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**STATEMENT OF NEEDS
&
COMMUNITY BOARD
BUDGET REPORT**

BRONX COMMUNITY DISTRICT 3



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DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT

I am pleased to submit Bronx Community Board Three's District Needs Statement for the upcoming FY 2026. This document reflects the collective priorities, challenges, and aspirations of Community District Three, providing a comprehensive overview of the resources and services essential for the continued growth and well-being of the residents and stakeholders.

As the District Manager, I have worked diligently to incorporate input from community members, stakeholders, and other local entities to ensure that the statement addresses various issues, including housing, economic development, public safety, health, and education. These recommendations represent our ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for all within our district.

I hope that this document will serve as a useful tool for city agencies and elected officials as they allocate resources and develop plans for the future. We look forward to working to ensure that these needs are addressed to create a more vibrant, equitable community district.

Sincerely,

Etta Ritter

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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) 2027. 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, 2025.

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		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage 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
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC 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 housing 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

The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

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

Bronx Community District 3

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	79,762	100.00	93,755	100.00	13,993	17.5	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	25,136	31.5	25,748	27.5	612	2.4	-4.0
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	79,762	100.0	93,755	100.0	13,993	17.5	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	46,013	57.7	52,646	56.2	6,633	14.4	-1.5
White non-Hispanic	918	1.2	1,538	1.6	620	67.5	0.4
Black non-Hispanic	31,387	39.4	36,599	39.0	5,212	16.6	-0.4
Asian non-Hispanic	358	0.4	518	0.6	160	44.7	0.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	451	0.6	882	0.9	431	95.6	0.3
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	635	0.8	1,572	1.7	937	147.6	0.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	28,182	100.0	34,360	100.0	6,178	21.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	26,560	94.2	32,668	95.1	6,108	23.0	0.9
Vacant housing units	1,622	5.8	1,692	4.9	70	4.3	-0.9

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. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community District 3 encompasses parts of the Morrisania, Melrose, Claremont, Crotona Park East, Bathgate, and Woodstock neighborhoods. This district is bounded to the north by the Cross Bronx Expressway and Crotona Park North; to the east by the Sheridan Expressway, E. 169 St., E. 167 St., and Prospect Avenue; to the south by E. 159 St. and E. 161 St.; and to the west by Park Avenue and Webster Avenue.

Demographic and Population Trends

Between 1970 and 1980, Community District 3 experienced the most significant population decline among all districts in the Bronx, with a drop of 64%. However, the district saw a significant recovery over the next few decades. From 2010 to 2020, it led the borough in population growth with an increase of 16.3%, surpassing the 4.8% cumulative increase for Bronx County during the same period. By 2020, the population reached 93,755, a 50% increase from 1980 levels, thanks largely to the addition of 8,457 new residential units and the preservation of 9,036 existing ones since fiscal year 1990. This growth was a direct result of the Bronx Community District 3's commitment to expanding mixed-income housing, as outlined in the Neighborhood Development Plan adopted in 1992.

Health and Demographics

According to the 2020 Census, the district is predominantly made up of Hispanic residents (52,646), followed by Black/African Americans (36,599). Between 2000 and 2010, the percentage of residents aged 18 years or older was 25%, while those under 18 accounted for just 0.3% of the population.

Health indicators have shown some positive changes in recent years. Between 2005 and 2012, the district saw a significant decline in death rates per 1,000 people, falling by 1.1% compared to a smaller 0.7% decline in Bronx County overall. Infant mortality also decreased by 3.9%, far surpassing the 0.6% decline in Bronx County. Birth rates in Community District 3 saw a decline of 1.2% per 1,000 persons during the same period.

However, health disparities remain. The district continues to grapple with high age-adjusted death rates, which remain the highest in Bronx County at 8.7% per 1,000 persons (2013). Addressing these disparities is a critical concern moving forward.

Economic Challenges

Despite the district's population growth, high unemployment remains a significant issue. In 2015, Bronx County's unemployment rate was 7.0%, higher than the New York State average of 5.3%. Furthermore, the district continues to face challenges related to economic development, including a lack of adequate job training programs and a need for improved workforce development initiatives.

Educational attainment is also a concern. Community District 3, which includes parts of School Districts 9 and 12, has below-average ratings in attendance and performance on New York State standardized tests, as per the NYC Department of Education's 2013-2014 School Quality Report. Low graduation rates and insufficient youth and after-school services contribute to these ongoing challenges.

Housing and Homelessness

A persistent issue in Community District 3 is the disproportionate concentration of temporary homeless shelters. As of September 2014, the district contained approximately 5% (2,717 individuals) of New York City's total homeless population, a figure three times higher than the city's average for a district. This has strained the local community and underscored the lack of

supportive services and coordinated planning in the siting of these facilities. This imbalance in the distribution of homeless services has exacerbated concerns regarding the district's quality of life and equitable development.

The community also faces ongoing challenges related to public health, with a lack of robust educational services related to nutrition, particularly for immigrant populations, and insufficient English Language Learner (ELL) programs.

Community District 3 continues to face complex challenges in terms of economic inequality, housing stability, health disparities, and educational outcomes. However, the district's growth, both in population and housing, suggests that with targeted investments and strategic planning, it can continue to thrive. Addressing the current challenges with an emphasis on equity, opportunity, and community-based solutions is essential to ensuring that this vibrant district remains a great place to live, work, and grow for all its residents.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 3

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Based on the Community District Needs Survey, Bronx Community Board Three is challenged with providing affordable housing to its residents. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ((HUD) The 2022 Area Median Income (AMI) for NYC IS \$120,100 for a three-person family (100% AMI). One in three (30.2%) Bronx residents live below the poverty level - less than \$18,310 per year for a family of three - and over one in seven (13.4%) experienced severe poverty (earning less than 50% of the federal poverty level), both of which are twice the state and national rates. Workforce Development Centers need funding to provide meaningful career pathways for all. New Yorkers continue to struggle to find work and opportunities due to the economic disruption of the pandemic. Workforce Development Centers can develop training programs that prepare workers with skills for dynamic career pathways in high-growth sectors. Afterschool programs are needed to break educational barriers for our youth. Tutoring services for our youth are needed to overcome overcrowded classrooms, and educational barriers, wherein they graduate from high school and are ready for a college degree or a postsecondary credential to begin their career. The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that housing can be affordable if stakeholders become educated and attend college or receive post-secondary credentials to be income eligible for housing.

Crime and Public Safety

Based on the results from the Community District Needs Survey, Crime and Public Safety are major concerns. The 42nd Police Precinct Compstat reports for the seven major crimes within Community District Three since 2021 are as follows: Murder has gone down by (-70.6%), Rape has increased by 8.8%, Robberies have increased by 28.3%, Fel. Assault has increased by 4.9%, Burglaries have increased by 58.0%, Gr. Larceny has increased by 7.3%, and Grand Larceny Assaults have increased by 31.3. Relationships between residents and law enforcement, who are the front-line representatives of the criminal justice system, remain strained - and in many cases, nonexistent. Distrust in law enforcement often goes hand in hand with distrust in local government as a whole, likely because police are one of the most visible representatives of government within the community. Crime statistics show that in low-income neighborhoods, where the rise of over-policing coincides with a lack of government investment in job opportunities, high-quality schools, and essential health and social services exist a higher crime rate. Communities of color are safer when residents can access stable jobs, high-quality schools and social services, and clean and vibrant public spaces. To break the cycle of disinvestment and distrust, city officials must adopt engagement strategies that are inclusive of communities that have historically been left out of government decision-making processes. One such effort is NeighborhoodStat, an initiative launched by the city of New York to empower residents of high-crime communities to help shape the city's public safety agenda within their neighborhoods and build partnerships with city agencies and community organizations. NeighborhoodStat empowers residents to set their own agenda for addressing the issues affecting the safety of their neighborhoods and puts in place a structure allowing them to partner with city leaders to bring their vision into reality. Importantly, NeighborhoodStat relies on active participation and buy-in from members of the community, establishing the legitimacy of the city's efforts to strengthen public safety.

Trash removal and cleanliness

Trash Removal and Cleanliness The Bronx Community District Needs Survey has highlighted trash removal and cleanliness as major concerns for Bronx Community Board 3 (CB3), and addressing these issues is crucial for maintaining public health, safety, and the quality of life for all residents.

