCs provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods.	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
09/12	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	Increase the budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation to 1% of the total city operating budget which would mean \$1 billion annually. There was a Parks Department budget cut two fiscal years ago with the onset of COVID-19 and the condition of the parks are suffering.	This would require a larger expense budget.

10/12	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	Increase funding for Summer Youth Employment Program. This is the nation's largest youth employment program. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is the nation?s largest youth employment program, connecting NYC youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with career exploration opportunities and paid work experience each summer. The program better prepares students for careers of the future.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
11/12	DSNY	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	Provide additional funding for the curbside E-waste collection program.	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
12/12	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	There is a small overgrown, undeveloped piece of property on Winfield Avenue between Hylan Boulevard and Fayette Avenue that is in the Green Street and owned by Parks that has a drain ditch. The exit drain clogs during a heavy rainfall. The drain ditch fills up with several feet of water and the stormwater overflows into the street causing damage to private property. The ditch is filled with weeds, twigs, branches, leaves and debris. It is imperative that this undeveloped piece of property is maintained on a regular basis to keep it clean and safe for the area residents.	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.