

***Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests***

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**Bronx
Community District
7**

Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

Every year, each of New York City's 59 community boards advocate for the needs of its residents and stakeholders by preparing a Statement of Community District (CD) Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. Through this process, community boards share the top issues impacting their neighborhoods and propose capital and expense requests to address those identified needs. I'd like to thank the volunteer members of our community boards and the District Managers who work so hard in leading this essential process and in preparing these reports.

The annual CD Needs process is the product of months of collaboration and public input and is a valuable tool for New Yorkers to participate in neighborhood planning. At the broadest levels, CD Needs offers a critical window into the challenges faced by New Yorkers, and how those challenges may differ across neighborhoods. At a granular level, it provides a forum through which community leaders specify those needs and make recommendations for spending -- which in turn are used by City agencies, elected officials, advocacy groups, and non-profit service providers, among others, to better understand and meet the individual needs of each community board.

Through this year's submissions, we heard the stories of our communities' biggest challenges, such as the human impacts of our housing crisis. In that vein, community boards again selected affordable housing as the most pressing issue citywide, followed by crime and public safety, and parks and open space. Through our online form, community boards generated more than 3,700 budget requests, and for each, one of 28 City agencies responded to indicate whether the request could be accommodated within the upcoming annual budget. This year, in line with our commitment to increasing transparency across the CD Needs process, we are publishing agency responses to these requests in the final section of these reports.

DCP deeply values our partnership with community boards. We remain committed to supporting them by increasing participation in, and improving the transparency of, the CD Needs process. We have received valuable feedback from our community board partners, and we are excited to work with them to continue improving our online submission form, to connect boards with agencies to advance budget request proposals, and to open the form earlier in the calendar year to allow more time for public input and preparation. We look forward to advancing this work with both community boards and City agencies to ensure this is a valuable and productive way to improve our City's neighborhoods and to respond to local community needs.

Sincerely,



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) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

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.

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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

Bronx Community Board 7

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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 7

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	139,286	100.00	146,813	100.00	7,527	5.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	38,098	27.4	34,554	23.5	-3,544	-9.3	-3.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	139,286	100.0	146,813	100.0	7,527	5.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	90,979	65.3	99,985	68.1	9,006	9.9	2.8
White non-Hispanic	10,023	7.2	8,260	5.6	-1,763	-17.6	-1.6
Black non-Hispanic	26,165	18.8	24,456	16.7	-1,709	-6.5	-2.1
Asian non-Hispanic	9,156	6.6	10,021	6.8	865	9.4	0.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,293	0.9	1,948	1.3	655	50.7	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,670	1.2	2,143	1.5	473	28.3	0.3
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	50,161	100.0	53,180	100.0	3,019	6.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	47,564	94.8	50,996	95.9	3,432	7.2	1.1
Vacant housing units	2,597	5.2	2,184	4.1	-413	-15.9	-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