Overflowing trash bins, illegal dumping, and persistent littering are not just unsightly; they create unsanitary conditions that attract pests, spread disease, and diminish the community's overall appearance. These conditions can negatively impact mental and physical well-being, especially in densely populated neighborhoods. CB3 recognizes that cleanliness goes hand-in-hand with a healthy living environment. When public spaces are kept clean, residents feel a stronger sense of pride in their community. The district urges more frequent trash removal, increased monitoring of illegal dumping sites, and better waste management infrastructure to combat these ongoing issues. Prioritizing these measures will help prevent the spread of pests, reduce unpleasant odors, and restore the district's public spaces to areas that everyone can enjoy. By ensuring these services are upgraded and consistently maintained, CB3 is committed to creating a cleaner, safer, and more livable environment for all its residents.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Access to healthy food and lifestyle programs

Bronx Community Board Three has prioritized capital improvements aimed at enhancing its parks and recreational facilities. The goal is to support a better recreational infrastructure that encourages youth and young adults to engage in outdoor and recreational activities. This initiative aims to improve overall health outcomes and reduce disparities within the district compared to the rest of New York City.

Bronx Community District 3 faces urgent needs for programs that promote healthy foods and lifestyle options to address high rates of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases linked to limited access to nutritious food and wellness resources. Investments in accessible healthy food options, including the establishment of affordable grocery outlets, community-based farmers' markets, and nutrition education, are critical to improving health outcomes. These efforts can be complemented by public awareness campaigns, partnerships with local schools, and community organizations focused on nutrition, food preparation, and dietary planning.

Lifestyle programs that encourage physical activity, such as recreational facilities, fitness classes, and community-led exercise initiatives, can foster a more active and health-conscious community. Additionally, increasing community gardens and urban agriculture projects will give residents more access to fresh produce and empower them to make healthier choices.

Bronx Community Board 3 supports expanding funding and partnerships with the NYC Department of Health, local nonprofits, and healthcare providers to enhance these programs. By focusing on education and access, the district aims to reduce health disparities and create a supportive environment for healthy living across all ages.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Bronx Community District 3 (CD3) faces significant public health challenges, particularly in addressing issues related to nutrition, environmental cleanliness, and pest control. Recent data indicate that the Bronx has some of New York City's highest obesity rates, with 34% of adults identified as obese. High obesity rates correlate with limited access to healthy foods and higher rates of heart disease and diabetes. In addition, Bronx CD3 has lower life expectancy and high mortality rates from chronic diseases, underscoring the need for community-based health education and wellness programs.

Sanitation and environmental factors also impact CD3 residents' health, as litter and vermin issues persist across the district. Increased efforts from agencies such as the NYC Department of Sanitation and Bureau of Pest Control Services are essential for creating a cleaner, healthier environment. Collaborative action between community boards, local organizations, and city agencies like the NYC Departments of Consumer Affairs and Education is crucial to improve both health and environmental conditions in the Bronx.

For community outreach and education, expanding partnerships between these agencies and local groups can support healthier behaviors, enhance sanitation practices, and mitigate environmental health risks in CD3, aligning with broader public health goals for the area.

Needs for Older NYs

Based on updated demographic data, New York City's elderly population (60 years and older) has continued to grow significantly. By the 2020 Census, this age group comprised approximately 18.9% of NYC's total population, up from 17.2% in 2010. The growth in the elderly population has exceeded overall city population growth rates, with the number of older adults increasing by about 16% since 2010, compared to NYC's overall population growth of 7.7%. Among this population, about one-third are between the ages of 60 and 64, a quarter are 75 and older, and 10% are 85 or older.

In Bronx Community District 3 (CD3), senior services are provided through a network of 11 centers, supporting a diverse range of needs, including arts, congregate lunches, health management, physical health and exercise, technology training, and more. This community has four dedicated senior centers but benefits from additional programs to meet specific needs in health, education, and case management. Programs such as meals-on-wheels, transportation, and geriatric mental health services remain in high demand, emphasizing the need for continued investment to address the unique challenges of a growing aging population.

Bronx CB3 advocates for an increase in city funding to enhance these services, reflecting previous city commitments, such as a 5% budget increase for the Department for the Aging (DFTA) in FY 2017. The board continues to emphasize expanded funding for critical services, including meal delivery, transportation and escort services, case management, nutrition education, and geriatric mental health, all of which are essential to support seniors' well-being and enable them to age with dignity in their community.

Needs for Homeless

Citywide, Bronx Community District 3 (CD3) plays a prominent role in addressing the needs of New York City's homeless population, reflecting the district's commitment to social responsibility and community-based support. With a substantial number of shelters and service facilities, CD3 has long been a critical support area for homeless individuals. However, the concentration of such facilities raises concerns about equitable distribution across New York City.

The NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the city administration must carefully re-evaluate the application of NYC's Fair Share criteria for facility siting to ensure a more balanced approach. This re-evaluation would support not only CD3 but also neighboring communities by fostering a fairer distribution of facilities across the boroughs. Bronx CB3 continues to advocate for this reconsideration, aiming to maintain its commitment to aiding the homeless population while also ensuring sustainable neighborhood development and community well-being.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Bronx Community Board 3 advocates for increased funding to expand critical services for low-income and vulnerable residents of Bronx Community District 3. Priority areas include:

Job Training and Employment Support: Enhanced funding for job training and development programs, particularly for adults and young adults, is essential. Expanded opportunities in skilled trades and certifications for high-demand fields will support both out-of-school youth and adults seeking stable career paths in growing local and regional industries.

Youth Programs: Additional resources are needed to support programs for residents under 18, such as recreational activities, tutoring, and guidance counseling. These services promote academic success, mental well-being, and safe engagement for youth in the community.

Support for Low-Income Residents: Increased funding for the Human Resources Administration (HRA) to bolster Cash Assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is critical, especially as food insecurity and living costs rise. Programs to help low-income households with utility payments are also vital, reducing the burden of essential service costs on vulnerable populations.

CityFHEPS Vouchers: Increased support for CityFHEPS vouchers is essential to assist vulnerable residents in maintaining stable housing. These vouchers are crucial to prevent homelessness and support low-income New Yorkers in staying housed amidst a challenging housing market.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	Other senior center program requests

Bronx Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

The focus on after-school program resources in Community District Three is crucial due to several factors impacting youth well-being, education, and safety in the area. This district, located in the South Bronx, faces high rates of poverty, which directly impacts the availability of supportive activities and resources for children and adolescents outside of school hours. After-school programs are essential for providing academic support, enrichment activities, and safe spaces, particularly for youth in neighborhoods like Crotona Park East, Melrose, and Morrisania.

Key needs include:

Academic Support and Enrichment: Many schools in District Three face academic challenges, and after-school programs play a vital role in offering tutoring, literacy support, and STEM/STEAM activities that help close educational gaps and boost school performance. These programs often include mentorship and access to technology, which is especially important for students lacking resources at home.

Safe, Supervised Environments: With higher crime rates in parts of the district, after-school programs provide safe, structured environments where children are less likely to encounter negative influences and can instead focus on positive development and social skills.

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning: Many children in the area face emotional and behavioral challenges due to socio-economic factors. After-school programs help support mental health by fostering connections with peers and mentors, developing resilience, and reducing stress through creative and recreational outlets.

Career and Job Readiness: Programs that integrate skill-building for older youth prepare them for summer employment and longer-term career pathways. This is particularly valuable in a community where families may not have access to career guidance and training.

Community District Three prioritizes after-school resources to help bridge academic and opportunity gaps, providing children with a supportive network and a head start in school and life success. This holistic support aligns with the district's ongoing collaborative efforts with organizations like Children's Aid and Phipps Neighborhoods, which work to foster environments where every child has the potential to thrive.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Bard High School Early College (BHSEC) in the Bronx opened in 2023 and is built on the model of BHSEC's innovative approach, allowing high school students to earn an associate's degree in liberal arts or sciences alongside their high school diploma. This campus, developed in collaboration with the NYC Department of Education, Montefiore Medical Center, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, emphasizes a science-focused curriculum. The school aims to bridge the gap for Bronx youth, providing an accelerated pathway to college while fostering academic success through rigorous dual enrollment opportunities, especially for students from underserved communities.

The "South Bronx Rising Together" (SBRT) initiative remains a vital collective impact strategy that addresses educational challenges in areas including Crotona Park East, Melrose, and Morrisania, aligning with the goals of Bard's programs. With ongoing partnerships, including those with Children's Aid and Phipps Neighborhoods, SBRT focuses on a cradle-to-career approach by combining resources from schools, families, and community organizations to support Bronx youth from early childhood through higher education and career readiness. The initiative has leveraged previous funding, like the CHASE grant, to build sustainable support systems for children's success within Bronx Community District Three.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

In Bronx Community District Three, youth and child welfare needs focus on improving access to supportive resources, quality education, safe recreational spaces, and mental health services. Key issues include:

Youth Employment and Skill Development: There's a growing need for programs that provide job readiness training and employment opportunities, helping youth gain practical skills and income. Initiatives like job fairs, mentorship programs, and after-school activities help bridge gaps, preparing young residents for future employment.

Education and Technology: Local schools have identified the need for technology upgrades, such as smart boards and tablets, to improve educational outcomes and ensure students are equipped with skills relevant in today's digital world.

Mental Health and Social Services: The area faces a demand for accessible mental health services, particularly for adolescents coping with trauma, academic pressures, or family issues. Partnerships with local organizations that offer free or low-cost counseling can meet these needs, along with community events aimed at raising awareness about mental health.

Safe Play and Recreational Spaces: Children and teens in the area benefit from safe recreational areas, which require maintenance and improvements to playgrounds and community centers. These spaces support physical health and provide a secure environment for social interaction.

Efforts to address these needs involve collaboration among community boards, schools, local officials, and non-profit organizations, with a focus on securing funding and expanding service accessibility in the area.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 1	Other educational programs requests
DYCD	1 / 1	Year-Round Youth Employment and Mentorship Program

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public safety facilities (precinct, fire houses, etc.)

Public Safety & Emergency Services

The residents of CB3 — which include the neighborhoods of Claremont Village, Crotona Park East, Morrisania, Concourse Village and Woodstock — continue to rely critically on primary public safety and emergency-response services, notably the New York City Police Department (NYPD) 42nd Precinct and the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) EMS operations serving the district. According to NYPD CompStat data, the 42nd Precinct (which serves CB3) reported increases in overall crime in recent years, including a ~28 % rise in major crime in one recent month-by-month comparison.

Infrastructure & Facility Upgrades

Ensuring that precinct and EMS station facilities are modernized, accessible to the community, and properly located is vital. CB3 requests city capital funds to maintain, improve or relocate public-safety facilities as needed.

To support a safer and more resilient CB3, it is imperative that public-safety and emergency-service capacity be strengthened in both preventive and response dimensions. The FY 2027 District Needs Statement is requesting dedicated funding, staffing, modernization of facilities, and inter-agency collaboration to reduce crime, improve response times, and enhance overall resident safety and well-being.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Bronx Community District 3 is calling for an increase in NYPD funding to combat the rising rates of criminal activities, especially grand larceny and grand larceny auto (GLA) incidents within the NYCHA Police Service Area 7. This area encompasses several NYCHA developments, including Union Consolidated, Butler, Forest, McKinley, Eagle Avenue, East 163rd Street, Morris Houses, Webster, and Morrisania.

Recent statistics indicate that while many major crimes have decreased, grand larcenies have surged. For example, in a recent 28-day period, the Bronx saw significant increases in grand larceny cases, with the 42nd Precinct experiencing a 60% rise. This trend highlights the urgent need for more patrol officers in the district, particularly since U.S. Census data shows that

Community District 3 in the Bronx has seen significant growth, particularly from 2010 to 2020, with a 5.4% population increase, bringing it to around 93,700 residents by the 2020 Census.

The district has experienced growth largely due to a natural increase, meaning births have significantly outpaced deaths. Although recent data from 2020 to 2023 suggests some stabilization and possibly a slight decrease in population across parts of the Bronx, CD 3's high-density and young age profile still require active community services and public safety measures. The demand for enhanced resources like policing and social services continues as the area remains one of New York City's most densely populated zones.

Moreover, NYPD data indicates that CD 3 has recorded the highest number of arrests related to crimes occurring in parks and playgrounds, further underscoring the necessity for increased police presence throughout the community.

Therefore, Bronx Community District 3 urges for additional patrol officer assignments throughout all sectors for the fiscal year 2024 and beyond to effectively address these escalating concerns.

Needs for Emergency Services

In Bronx Community District 3, there is a significant demand for enhanced emergency services, particularly due to the area's high rates of violent crime, respiratory health issues, and an aging infrastructure that requires consistent maintenance and rapid emergency response capabilities. As of recent assessments, Bronx CD3 continues to report elevated rates of violent crime and emergency-related incidents. This includes a substantial need for emergency medical services (EMS) and faster response times due to factors such as high asthma rates, especially among children, and frequent incidents of housing-related emergencies due to the prevalence of older buildings and multi-family residences in neighborhoods like Morrisania and Crotona.

Emergency response challenges are exacerbated by population density and social vulnerability indicators, which include lower-than-average income levels and a high concentration of NYCHA public housing developments within the district. These challenges highlight the need for additional funding and resources to address these emergency service gaps effectively. The demand for EMS services is particularly acute, given the high rates of chronic health issues in the district, which are among the highest in New York City.

Investing in more patrol officers and EMS resources would directly address the urgent safety and health needs of the community, ensuring faster and more effective emergency responses. Addressing these needs could also alleviate the burden on existing services, enhance public safety, and improve quality of life for residents throughout CD3.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 1	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYPD	1 / 3	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles
NYPD	2 / 3	Other NYPD staff resources requests
NYPD	3 / 3	Hire additional uniformed officers

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 3

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

In Bronx Community District Three, cleanliness and trash collection represent critical core infrastructure issues, particularly due to the high volume of trash and significant sanitation challenges that the area faces. Statistics highlight a troubling trend, with cleanliness ratings showing that only about 85.6% of streets in the Bronx met acceptable standards in recent assessments—down significantly from pre-2020 levels when cleanliness ratings were over 97%. This decline is largely attributed to reduced funding for sanitation services, which has led to an increased buildup of trash in public spaces and, subsequently, to more frequent rodent infestations and other public health issues.

From a resource allocation perspective, the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) data indicates that a considerable portion of 311 complaints from the district pertains to uncollected trash, overflowing litter baskets, and illegal dumping—key contributors to the overall decrease in neighborhood cleanliness. DSNY has acknowledged that a small percentage of litter baskets across the city account for a disproportionately large share of complaints, but Bronx districts consistently rank high in these metrics. For instance, recent reports indicated that derelict vehicles, illegal dumping, and dirty sidewalks have become chronic problems, especially in areas with limited DSNY basket collection services, leading to persistent complaints.

The ongoing sanitation issues in Bronx CD3 underscore the need for increased investment in trash collection, basket maintenance, and anti-littering programs to restore neighborhood cleanliness levels. Adding resources here could help mitigate the public health risks associated with uncollected waste, reducing the district's high level of sanitation-related complaints and improving overall urban resilience.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

Due to the increased residential developments since 1980, CB3's aging water and sewer systems face increased pressure. Investments in both green and traditional infrastructure improvements are essential to ensure long-term resilience and service reliability in the district. Increased demands on water mains and sewer systems, resulting in frequent overflow and the need for major repairs. These issues are compounded by aging infrastructure that has not kept pace with population growth and development density.

Bronx CB3, like other Bronx areas, has been impacted by sewer systems overflow during heavy rainfall, mixing untreated sewage with stormwater. DEP has identified critical flood-prone areas across the Bronx and prioritized green infrastructure projects to mitigate these effects. However, CB3 continues to experience frequent flooding events, suggesting a pressing need for trunk main and sewer upgrades to reduce the occurrence of overflows and backups.