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 Board 7 (CB7) is made up of the neighborhoods of Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, University Heights. The district extends from Webster Avenue at the East to Goulden Avenue and the Harlem River to the West. The North end boundary of the district starts from the south end of Woodland Cemetery (E 211th Street) to Fordham Road and West 183rd Street on the South end. The area is served by two subway lines, D and 4, and Metro-North service from/to Westchester County and Grand Central Station. There are several major institutions that are our neighbors, such as Lehman College, Montefiore Hospital and the New York Botanical Garden. The Community Board is also home to two recognizable high schools, Bronx High School of Science and DeWitt Clinton High School and 34 public schools. Nonetheless, the number of school seats available in our community is a major issue of concern for local residents. Among all New York City Community Boards, CB7 has the 4th highest percentage of households with children under 18 years old. In fiscal year 2018, School Construction Authority (SCA) had identified the need of over 2,000 seats in the 5 of the neighborhoods within the boundaries of CB7. Up to this date the available number of school seats have remained the same; and the creation of additional seats have not kept pace with our growing youth population and new housing development. In the upcoming years the district will see a surge of over 3,000 additional residential units (based on DOB data). As a result, the quality of learning in most of our schools, which are already experiencing overcrowding, will be further impacted and continue to grow more into a more serious problem. The district is densely populated with approximately 73,000 residents per square mile. Approximately 45% of the residents in the community are foreign born and have limited English Proficiency (35%). They mainly live in rental units in multi family buildings that make up about 97% of the neighborhoods. Homeownership has been in the decline in recent years with only 6% of the district owning a home, condo or cooperative. A lot of the private homes in our neighborhoods have disappeared to make way for new residential buildings with Supportive and Affordable Housing Units. These new developments take advantage of zoning laws to build taller buildings, to maximize the number of units. We (CB7) would like to ensure housing is being built responsibly to accommodate the current fabric of our neighborhoods and the growth by increasing municipal services. While the district has some of the most affordable market rental housing in the city, our district also has a history of high eviction rates and rent burden (55% of our residents pay more than 30% of their salaries). Therefore, affordable mixed income housing, homeownership (open-door program and CLT) and other subsidy programs to preserve tenants in place are a priority. As residential development occurs in the district, there is a need for additional municipal services, such as transportation, sanitation and parks maintenance. Public Transportation is a major concern of the Community Board. CB7 residents must endure some of the longest commutes in the city on crowded trains and buses. Further, many services are not frequent enough to make them reliable or serve a growing population. The Bronx Bus redesign will affect several bus lines which connect many of our residents with the area hospitals and other institutions throughout the district. High fares discourage residents from using the Metro-North service to access jobs in Manhattan. Additionally, provisions for services such as a shared bike program and ferry services on the Harlem River would provide the community with additional travel options. Community residents have excellent access to neighborhood parks and green areas, such as Mosholu Parkway. These open spaces have experienced an increase in use and provided our residents with a relief to the lockdown experienced due to COVID-19. This has also created more garbage and demand for sanitation services in our parks. The Bronx has always received the lowest budget allocations for service delivery. Now, during the recent budget cuts our residents have experienced a further decline in their quality of life. The overall maintenance services from the sanitation and parks departments is of special need.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends (zoning, development, neighborhood preservation, etc.)

CB 7 is in need of quality, mixed income housing, as housing accommodations continue to be one of the primary issues facing district residents. While the district has some of the most affordable private market rental housing in the city, many rent-stabilized and rent-controlled apartments are disappearing due to evictions and tenant turnover. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents who have been priced out of other neighborhoods in New York City, increasing competition for the affordable units available in the district. There is also a prevailing feeling in our district that we have received a disproportionate share of supportive housing developments, which serve a population that does not currently reside in the district.

Schools

The quality and lack of funding of our local schools continues to be a major issue of concern for residents. The number of seats available in our community is not acceptable as most of our schools are overcrowded. COVID-19 has proven that access to technology and remote learning is a major part of community needs. As we experience a significant increase of residents we task the city to support educational opportunities and add seats to accommodate our present and future students. Failure to address these issues now, will cause the underserved to persist and worsen. During this pandemic we continue to see the need for students and families to receive food programs and additional technological resources such as: equipment and wifi.

Other

Insufficient Municipal Services: We have seen a dramatic increase in our population due to new residential development. However, services like transportation, sanitation and parks maintenance have not increased to meet new demands. CB 7 needs city agencies to deliver additional services to maintain our quality of life and accommodate our population growth.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Communities within the Bronx consistently rank among the highest in rates of health disparities and lowest in positive health outcomes. According to the 2018 NYC Community Health profile, the rate of avoidable hospitalizations among adults in Community Board 7 is more than double the citywide rate and the adult obesity rate is 33%, which is higher than the rest of NYC. In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic disproportionately affected Bronxites and individuals with comorbidities like diabetes and hypertension were more at risk for complications. As the city moves into recovering from the COVID-19 health pandemic, Community Board 7 requests dedicated resources that are linguistically and culturally competent to educate the public about infectious diseases, and the importance of healthy lifestyles and accessing routine medical care to keep our neighbors and residents healthy and address long-standing health disparities.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
24/26	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to expand and enhance Veteran-based program with accessibility to medical/health care appointments and services. The COVID-19 Pandemic has increased health needs and limited veteran's ability to travel, many providers use telemedicine as a means of contact. Funding to provide equipment like WIFI tablets, provide staffing to train Veterans on how to use equipment, and provide the means for Mobile Medical Units to do trainings, transport equipment to Veterans, and provide a base for Veteran enrollment and provide free dental cleanings and distribute dental kits.</i>	260 East 188 Street, Bronx, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>According to the latest available NYC Community Health Profile for Bronx Community District 7, the adult obesity rate in our district is 33% higher than the average for the city. The rate of diabetes is 19% and 35% of residents have hypertension, both rates higher than the NYC average. We request funding to promote existing programs and initiatives that promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention. We request that promotion efforts are multilingual and culturally competent for the diverse population within CB7.</i>	
4/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>CB7 would like to request a targeted multilingual media campaign advertising NYC Well so that residents can become aware of the services available. CB7 would also like DOHMH to conduct community outreach to make residents aware of the resources available through NYC Well and other mental health support</i>	

5/38	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Explanation: Bronx CB7 requests funding for DFTA to conduct a study to determine eligibility for a NORC program within CB7. According to recently available census data, approximately 10% of Community Board 7 residents are aged 65 years and older. However, within the district, there are concentrations of older adults that need services and support to age with dignity and comfort in their own homes.</i>
7/38	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>Explanation: Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning, including access and communication around where folks can access PREP and PEP.</i>
8/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>It is important to make Naloxone accessible and available to community members without out-of-pocket costs. Community members have expressed the importance of being able to access Naloxone to prevent opioid overdoses in our communities. It is important for Naloxone to be accessible within pharmacies and health care organizations within Community Board 7 and that the public has access to this lifesaving intervention.</i>
9/38	DFTA	Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors	<i>CB7 requests an information campaign about crime prevention and victim assistance programs for seniors in the Bronx. The Board requests targeted outreach activities including tabling at community events, mailings, television commercials, and phone banking advertising these services to our senior communities.</i>
10/38	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Currently there are only 15 providers, citywide, serving home delivered meals in 22 catchment areas. We need to increase the number of providers and catchment areas to better serve seniors including those residing in Community Board 7.</i>
11/38	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Explanation: CB7 requests a higher number of outreach activities to be conducted within CB7 for areas that are known to be frequented by chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals.</i>

12/38	HRA	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)	<i>Food insecurity is a major challenge for residents of Community Board 7, especially during this period of economic inflation. Community Board 7 requests increasing the funding for emergency food programs and pantries within Community Board 7 and also funding to advertise Food Help NYC so that residents can be better informed of the assistance available and refer neighbors.</i>
22/38	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>To prevent homeless, additional funding is needed to maintain people living in their homes with rent assistance our vouchers</i>
34/38	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has exponentially increased the volume of rats and other vermin in the communities within Community Board 7. We request funding to provide additional and improved methods of animal and pest control to address the unsanitary conditions in our buildings, streets, and communities. We also request funding to continue virtual and in-person education sessions through programs like the Rat Academy.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Community Education Council 10, which includes most of our district, is the most overcrowded district in the Bronx. As a result, principals are now forced to transform school libraries, gymnasiums, laboratories, lunchrooms, and closets into classrooms. Students are unjustly confined into these unorthodox spaces and as a result, there has been a significant reduction in primary and supplemental opportunities for recreation and exploration. There is substantial evidence that overcrowding has an adverse impact on learning, and our students, already impacted by other ills like poverty, must be provided with additional school and educational facilities.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are overcrowded. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district.</i>	
3/26	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We need a new middle/intermediate school within the CB 7 district.</i>	
6/26	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool needs repairs. The students attending the high school deserve to have a fully functioning pool. A pool will encourage students to establish fitness routines that can help to prevent obesity and encourage lifelong healthy habits. Bronx County is currently the unhealthiest County in the State. Access to a pool, which could eventually even be used by the community, as it was years ago, would be a big help towards that goal.</i>	Dewitt Clinton Hs Field House, Bronx, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx science and American Studies High Schools.</i>	
13/38	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented (G&T) program as well as a preparatory course for the G&T Test in a school within Community District 7.</i>	

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public nuisances complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety for district residents. We need a coordinated effort among city agencies to step up their enforcement of noise complaints, loitering, and littering. Our community needs more of a positive and engaging police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints that improves quality of life without over policing.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/26	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is in need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
37/38	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents	<i>There is a shortage of public safety officers within our district, and Parent Associations and school administrations have expressed interest in additional safety measures for the schools. Whenever new public safety officers come in, others currently in the position either retire, quit, or get promoted to a higher paying position in another division outside of School Safety division. Many schools like PS 86, PS 8, and others have between 2 and 3 officers on staff, yet some schools have multiple buildings, and all schools have many entrances that remain unguarded due to low numbers of officers.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