DEP has highlighted the importance of green infrastructure projects to alleviate flooding and reduce strain on traditional sewer systems, especially in dense urban areas. Such initiatives could help absorb stormwater runoff and ease impacts on CB3's sewers, potentially extending the life of existing infrastructure by reducing peak flows.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Since 1990, Bronx Community Board Three has consistently prioritized the enhancement of street and sidewalk cleanliness through sustained collaboration with the Department of Sanitation (DSNY). According to the Office of the Mayor and DSNY scorecard data, the district has maintained strong cleanliness ratings averaging approximately 85% in recent years. Despite these improvements, population growth—driven by the addition of more than 8,400 new housing units since 1990—has significantly increased the demand on sanitation operations and infrastructure.

The district's ongoing residential and commercial development, particularly the rise of multi-family housing and mixed-use projects, has resulted in higher waste volumes and greater pressure on existing sanitation resources. Illegal dumping, improper waste disposal practices, and limited enforcement capacity remain persistent challenges, especially in identified hotspot corridors.

To sustain and enhance the district's cleanliness and quality of life, Bronx Community Board Three is requesting investment in a new sanitation garage facility to improve local service capacity and operational efficiency. The Board also supports the procurement of updated sanitation equipment, increased staffing levels, and dedicated enforcement personnel to address chronic dumping and ensure compliance with waste management regulations.

Furthermore, CB3 urges expanded public education initiatives focused on recycling, proper disposal, and community partnerships to maintain clean streets and sidewalks. Strategic investment in sanitation infrastructure and personnel is essential to meet the demands of a rapidly growing population, preserve public health, and ensure equitable delivery of core municipal services throughout the South Bronx.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DSNY	1 / 5	Increase vacant lot cleaning
DSNY	2 / 5	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
DSNY	3 / 5	Discount for garbage bins one family and senior homeowners
DSNY	4 / 5	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up
DSNY	5 / 5	Southern Boulevard Commercial Revitalization

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 3

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

Affordable housing preservation

Bronx Community Board Three residents are experiencing high Rent Burdens and Poverty Levels. As of recent statistics, nearly 60% of CB3 households are rent-burdened, spending over 30% of their income on housing. This is closely tied to the area's poverty rate, which remains one of the highest in the city, with around 30% of residents living below the poverty line. Preserving affordable housing is essential to prevent displacement and stabilize low-income residents in this high-poverty area.

Community Board 3 has seen consistent population growth, partly driven by new residential developments. The demand for affordable units has outpaced availability, increasing pressure on the existing housing stock. With housing costs rising citywide, low-income residents are particularly vulnerable to rent hikes and the loss of affordable units due to expiring subsidies or conversion to market-rate.

Since 2000, New York City has lost tens of thousands of affordable housing units due to the expiration of rent stabilization and affordable housing subsidies. CB3 is particularly affected, as much of its affordable housing stock, including Mitchell-Lama and Section 8 buildings, is nearing the end of affordability periods. Without intervention, these units are at risk of leaving the affordable housing market, exacerbating displacement risks.

The South Bronx, including CB3, has seen increasing investment, rising rents, and real estate development drive up property values. This trend increases pressure on long-term residents, many of whom are low-income and face displacement if housing costs continue to rise. Preservation of affordable housing can provide a buffer against displacement by securing low-cost units for current residents .

These challenges and affordable housing preservation remain a priority for Bronx CB3. Additional funding and policies to support affordability are crucial for maintaining socioeconomic diversity, preventing displacement, and securing housing stability for the community's vulnerable populations.

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for Housing

See budget requests.

Needs for Land Use

As new mixed-use and high-density projects are introduced, CB3 seeks to ensure equitable land use planning that aligns with community priorities. The Board advocates for greater transparency in the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) process and stronger collaboration with city agencies to ensure that new development projects incorporate community benefits such as local hiring, green infrastructure, and open space access.

Needs for Housing

Bronx CD3 experienced notable population growth between 2000 and 2010, with an increase of 16.3%, significantly exceeding Bronx County's overall population increase of 3.4% during the same period. This trend has continued over the past decade, fueled by both new residential development and affordable housing preservation efforts. According to the NYC Department of Housing

Preservation and Development (HPD), Bronx CD3 has seen an increase of approximately 50% in population since 1980, with over 8,457 new residential units constructed and 9,036 additional units preserved since the 1990s.

Despite substantial efforts to expand affordable housing stock, CB3 residents continue to face affordability challenges, as citywide median income-based AMI thresholds are not aligned with local incomes. In 2022, Bronx's median household income was \$43,920, significantly lower than the citywide median, and in CD3, median income levels are even lower than the borough's average. To make affordable housing more accessible, Bronx CB3 urges HPD and the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) to re-evaluate AMI eligibility thresholds for new and preserved housing, specifically tailoring these to the Bronx's income levels and census tracts. This adjustment would provide a more realistic approach to housing eligibility, better aligning with the financial capabilities of CD3 residents.

Additionally, CB3 advocates for expanded housing subsidy programs to address issues of high unemployment, underemployment, and low wages within the district. The poverty rate in CD3 stands at approximately 30%, exacerbating the need for deeply affordable housing options that better reflect the local economic conditions. Bronx CB3 also emphasizes the importance of addressing NYCHA's maintenance and code violation backlog, particularly within the Claremont Village developments (Butler, Webster/Morrisania, and Morris Houses) where longstanding issues in apartment conditions, grounds maintenance, and common areas persist. Addressing these NYCHA conditions is essential to improve residents' quality of life and maintain housing standards within the nation's largest public housing assemblage located in CD3.

CB3 continues to face a critical shortage of deeply affordable housing units for very low-income households, seniors, and individuals transitioning from shelters. The Board supports affordable and supportive housing but emphasizes the need for developments that maintain long-term affordability and prioritize existing district residents. As new developments emerge—such as along Boston Road, Bathgate Avenue, and Southern Boulevard—the need for tenant protection services, homeownership opportunities, and rehabilitation of aging housing stock remains urgent. Persistent housing code violations, landlord neglect, and the threat of displacement from rising rents are major community concerns.

Needs for Economic Development

Bronx Community Board Three (CB3) recommends that the city administration increase funding to expand Workforce1 Career Centers and other workforce development programs within Congressional District 15, which continues to face high unemployment and underemployment rates. As of recent data, the Bronx's unemployment rate remains among the highest in New York City, with significant employment gaps and a large portion of the district's population seeking stable, higher-wage jobs. Expanding Workforce1 Career Centers and occupational training programs would provide residents with essential job readiness skills, trade certifications, and industry-specific training, helping to close the employment gap and offer pathways to stable, family-sustaining careers.

Additionally, Bronx CB3 calls for a city-supported commercial district needs assessment for key retail corridors in the district, including Southern Boulevard, East 174th Street, Boston Road, and Third Avenue. This assessment would provide critical insights into the evolving needs of these commercial corridors, which have seen increased foot traffic due to recent housing development and population growth. Funding for this assessment could enable targeted improvements such as retail façade enhancements, business improvement initiatives, and coordinated merchant organizing efforts. These actions would support the economic vitality of local businesses, encourage investment, and improve overall neighborhood aesthetics, fostering a more vibrant and resilient local economy.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 2	Technology & Infrastructure
EDC	2 / 2	Bathgate IBZ Revitalization
NYCHA	1 / 3	Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space
NYCHA	2 / 3	Butler Houses Compactors
NYCHA	3 / 3	Butler Houses Garbage Trucks

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYCHA	1 / 1	Hire Additional Caretakers
SBS	1 / 3	Other workforce development requests
SBS	2 / 3	Small Business Support
SBS	3 / 3	Southern Boulevard Commercial Revitalization

Bronx Community Board 3

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Traffic safety and enforcement (cars, scooters, ebikes, etc.)

Bronx Community Board Three support additional funding to hire additional traffic enforcement personnel or to invest in new automated technology that monitors compliance for e-scooters and bicyclists. In Bronx Community District Three, traffic safety and enforcement have become paramount issues as our streets grow increasingly crowded with diverse modes of transportation. Many of these could be avoided with a structured approach to safety and enforcement. Addressing these issues isn't just about reducing numbers on a report; it's about protecting our community members, promoting respectful and lawful road sharing, and fostering a safer environment for everyone.

Data reveals an upward trend in accidents involving scooters, bikes, and pedestrians, especially in areas with high foot traffic, like those around schools, parks, and transit hubs. This reality underscores an urgent need to prioritize the enforcement of road rules that ensure safe coexistence among all road users. In the Bronx, recent statistics indicate that shared spaces have become hotspots for injuries, primarily because they were never designed to accommodate this volume and variety of traffic. This increased use isn't a passing phase; it's the new norm. With the rise in bike-sharing and scooter programs, many new users—often unfamiliar with traffic regulations—are joining our roads. Establishing clear rules and designated lanes for each transportation type is a simple yet effective way to prevent the confusion and accidents that often arise from unclear boundaries. We envision solutions that will make our roads safer and our streets more peaceful. This means targeting our resources where they're needed most. By analyzing traffic violation patterns—considering factors like time, location, and incident type—we can implement focused enforcement in high-risk areas and at high-risk times. Educating the public on safe practices through workshops and campaigns and ensuring visible enforcement on our streets will help build a culture of safety and accountability.

Ultimately, ensuring traffic safety and enforcement in Bronx Community District Three is about more than preventing injuries—it's about creating a community that values the well-being of all its members.

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

See budget requests.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Bronx Community Board Three advocates for additional funding to enable the DOT to conduct comprehensive traffic and parking studies. These studies are essential to address the evolving transportation needs resulting from the district's population increase and to maintain the safety and functionality of our community's infrastructure. The increased presence of e-scooters and bicycles necessitates the development of dedicated lanes and the implementation of comprehensive safety measures to ensure harmonious coexistence with vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

While these alternative transportation modes offer residents additional mobility options, they also present new challenges in terms of traffic safety and infrastructure management.

Needs for Transit Services

Bronx Community Board Three relies heavily on public transportation, with the majority of residents depending on subways and buses for daily travel to work, school, and essential services. The district is served primarily by the 2 and 5 subway lines, along with numerous MTA bus routes including the Bx11, Bx15, Bx17, Bx19, Bx21, Bx35, Bx36, Bx41, and Bx55. Despite strong ridership levels, residents consistently report issues related to service reliability, overcrowding, and safety—particularly during off-peak hours.

Transit Equity and Accessibility:

Many residents within CB3 are low-income, seniors, or individuals with disabilities who rely exclusively on public transit. Limited ADA accessibility at local subway stations remains a significant barrier, especially at high-use stations such as 174th Street, Freeman Street, and Simpson Street. The lack of elevators and functioning escalators restricts mobility and access to essential services. The Board strongly supports ongoing MTA capital projects to expand accessibility upgrades throughout the district.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	3 / 3	NYPD Camera Installation and Streetlight Integration
NYCTA	2 / 2	Construction of a New Metro-North Station Entrance within the Bathgate Industrial Zone

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 1	Bus Stop Shelter and Lighting Maintenance

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 3

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

Bronx Community Board Three has focused its capital priorities on improvements to its parks and recreational facilities, in the interest of supporting an improved recreational infrastructure to encourage youth and young adults to enjoy open space/recreational activities, thus improving overall health indices and disparities of the district, compared to NYC at-large.

Bronx Community District Three is in urgent need of upgrades and renovations to its parks and recreational spaces. As vital resources for residents, parks offer essential green space, promote physical and mental well-being, and serve as gathering places for community members of all ages. However, many of our district's parks are aging and require improvements to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Clinton Playground in Crotona Park has never been renovated since it was built. It is in need of complete renovation. Drew Playgroud needs a new comfort station and enhanced lighting. Eae J. Mitchell Playground needs complete reconstruction.

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

Needs for Parks

See budget requests.

Needs for Parks

Bronx CB 3 in collaboration with the NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation, working with the Friends of Crotona Park and numerous local community based organizations and residents groups, have developed a "Crotona Park Master Plan 2034". This plan includes recommendations for park improvements, park design/network changes and capital and expense budget requests(2034; proposed maturity year). This plan was developed recognizing Crotona Park as a major natural resource in District Three, for which long range community planning efforts were of paramount importance. Local funding efforts of the NYC Council and Bronx Borough President have framed parks and recreational support over the years.

Needs for Cultural Services

Bronx Community Board Three (CB3) has a rich cultural heritage deeply rooted in the traditions of its diverse residents, reflecting the artistic, musical, and social history of the South Bronx. The district is home to a strong network of community organizations, artists, educators, and cultural leaders who use arts and culture as tools for community empowerment, education, and neighborhood revitalization. Despite this vibrant creative energy, the area remains underserved in cultural infrastructure, arts funding, and accessible programming compared to other parts of the city.

Cultural Equity and Access:

Many residents lack convenient access to affordable or free arts and cultural programming. Community-based groups often operate with limited funding and rely on short-term grants or volunteer support. While local institutions—such as The Point CDC, Bronx Music Heritage Center, and community gardens that host cultural events—play a critical role. The Bronx Music Hall serves as a performing arts center dedicated to celebrating the Bronx's rich musical heritage — from hip-hop, salsa, and jazz to emerging contemporary forms. It functions not only as a performance venue but also as a community cultural hub, offering:

Performances, concerts, and festivals highlighting Bronx and Latinx artists. Workshops, youth programs, and arts education initiatives.

Collaborations with schools, community groups, and cultural organizations to strengthen local arts access.

Needs for Library Services

Bronx Community Board Three acknowledges the restoration of \$58.3 million in funding for the New York Public Library (NYPL) in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which has enabled the resumption of Sunday services and the continuation of vital programs across the system. Bronx Community Board Three supports increased expense funding for libraries in the coming fiscal year.

Needs for Community Boards

The Bronx Community Board 3 Office serves as the essential link between residents, city agencies, and elected officials. It is the first point of contact for constituents seeking assistance with city services, quality-of-life concerns, and land use matters. The office also coordinates public meetings, manages communications, and supports the volunteer board in fulfilling its Charter-mandated responsibilities.

Technology and Equipment Upgrades

Much of the board's computer and IT equipment is outdated, making virtual meeting facilitation, data management, and record-keeping inefficient.

CB3 requests modern computers, printers, and networking infrastructure, as well as a digital records system for storing permits, meeting materials, and correspondence.

Upgrading technology will improve transparency and communication with the community, especially through online platforms and hybrid meeting setups.

Enhanced Office Space and Accessibility

The board's current office space is undersized for staff, storage, and community engagement.

Operational Budget and Supplies

The Community Board's annual operating budget is insufficient to cover office maintenance, outreach, translation services, and community engagement materials.

CB3 requests an increase in baseline funding for supplies, professional development, and community events, ensuring effective delivery of Charter-mandated duties and equitable outreach to all residents.

CB3 requests resources for a communications platform that integrates email, text, and web announcements, helping residents stay informed about board activities, hearings, and city programs.

Despite the high level of community engagement and the scope of issues addressed — including housing, sanitation, public safety, and youth services — the office continues to operate with limited staffing and outdated equipment. Additional resources are needed to strengthen the board's capacity to serve a district with some of the most complex socioeconomic challenges in the city.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	2 / 15	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	3 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	4 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	5 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	6 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	7 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	8 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	9 / 15	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	10 / 15	Other capital budget request for DPR
DPR	11 / 15	Native Plants
DPR	12 / 15	Crotona Park Amphitheater
DPR	13 / 15	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	14 / 15	Noise Cameras
DPR	15 / 15	Crotona Park Amphitheater Retractable Roof System
NYPL	1 / 2	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library
NYPL	2 / 2	Technology & Infrastructure Upgrades at Morrisania Public Library

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCLA	1 / 1	Bronx Music Hall Arts
DPR	1 / 4	Other garbage collection and recycling requests
DPR	2 / 4	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers
DPR	3 / 4	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
DPR	4 / 4	Recreation Center Staffing & Programming Support
NYPL	1 / 1	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 3	Other capital request
DOT	2 / 3	Other capital request
NYCTA	1 / 2	E. 174th Street Elevated Train

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

- 1 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) DPR**
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Repair broken and Defective Concrete Facing at Handball Courts and Related Grounds at Basil Behagen Playground - Union Avenue, Tinton Avenue and E. 166 St. in Bronx CD 3; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 26; Tracking Code 103201005C; Bronx CB 3 is requesting the intervention of NYC DPR in repairing the broken/defective concrete facing at numerous locations on the handball courts and the related ground areas. Additionally, the scope of work should address other defective concrete conditions throughout the park, particularly the softball play area. These defects have impaired the ability of players to enjoy games at the park site. Bronx CB 3 recommends that this item be addressed via a NYC Requirements contract.