The office receives a high volume of complaints related to the cleanliness of the district. Specifically, the complaints are related to dog waste, illegal dumping and cleanliness of residential and commercial areas. Enforcement of sanitation laws and a culturally sensitive public education campaign targeted to residential and commercial property owners can result in a reduction of these violations and greatly improve the quality of life for CB 7 residents.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>There is a need to increase sanitation enforcement personnel to address the trash along our commercial corridors that include, but not limited to, Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, East 204th, Bainbridge Avenue, and Webster Avenue. In addition, the additional personnel could also focus on the dirty sidewalks along our residential streets. An increase in enforcement in tandem with public education would be helpful in tackling the problems of littering, trash maintenance, and the proper way to keep sidewalks and streets clean on our neighborhood streets.</i>	
29/38	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Catch basins throughout the community board need servicing more frequently. Following rainstorms and or when hydrants are opened, streets are flooded and overflow onto sidewalks. Areas of concern include Mosholu Parkway, North and South sides, the commercial corridor of East 204th Street from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues, Parkside Place near East 205th Street and in front of 3300 Webster Avenue.</i>	
32/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in public education and infrastructure (such as bags) along parks and sidewalks would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.</i>	
35/38	DEP	Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed	<i>The community would like to request fire hydrant tamper proof valves for all hydrants throughout the district to prevent illegal use.</i>	

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

Affordable housing creation

CB 7 residents are constantly dealing with housing and rental issues. Tenants have rights and should be afforded more services to help them address issues like rent increases, code violations, and evictions. We see too often how our residents are living in poor conditions because landlords take rents but fail to adequately maintain their buildings. Poor living conditions can affect a household's quality of life, jobs, family well-being, and mental health. There is also a need for mixed income housing and affordable homeownership opportunities to accommodate households in different income brackets.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with Open Door Program financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/38	SBS	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district	<i>As part of the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, is it necessary to support the creation of a BID in the commercial corridor along Kingsbridge Road to prevent tenant displacement and harassment.</i>	Kingsbridge Road University Avenue Grand Concourse
3/38	DCP	Create a neighborhood plan in coordination with the community	<i>As part of the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, the Department of City planning should conduct a zoning and land use study of the area that would create a master plan for future neighborhood needs, such as, schools, job growth, housing, and commercial development. The creation of a Special Kingsbridge Armory District can allow for the transfer of development (air) rights for much needed affordable housing in the area.</i>	
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19/38	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>Provide personnel to maintain the common spaces and sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean environment.</i>	2663 Heath Avenue

21/38	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>
27/38	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	<i>Explanation: With our community still experiencing a 6.6% unemployment rate as of August 2022, funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and job retention are vital to the community.</i>
28/38	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>Our community businesses need help now more than ever. The current climate has put a huge economic strain on local businesses; they need assistance.</i>
36/38	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide additional personnel for DOB to enforce code violations and maintenance.</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Subway service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

CB 7 residents must endure some of the longest commutes in the city on crowded trains and buses. Further, many services are not frequent enough to make them reliable or serve a growing population. For instance, peak express service is only provided on the D train for five hours per day. Compare this to other similar lines like the 6 or 7, where peak express service is provided 10-14 hours per day. Infrequent bus service, even on core routes, means seniors are waiting too long for bunched buses at inadequate bus stops. Finally, high fares and infrequent service discourage residents from using the Metro-North service to access jobs in Manhattan. Additionally, provisions for services such as a shared bike program and ferry services on the Harlem River would provide additional travel options. Providing the services described above will help with the congestion of public transit and the battle against COVID-19.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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16/26	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has been a site for numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crime. We are requesting a community garden. Please review Bridge Arts application for maintaining this site.</i>	
18/26	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>DOT should add more stories to the municipal parking garage at Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability. The additional parking will benefit the visitors and staff of NCBH. It would also alleviate the loss of parking in the area due to the roadway cafés and Citibike. Provide electric car charging stations.</i>	3210 Jerome Avenue
20/26	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>The tunnels under the Grand Concourse at Bedford Park Blvd and East 204 Street are in need of additional and updated lighting to enhance the safety under these thruways. These tunnels also need to be cleaned and painted.</i>	
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Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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23/38	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Jerome Avenue, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>
25/38	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Add a new Select Bus Service line from the Fordham Road area to LaGuardia Airport. This bus line was once proposed by the MTA, but funding never materialized and never implemented. The Board continues to believe that this vital bus line will provide an easier connection to the airport for all Bronxites.</i>
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31/38	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. In 2016, NYPD reported 156 traffic related accidents and in 2017, NYPD reported 136 traffic related accidents. The intersection remains unsafe to navigate when vehicles speed through the lights while pedestrians try to cross to and from the bridge and to and from the University Heights Metro North train station. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules. and to and from the University Heights Metro North train station. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules.</i>