- 2 of 15 Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) DPR**
Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: Hoe Ave - Home St & Home St
Develop Greenthumb and Flower Garden at Block 2979, Lots 28, 35,36 (Hoe Avenue between Home and Freeman Streets); Bronx CB 3 capital budget priority request #6; Tracking Code 103199506C Due to increased residential development within the area of Crotona Park East and in consideration of the interest of the Hoe Avenue and Home St. Garden committee, Bronx CB 3 is requesting that NYC Parks and Recreation provide for the development of a green and flower garden at this location. The scope of work should include landscaping, vegetable and flower plantings and passive seating. It is further recommended that NYC DPR collaborate with Bronx CB 3 and the area homeowners association on Hoe Avenue, to develop a final design for approval by Bronx CB 3.

- 3 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) DPR**
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Renovate the existing comfort station at Drew Playground (Fulton Avenue between E. 169 St. and E. 170 St.) ; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #17; Tracking Code 103200801C; Recent capital improvements undergone at Drew Playground related to asphalt work, renovation of basketball courts with sports coating, bench replacements, fence installation, playground improvements, play unit installation and sprinkler system installation. Drew playground is in need of enhanced sports lighting throughout the park and play areas to improve safety and promote extended play conditions for youth during summer hours. Restore the defective court surface & repaint the court surface.

- 4 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) DPR**
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Provide for installation of high intensity security/sports lighting , additional electrical outlets for stage area and installation of fence at the garden area at Eae J. Mitchell Park (E. 174 St. and Longfellow Avenue); Bronx CB 3 Capital budget priority # 11; Tracking Code 103200501C; Eae J. Mitchell Park requires high intensity sports/security lighting throughout the park, particularly along the north side adjacent to the Cross Bronx Plaza Shopping Mall. This lighting will serve as a deterrent for substance abuse and narcotics sales and use within the park during late evening hours. Added electrical outlets suited for special events, stage and musical performances, are also needed as well as a fence to secure the garden area.

- 5 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park DPR**
Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Provide for the reconstruction of the existing comfort station within Railroad Park/Playground (Melrose Park; Site 58) within the Melrose Commons Urban Renewal Area(East 161 St. and Park Avenue); Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #12; Tracking Code 103200203C; Railroad park is utilized by children at the Morrisania Air Rights project, neighborhood day care centers, and the immediate community. Plans should be undertaken to renovate the existing building to provide a comfort station and park concessions. These improvements would serve to benefit the area by fostering increased utilization of the Metro-North Subway station. This location serves as a major point of transfer for existing bus line numbers BX 6, 13, 41 and 32.

6 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Rehabilitate CS 132 Playground (Morgan Playground) at E. 168 St., Park Avenue and Washington Avenue; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 33; Tracking Code: 103201203C; Bronx CB 3 is requesting that CS 132 Playground be rehabilitated to include improvements to the play surface, backboards, and rims at the basketball courts, including new line markings and park logo. Additionally, the board is requesting that the NYC DPR re-surface the walls and floors of the existing handball courts.

7 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Install New High Intensity Security Lighting at Charlton-Thompson Garden located at E. 164 St. between Boston Road and Cauldwell Avenue; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 34; Tracking Code: 103201401C; Charlton-Thompson Garden in Bronx CB 3 serves as a memorial to two African American Congressional Medal of Honor award recipients from the Korean War. This park was recently re-constructed in 2010 due to its former deteriorated condition. Of major concern to area residents and to the Friends of Charlton-Thompson Garden Preservation committee and the National Association of Black Veterans in Bronx County, is the fact that the park has been the subject of vandalism and graffiti, which have affected the integrity of this memorial for two of our nation's war heroes.

8 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Renovate the existing comfort station at Gouverneur Morris Playground to be ADA compliant (Third Avenue at E. 170 St.); Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #15; Tracking Code 103200502C; The capital reconstruction of Gov. Morris Playground totaled nearly \$1.7 million and included new spray showers, swings, playground and park house improvements, basketball lighting, asphalt grading, sitting area and handball court improvements, in addition to \$173k in requirements contract work for fencing, color seal coating, new backboards, rims, and related curb work associated with the basketball courts. Presently, the Morris Houses TA requests the renovation of the existing comfort station, as it is the only capital item unaddressed. It also services numerous children in local day care/head start programs.

9 of 15 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Install park benches within Crotona Park; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #18; Tracking Code 103200802C; Due to the increased utilization of Crotona Park as a result of capital improvements to ballfields and play areas, residents have sought to increase the availability of park seating within the park for passive relaxation and enjoyment purposes, in accordance with the Crotona Park Master Plan-2034.

10 of 15 Other capital budget request for DPR**DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

Bronx Community Board Three is requesting the installation of a retractable canopy covering and heating & cooling system for Crotona Park Pool. This will allow for year long programming use of Crotona Park Pool for youth and older adults.

11 of 15 Native Plants**DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

Bronx Community Board Three supports the need for native plants that support specialist bees. This is important for promoting biodiversity and sustaining local ecosystems. Specialist bees rely on specific native plants for food and reproduction, and introducing these plants helps protect and support these pollinators. Specialist bees, in turn, pollinate local crops and vegetation, enhancing environmental health. By planting native species, the community fosters a habitat for these vital pollinators, supports ecological balance, and encourages a more sustainable and resilient environment.

12 of 15 Crotona Park Amphitheater**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

The Crotona Park Amphitheater in Community District Three is a valuable venue for community events, providing a space for performances, gatherings, and celebrations that bring together residents of all ages. However, the lack of a permanent or retractable covering over the stage poses a significant limitation, especially in inclement weather. We propose constructing a permanent or retractable covering for the amphitheater stage to enhance its functionality and ensure uninterrupted use during special events. A stage covering would shield performers, speakers, and attendees from exposure to intense sunlight, heavy rain, or snow, allowing events to continue comfortably and safely. This addition would be particularly valuable during the summer months when the sun can be intense, as well as during unexpected weather changes that could otherwise disrupt events. By incorporating heating and cooling features, the covering can create a climate-controlled environment, extending the amphitheater's usability across seasons. Such features would allow the space to be used more frequently, promoting year-round programming that is currently limited by seasonal temperature extremes. With a covering, the Crotona Park Amphitheater could accommodate a wider range of events without weather-related cancellations or discomfort. From summer concerts and outdoor movie nights to springtime community festivals and autumn performances, the covering would transform the amphitheater into a reliable, weather-resistant venue. Enhanced Community Engagement: The covering would foster greater community engagement by making the amphitheater a more inviting space for residents to gather, rain or shine. Events that are comfortable and accessible in various weather conditions are likely to attract higher attendance, fostering a stronger sense of community and encouraging ongoing participation in park-based activities. This request represents a long-term investment in the community's infrastructure. By protecting the stage area from exposure to the elements, the covering would also help preserve the amphitheater itself, reducing maintenance costs associated with weather-related wear and tear. A versatile amphitheater could also attract outside performers and events, boosting the local economy and enhancing the cultural offerings available to the community. This improvement to Crotona Park aligns with the community's ongoing efforts to create inclusive, safe, and welcoming public spaces. A permanent or retractable covering with climate control features would significantly enhance the functionality, durability, and appeal of the Crotona Park Amphitheater. This addition would allow the space to serve as a year-round venue, ensuring that residents can continue to enjoy and benefit from this vital community resource in all weather conditions.

13 of 15 Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Bronx Community Board Three is requesting the construction of one or more new Dog Runs/Parks in Crotona Park, at Hylan Park consistent with the Crotona Park Master Plan

14 of 15 Noise Cameras**DPR**

New equipment for maintenance

Bronx Community Board Three is requesting the installation of noise cameras around Crotona Park to address growing community concerns about excessive noise, particularly from vehicles with modified exhaust systems and loud gatherings that disrupt the peaceful environment of the park and surrounding neighborhoods. These cameras will serve as a proactive measure to improve quality of life for local residents, promote adherence to noise ordinances, and enhance the overall safety and well-being of park visitors.

15 of 15 Crotona Park Amphitheater Retractable Roof System**DPR**

Other capital budget request for DPR

Location: Southern Boulevard - East 174th Street & East 167th Street

Bronx Community Board Three requests funding for the design and installation of a retractable roof system over the Crotona Park Amphitheater, one of the district's most active outdoor performance and community gathering spaces. The proposed retractable roof will allow for year-round programming, weather protection, and expanded cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities for residents. The Amphitheater currently serves as a venue for concerts, youth performances, fitness programs, senior activities, and community events. However, its usability is severely limited by weather conditions, resulting in frequent cancellations due to rain, heat, or cold. A retractable roof would preserve the open-air experience while ensuring reliable, climate-resilient access for all seasons.

1 of 2 Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library**NYPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Provide for replacement of the existing boiler with a new energy-efficient model (\$1.5 m - \$3.015 m). This replacement will reduce energy consumption and Greenhouse Gas emissions. (secured \$823k); Bronx CB 3 Capital Request #7; Tracking Code: 103201501C

2 of 2 Technology & Infrastructure Upgrades at Morrisania Public Libraryi**NYPL**

Provide new or replacement equipment to a library, including technology

Location: Third Avenue - Bathgate Avenue & East 173rd Street

Fund desktops, printers, smart boards, and Wi-Fi expansion. Expands access to digital learning and supports literacy improvement to increase student engagement.

Department of Transportation (DOT)**1 of 3 Other capital request****DOT**

Other capital request

Location: E. 161 Street - Park Avenue & Park Avenue

Provide for the Reconstruction of E. 161 St. between Park Avenue and Prospect Avenue; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request #3; Tracking Code; 103200207C; This re-construction of E. 161 St. between Park and Prospect Avenues will complement an existing urban design initiative bounded by River Avenue and Park Avenues within CD 4. This request will underscore the recently implemented SBS BX 6 bus route. Additionally, this project will complement future funding targeted for capital improvements to the Morrisania Metro-North train station and Railroad Park. Summer/Fall 2023 -Procurement; Winter/Spring 2023 -Final Design; Fall/Winter 2024 - Construction Begins Pedestrian Islands, curb extensions, bus pads, and bus bulbs

2 of 3 Other capital request**DOT**

Other capital request

Location: Southern Boulevard - E. 174 St. & E. 174 St.

Provide Enhanced Street Surface Lighting at Southern Boulevard from E. 174 St. to E. 167 St. at the "Underside" of the Elevated #2 & 5 IRT train lines; Bronx CB 3 capital budget request # 10; Tracking Code: 103199501C; In consideration of the intent of the existing Southern Blvd. Neighborhood Dev. Plan implemented by DCP in 2016, and the current DDC project involving installation of trunk mains and sewers at Southern Blvd. between E. 174 St. and E. 167 St. in CD 3 FY'17 (HED553), enhanced illumination of this commercial corridor is needed to further the economic vitality of Southern Blvd. Enhanced street surface lighting will also compliment the recently completed painting of the train structure by the NYCTA in 2016.

3 of 3 NYPD Camera Installation and Streetlight Integration**DOT**

Other capital budget request for DOT

Request installation integrated security cameras and lighting in high crime. This enhances public safety and assists with investigations.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 3 Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space****NYCHA**

Renovate or upgrade NYCHA community facilities or open space

Install new energy efficient HVAC system and germ infiltration system in basement and remodel gym at Claremont Neighborhood Center, Inc. located at 489 E. 169 St. in Bronx Community District Three. \$1.445m has been secured. FY' 16 priority request 31; FY' 17 priority request 30; tracking code 103201105C

2 of 3 Butler Houses Compactors**NYCHA**

Other capital budget request for NYCHA

Location: Webster Avenue - East 171st Street & East 169th Street

Upgrade the compactors and hoppers at Butler Houses all six buildings. The new compactors would have greater capacity, improved waste processing capabilities, and energy-efficient features. Upgrading the hoppers (chutes that feed into compactors) would ensure smoother waste collection and reduce blockages. This upgrade would help improve cleanliness, reduce pests, and streamline waste disposal for residents, ultimately enhancing the safety and health of the living environment at Butler Houses.

3 of 3 Butler Houses Garbage Trucks**NYCHA**

Other capital budget request for NYCHA

Location: Webster Avenue - East 171st Street & East 169th Street

Purchasing new garbage trucks for the Butler Houses complex which has six buildings with 1,492 units would enhance the efficiency and reliability of waste collection. Modern garbage trucks are equipped with better technology for handling larger volumes of waste, improved fuel efficiency, and advanced safety features. These new vehicles would help reduce downtime caused by mechanical issues, ensure more consistent and timely trash removal, and improve the overall cleanliness of the complex, contributing to a healthier and more pleasant living environment for residents.

New York Police Department (NYPD)**1 of 1 Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct****NYPD**

Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses

Renovate the NYPD 42nd Police Precinct; Bronx Community Board Three capital priority #21, Tracking code: 103200004C. Consider plans to renovate the NYPD 42nd Pct. at 830 Washington Avenue, to include a new or upgraded HVAC system throughout, new front desk replacement (\$160k), new flooring, painting, platform re-construction, sub-floor structural improvements and overall spruce up in line with the Precinct Enhancement Program. Plans should also include additional on or off street parking options for sector vehicles assigned to the precinct.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**1 of 1 Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers****DEP**

Develop a capital project for specific street segments currently lacking sanitary sewers

Location: Claremont Parkway - Crotona Park East & Crotona Park East

Install storm water line and related infrastructure (catch basins) along Claremont Parkway between Crotona Park East and Crotona Avenue. Installation of infrastructure for storm water run off is essential at this location due to a history of severe flooding and ponding conditions along this stretch of roadway after heavy rainfall. Flooding conditions warranting this capital improvement are particularly evident at the intersection of Crotona Avenue and Claremont Parkway, at the center of Crotona Park.

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 2 E. 174th Street Elevated Train****NYCTA**

Other capital request for NYCTA

Location: Boston Road - East 174th Street - Southern Boulevard & Boston Road

Installing an elevator at the East 174th Street elevated train station would significantly improve accessibility for people with mobility issues, including seniors, individuals with disabilities, and parents with strollers. The elevator would provide a convenient and safe way for these individuals to access the station platforms without navigating stairs, promoting inclusivity and independence. This upgrade would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensuring that public transportation is accessible to all community members and enhancing the overall usability of the station.

2 of 2 Construction of a New Metro-North Station Entrance within the Bathgate Industrial Zone **NYCTA**
Other capital budget request for NYCTA

Location: Third Avenue - Bathgate Avenue & East 173rd Street

This proposal seeks capital funding to design and construct a new pedestrian entrance to a Metro-North Railroad station within or adjacent to the Bathgate Industrial Zone. The Bathgate Industrial Zone is located between Third Avenue and Bathgate Avenue, from East 173rd Street to East 180th Street. This area sits between the Metro-North Harlem Line tracks and major commercial corridors, with proximity to educational institutions, the BronxCare Health System, and major employment centers.