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

The district is home to a large number of parks and parkways, making it one of the greenest districts in the city. The vast amount of parkland makes it difficult to provide the necessary level of maintenance to keep the parks clean and safe. Additional investment is needed in both maintenance personnel and equipment in the district.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Basketball Courts to include resurfacing of the floor and new fiberglass backboards.</i>	
5/26	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Installation of surveillance cameras at St. James Park, Devoe Park, Aqueduct Walk and Williamsbridge Oval Park to increase community safety.</i>	
7/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>	
8/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New Fitness equipment is needed at the St. James Recreational Center.</i>	2530 Jerome Avenue
9/26	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>The Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval offers many diverse programs for both adults and youngsters. The building has limited ADA accessibility due to a lack of an elevator that would allow full access to both floors of the building. CB7 requests the installation of an ADA Compliant elevator that would allow mobility impaired users access to all programs.</i>	

11/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park (WBO) to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron fence is missing or has been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.</i>	
12/26	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>As detailed in the attached support letter, additional funding is needed by NYPL for capital improvements to the library in CB7.</i>	
13/26	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fordham Landing is one of the few active sports areas in University Heights. It is currently used by local teams and leagues for baseball, softball, basketball, and handball. The field and courts need to be rehabilitated and updated.</i>	Exterior Street, West Fordham Road and University Heights Bridge
14/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Flooding and drainage in the park grass areas and walkways have been ongoing issues at Devoe Park. Also, benches need to be repaired or upgraded throughout the park.</i>	
15/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the two (2) playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park</i>	
17/26	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair broken pavement at the Williamsbridge Oval Park at the Holt Place entrance.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center, Bronx, New York, NY
19/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Create an outdoor fitness station (s) on the upper perimeter of Williamsbridge Oval Park. As requested by community residents.</i>	Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center

21/26	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Install running/jogging areas in large Parks and around playing fields in our District. Areas for jogging, walking, and competitive running are needed to promote good health and provide safe recreational spaces.</i>	
22/26	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Rehabilitate the Bocce Court Williamsbridge Oval; the area is no longer used for Bocce games and needs to be resurfaced and repurpose for another active sport.</i>	
23/26	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Install railings along the path at University Woods Park. The wooded area along the path contains poisonous plants and rocks, which could cause injury to visitors. Low railings will help to maintain park goers safety.</i>	
25/26	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>DOT has created a crosswalk and path midblock between Van Cortlandt Avenue East and Bainbridge Avenue along Mosholu Pkwy. The existing park walkway leading to the new crosswalk from the south service road needs repair and lighting. Install lighting along the new crossing path on Mosholu Parkway South near East 204th Street. Additionally, lighting is needed on more areas on Mosholu Parkway to increase pedestrians' visibility and safety.</i>	Mosholu Parkway South near East 204th Street
26/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair/replace the artificial turf at Harris Field.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

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18/38	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues.</i>	
24/38	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide a full time Gardener and Maintenance personnel for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park which have very large green spaces and require additional maintenance.</i>	
26/38	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>	University Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY
33/38	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide additional funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandate responsibilities. We are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 to properly serve the districts growing population.</i>	
38/38	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Remove dead trees and plant new trees in the empty pits throughout Community Board #7.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with Open Door Program financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.</i>	
2/26	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are overcrowded. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district.</i>	
3/26	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We need a new middle/intermediate school within the CB 7 district.</i>	
4/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Basketball Courts to include resurfacing of the floor and new fiberglass backboards.</i>	
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6/26	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool needs repairs. The students attending the high school deserve to have a fully functioning pool. A pool will encourage students to establish fitness routines that can help to prevent obesity and encourage lifelong healthy habits. Bronx County is currently the unhealthiest County in the State. Access to a pool, which could eventually even be used by the community, as it was years ago, would be a big help towards that goal.</i>	Dewitt Clinton Hs Field House, Bronx, New York, NY

7/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>	
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10/26	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth.</i>	
11/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park (WBO) to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron fence is missing or has been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.</i>	
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24/26	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to expand and enhance Veteran-based program with accessibility to medical/health care appointments and services. The COVID-19 Pandemic has increased health needs and limited veteran's ability to travel, many providers use telemedicine as a means of contact. Funding to provide equipment like WIFI tablets, provide staffing to train Veterans on how to use equipment, and provide the means for Mobile Medical Units to do trainings, transport equipment to Veterans, and provide a base for Veteran enrollment and provide free dental cleanings and distribute dental kits.</i>	260 East 188 Street, Bronx, New York, NY
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2/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>According to the latest available NYC Community Health Profile for Bronx Community District 7, the adult obesity rate in our district is 33% higher than the average for the city. The rate of diabetes is 19% and 35% of residents have hypertension, both rates higher than the NYC average. We request funding to promote existing programs and initiatives that promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention. We request that promotion efforts are multilingual and culturally competent for the diverse population within CB7.</i>	
3/38	DCP	Create a neighborhood plan in coordination with the community	<i>As part of the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, the Department of City planning should conduct a zoning and land use study of the area that would create a master plan for future neighborhood needs, such as, schools, job growth, housing, and commercial development. The creation of a Special Kingsbridge Armory District can allow for the transfer of development (air) rights for much needed affordable housing in the area.</i>	
4/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>CB7 would like to request a targeted multilingual media campaign advertising NYC Well so that residents can become aware of the services available. CB7 would also like DOHMH to conduct community outreach to make residents aware of the resources available through NYC Well and other mental health support</i>	

5/38	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Explanation: Bronx CB7 requests funding for DFTA to conduct a study to determine eligibility for a NORC program within CB7. According to recently available census data, approximately 10% of Community Board 7 residents are aged 65 years and older. However, within the district, there are concentrations of older adults that need services and support to age with dignity and comfort in their own homes.</i>
6/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx science and American Studies High Schools.</i>
7/38	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>Explanation: Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning, including access and communication around where folks can access PREP and PEP.</i>
8/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>It is important to make Naloxone accessible and available to community members without out-of-pocket costs. Community members have expressed the importance of being able to access Naloxone to prevent opioid overdoses in our communities. It is important for Naloxone to be accessible within pharmacies and health care organizations within Community Board 7 and that the public has access to this lifesaving intervention.</i>
9/38	DFTA	Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors	<i>CB7 requests an information campaign about crime prevention and victim assistance programs for seniors in the Bronx. The Board requests targeted outreach activities including tabling at community events, mailings, television commercials, and phone banking advertising these services to our senior communities.</i>
10/38	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Currently there are only 15 providers, citywide, serving home delivered meals in 22 catchment areas. We need to increase the number of providers and catchment areas to better serve seniors including those residing in Community Board 7.</i>

11/38	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Explanation: CB7 requests a higher number of outreach activities to be conducted within CB7 for areas that are known to be frequented by chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals.</i>
12/38	HRA	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)	<i>Food insecurity is a major challenge for residents of Community Board 7, especially during this period of economic inflation. Community Board 7 requests increasing the funding for emergency food programs and pantries within Community Board 7 and also funding to advertise Food Help NYC so that residents can be better informed of the assistance available and refer neighbors.</i>
13/38	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented (G&T) program as well as a preparatory course for the G&T Test in a school within Community District 7.</i>
14/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>
15/38	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.</i>
16/38	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional personnel for HPD to enforce the housing maintenance code.</i>