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

1 of 2 Technology & Infrastructure **EDC**
Other capital budget request for EDC

Bronx Community Board Three requests funding for the expansion of public broadband and Wi-Fi infrastructure, along with the installation of interactive community kiosks throughout the district. The initiative will improve digital connectivity, public information access, and technological equity across neighborhoods with persistent digital gaps. The kiosks will serve as both Wi-Fi access points and interactive communication tools that provide residents with information about local events, transit updates, job opportunities, and emergency alerts. Priority installation sites include major corridors and community hubs, such as: Southern Boulevard Commercial Corridor Boston Road (Crotona Park to 174th Street) Bathgate Industrial Business Zone E. 169th Street near the Claremont Neighborhood Center Public parks and open spaces such as Crotona Park and Youth Village Park

2 of 2 Bathgate IBZ Revitalization **EDC**
Other capital budget request for EDC

Location: Bathgate Avenue - E. 174th Street & Claremont Pkwy
Resurface streets, add EV charging and solar trash compactors

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 4 Other garbage collection and recycling requests **DPR**
Improve trash removal and cleanliness

Location: Crotona Avenue - Crotona Park East & Crotona Park West

Increase Personnel in CD Three for Effective Operations; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request # 6; Tracking Code: 103198904E; Provide the following additional personnel for effective parks maintenance and operation of our parks and playgrounds: a. Two (2) Associate Park Service Worker for truck operations related to refuse removal throughout CD 3 parks and playgrounds b) Two (2) climbers and pruners. The following personnel request is for dedicated staffing to Crotona Park exclusively: 12 seasonal CPWs for maintenance of park (Spring/Summer); 4 full time CPWs for year round dedicated lake cleaning and maintenance, 1 gardener, 2 PEP sergeants and 6 officers for year round park security and 1 driver (APSW)

2 of 4 Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers **DPR**
Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers

Provide Funding for Personnel to Facilitate programming at Drew Playground. Park personnel are needed to staff the operation of Drew Playground during the summer months.

3 of 4 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement) **DPR**
Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Provide Twenty (20) Additional Park Enforcement Patrol Officers (PEP) to Ensure Quality of Life Observance in Bronx Parks/Recreational Areas; Bronx CB 3 expense priority # 1; Tracking Code: 103199405E; Community Board Three supports the need for additional PEP staffing in support of increased concerns regarding park security and vandalism. CD 3 expresses the urgency of this need in its efforts to ensure the viability of CD 3 parks and recreational facilities.

4 of 4 Recreation Center Staffing & Programming Support**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

Location: Southern Boulevard - East 174th Street & East 167th Street

Provide additional staff and extended hours at the Crotona Park Field House. This will expand access to safe recreational environments during evenings and weekends.

New York Police Department (NYPD)**1 of 3 Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles****NYPD**

Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles

FY'16 priority request #7; FY'17 priority request #5. Assign Additional equipment to the NYPD 42nd Pct. to include 1 van for the NYPD youth outreach program, 8 additional wheel scooters for police patrol surveillance and 10 bicycles for patrol purposes.

2 of 3 Other NYPD staff resources requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

FY'16 priority request #16; FY'17 priority request #14; Tracking Code 103198502E. Increase traffic personnel assignments in District Three in the functional area of traffic control. The following personnel are requested to be added: 1 senior traffic control inspector, 2 traffic control agents.

3 of 3 Hire additional uniformed officers**NYPD**

Hire additional uniformed officers

FY'16 priority request # 22; FY'17 priority request #20; Tracking Code 103198301E. Assign additional police personnel to the NYPD 42nd. Pct. to combat crime, ensure public safety and provide concentrated enforcement efforts at narcotics prone locations throughout the district area.

New York Public Library (NYPL)**1 of 1 Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections****NYPL**

Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

Increase funding for the New York Public Library Services at the Morrisania Library; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request #7; Tracking Code: 103199503E; In order to provide the opportunity for district children and youth to fully participate in the NYPL's many services, funding for the Morrisania branch needs to be increased to allow for six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient support staff to support these functions. This request is justified in that the circulation rate for Morrisania has increased as well as the attendance at the branch.

Department of Education (DOE)**1 of 1 Other educational programs requests****DOE**

Other educational programs requests

FY'16 priority request #14; FY'17 priority request #12; Tracking Code 103198512E. Install large containers for refuse and solid waste at public school sites. As a result of DOE protocols involving the service of school lunches using paper goods as opposed to the type of food service that was permanent and not disposable, solid waste remains on the street in front of schools. This condition is unsightly and attracts dogs and vermin.

Department for the Aging (DFTA)**1 of 1 Other senior center program requests****DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

Bronx Community Board Three requests additional funds to be allocated to the NYC Department for the Aging, to increase services related to transport/escort, congregate and home delivered meals and other coordination and social action programs for senior centers in Bronx Community District Three

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 5 **Increase vacant lot cleaning**

DSNY

Increase vacant lot cleaning

FY'16 priority request#23; FY'17 priority request# 21; Tacking code 103201001E. Increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program to prevent the extent of idle youth behaviors and adverse youth involvement with local neighborhood gangs.

2 of 5 **Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws**

DSNY

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

FY'19 priority request #25; FY'17 priority request # 23; Tracking code 103198902E. Increase Sanitation Police force by 20 officers citywide, to address issues involving illegal dumping and dumpout conditions on street and sidewalks.

3 of 5 **Discount for garbage bins one family and senior homeowners**

DSNY

Other expense budget request for DSNY

In Community District Three, many single-family homeowners and senior residents face financial challenges that can make everyday expenses, such as the cost of garbage bins, difficult to manage. Given the vital role these bins play in maintaining cleanliness and sanitation across our community, we respectfully request a cost reduction on garbage bins for single-family homeowners and senior residents. We believe that reducing the cost of garbage bins for single-family homeowners and seniors would positively impact both individual households and the broader community. This measure would not only alleviate financial pressure on vulnerable residents but also promote a cleaner, healthier, and more cohesive neighborhood for all.

4 of 5 **Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up**

DSNY

Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up

Assign Additional Maintenance and Operations Personnel in Crotona Park; Bronx CB 3 expense budget request # 10; Tracking Code: 103199504E; The rehabilitation/upgrading of playgrounds and ball fields in Crotona Park, as well as ongoing concerns regarding the cleaning and maintenance of Indian Lake, warrant the assignment of the following dedicated staff personnel exclusively to Crotona Park: 12 seasonal CPWs for maintenance of park (Spring/Summer); 4 full time CPWs for year round dedicated lake cleaning and maintenance, 1 gardener, 4 climbers and pruners, 2 PEP sergeants and 6 officers for year round park security and 1 driver (APSW)

5 of 5 **Southern Boulevard Commercial Revitalization**

DSNY

Increase cleaning of dump-out/drop-off locations

Location: Southern Boulevard - East 174th Street & East 167th Street
Increase sanitation cleaning of vacant lots, graffiti removal and corridor clean ups.

Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

1 of 3 **Other workforce development requests**

SBS

Other workforce development requests

Provide funding for workforce development programs related to job training/development for the formerly incarcerated and youth aging out of foster care(14-25 years of age), aimed at preventing incarceration and increased rates of recidivism of the formerly incarcerated. Efforts should be undertaken to create incentives for prospective employers to hire formerly incarcerated adults and offenders.

2 of 3 **Small Business Support**

SBS

Support merchant organizing

Location: Southern Boulevard - East 174th Street & East 167th Street
Expand technical assistance, storefront improvements grant, and merchant organizing.

3 of 3 Southern Boulevard Commercial Revitalization**SBS**

Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district

Location: Southern Boulevard

Provide sanitation, graffiti removal, safety patrols and corridor clean-up crews.

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 1 Hire Additional Caretakers****NYCHA**

Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness

Location: Webster Avenue - East 169th & East 171St

Hire additional maintenance staff at NYCHA Developments within Community District Three Butler Houses. Additional staff will improve property upkeep, quicker response times to tenant repair requests, and overall better living conditions. It will also address the increased workload due to aging infrastructure, high occupancy, and the need to maintain cleanliness and safety standards across common areas. This will create a healthier, more comfortable environment for residents.

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**1 of 1 Bronx Music Hall Arts****DCLA**

Support nonprofit cultural organizations

Location: Third Avenue - Bathgate Avenue & East 173rd Street

Fund Bronx Music Hall arts, music and cultural programs that boost tourism and small business traffic

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**1 of 1 Year-Round Youth Employment and Mentorship Program****DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services

Expand SYEP and Work, Learn, Grow Programs to include mentorship, leadership training, and financial literacy components. This will strengthen workforce readiness and life skills among local youth. Bronx Community Board Three has a large youth population with limited access to structured workforce and life-skills development programs. While SYEP and WLG provide essential early work experience, participants often lack the ongoing mentorship and personal development needed to translate short-term employment into long-term success.

Department of Transportation (DOT)**1 of 1 Bus Stop Shelter and Lighting Maintenance****DOT**

Add street signage or wayfinding elements

Increase funding for regular cleaning, lighting repairs and accessibility at high use bus stops. This will ensure commuter comfort and safety, especially for seniors