17/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>There is a need to increase sanitation enforcement personnel to address the trash along our commercial corridors that include, but not limited to, Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, East 204th, Bainbridge Avenue, and Webster Avenue. In addition, the additional personnel could also focus on the dirty sidewalks along our residential streets. An increase in enforcement in tandem with public education would be helpful in tackling the problems of littering, trash maintenance, and the proper way to keep sidewalks and streets clean on our neighborhood streets.</i>	
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22/38	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>To prevent homeless, additional funding is needed to maintain people living in their homes with rent assistance our vouchers</i>	

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29/38	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Catch basins throughout the community board need servicing more frequently. Following rainstorms and or when hydrants are opened, streets are flooded and overflow onto sidewalks. Areas of concern include Mosholu Parkway, North and South sides, the commercial corridor of East 204th Street from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues, Parkside Place near East 205th Street and in front of 3300 Webster Avenue.</i>	

30/38	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the B and D train lines. Extend express service during evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Faster service will avoid overcrowding.</i>
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8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/27	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with Open Door Program financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
02/27	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are overcrowded. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district.</i>	Community District is located in a School District with identified seat need. Location for school will be based on site and funding availability.
03/27	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We need a new middle/intermediate school within the CB 7 district.</i>	Limited seat need has been identified in the area specified. Location for a school will be based on site availability.
04/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate the Basketball Courts to include resurfacing of the floor and new fiberglass backboards.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
05/27	DPR	Other capital budget request for DPR	<i>Installation of surveillance cameras at St. James Park, Devoe Park, Aqueduct Walk and Williamsbridge Oval Park to increase community safety.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
06/27	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>The Dewitt Clinton High School pool needs repairs. The students attending the high school deserve to have a fully functioning pool. A pool will encourage students to establish fitness routines that can help to prevent obesity and encourage lifelong healthy habits. Bronx County is currently the unhealthiest County in the State. Access to a pool, which could eventually even be used by the community, as it was years ago, would be a big help towards that goal.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
07/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
08/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New Fitness equipment is needed at the St. James Recreational Center.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
09/27	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>The Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval offers many diverse programs for both adults and youngsters. The building has limited ADA accessibility due to a lack of an elevator that would allow full access to both floors of the building. CB7 requests the installation of an ADA Compliant elevator that would allow mobility impaired users access to all programs.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.

10/27	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is in need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
11/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park (WBO) to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron fence is missing or has been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
12/27	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>As detailed in the attached support letter, additional funding is needed by NYPL for capital improvements to the library in CB7.</i>	NYPL is in favor of this project; however, restored City capital funding is required. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Please contact NYPL for additional information.
13/27	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fordham Landing is one of the few active sports areas in University Heights. It is currently used by local teams and leagues for baseball, softball, basketball, and handball. The field and courts need to be rehabilitated and updated.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the project is currently in procurement.
14/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Flooding and drainage in the park grass areas and walkways have been ongoing issues at Devoe Park. Also, benches need to be repaired or upgraded throughout the park.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
15/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the two (2) playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
16/27	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has been a site for numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crime. We are requesting a community garden. Please review Bridge Arts application for maintaining this site.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
17/27	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair broken pavement at the Williamsbridge Oval Park at the Holt Place entrance.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.

18/27	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	<i>DOT should add more stories to the municipal parking garage at Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability. The additional parking will benefit the visitors and staff of NCBH. It would also alleviate the loss of parking in the area due to the roadway caf s and Citibike. Provide electric car charging stations.</i>	City parking facilities are being sold by NYCDOT in conjunction with NYCEDC. This initiative precludes NYCDOT from allocating funds for the purchase of properties and subsequent construction of parking facilities.
19/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Create an outdoor fitness station (s) on the upper perimeter of Williamsbridge Oval Park. As requested by community residents.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
20/27	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>The tunnels under the Grand Concourse at Bedford Park Blvd and East 204 Street are in need of additional and updated lighting to enhance the safety under these thruways. These tunnels also need to be cleaned and painted.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
21/27	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Install running/jogging areas in large Parks and around playing fields in our District. Areas for jogging, walking, and competitive running are needed to promote good health and provide safe recreational spaces.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
22/27	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>Rehabilitate the Bocce Court Williamsbridge Oval; the area is no longer used for Bocce games and needs to be resurfaced and repurpose for another active sport.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
23/27	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Install railings along the path at University Woods Park. The wooded area along the path contains poisonous plants and rocks, which could cause injury to visitors. Low railings will help to maintain park goers safety.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
24/27	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to expand and enhance Veteran-based program with accessibility to medical/health care appointments and services. The COVID-19 Pandemic has increased health needs and limited veteran's ability to travel, many providers use telemedicine as a means of contact. Funding to provide equipment like WIFI tablets, provide staffing to train Veterans on how to use equipment, and provide the means for Mobile Medical Units to do trainings, transport equipment to Veterans, and provide a base for Veteran enrollment and provide free dental cleanings and distribute dental kits.</i>	Please contact the Office of Veteran's Affairs directly.
25/27	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>DOT has created a crosswalk and path midblock between Van Cortlandt Avenue East and Bainbridge Avenue along Mosholu Pkwy. The existing park walkway leading to the new crosswalk from the south service road needs repair and lighting. Install lighting along the new crossing path on Mosholu Parkway South near East 204th Street. Additionally, lighting is needed on more areas on Mosholu Parkway to increase pedestrians' visibility and safety.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.

26/27	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair/replace the artificial turf at Harris Field.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
CS/27	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>This project was awarded under MTA 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program; the Board will continue to monitor the design process and the installation/construction of the ADA Compliant Elevator at the #4 subway line at Mosholu Parkway until completion.</i>	For information on this capital project, please contact the agency.

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/38	SBS	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district	<i>As part of the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, is it necessary to support the creation of a BID in the commercial corridor along Kingsbridge Road to prevent tenant displacement and harassment.</i>	SBS is available to provide technical assistance. Please visit nyc.gov/SBS for more information.
02/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>According to the latest available NYC Community Health Profile for Bronx Community District 7, the adult obesity rate in our district is 33% higher than the average for the city. The rate of diabetes is 19% and 35% of residents have hypertension, both rates higher than the NYC average. We request funding to promote existing programs and initiatives that promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention. We request that promotion efforts are multilingual and culturally competent for the diverse population within CB7.</i>	DOHMH is committed to helping New Yorkers live healthier lives and plans to continue funding for obesity and physical activity programming contingent upon available resources.
03/38	DCP	Create a neighborhood plan in coordination with the community	<i>As part of the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory, the Department of City planning should conduct a zoning and land use study of the area that would create a master plan for future neighborhood needs, such as, schools, job growth, housing, and commercial development. The creation of a Special Kingsbridge Armory District can allow for the transfer of development (air) rights for much needed affordable housing in the area.</i>	DCP does not have discretionary funding to allocate to this request. Please contact the DCP Borough Office for more information.
04/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>CB7 would like to request a targeted multilingual media campaign advertising NYC Well so that residents can become aware of the services available. CB7 would also like DOHMH to conduct community outreach to make residents aware of the resources available through NYC Well and other mental health support</i>	DOHMH contracts with and oversees a wide variety of mental health and substance abuse services throughout NYC. Feel free to contact the Department with specific questions about services.

05/38	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Explanation: Bronx CB7 requests funding for DFTA to conduct a study to determine eligibility for a NORC program within CB7. According to recently available census data, approximately 10% of Community Board 7 residents are aged 65 years and older. However, within the district, there are concentrations of older adults that need services and support to age with dignity and comfort in their own homes.</i>	DFTA will continue to advocate for increased funding support for aging services.
06/38	DOE	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx science and American Studies High Schools.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
07/38	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>Explanation: Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning, including access and communication around where folks can access PREP and PEP.</i>	DOHMH has a variety of HIV programs, with a special focus on men who have sex with men; transgender women who have sex with men; blacks; Latinos; and people struggling with substance abuse. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon availability of funds.
08/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>It is important to make Naloxone accessible and available to community members without out-of-pocket costs. Community members have expressed the importance of being able to access Naloxone to prevent opioid overdoses in our communities. It is important for Naloxone to be accessible within pharmacies and health care organizations within Community Board 7 and that the public has access to this lifesaving intervention.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
09/38	DFTA	Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors	<i>CB7 requests an information campaign about crime prevention and victim assistance programs for seniors in the Bronx. The Board requests targeted outreach activities including tabling at community events, mailings, television commercials, and phone banking advertising these services to our senior communities.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
10/38	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Currently there are only 15 providers, citywide, serving home delivered meals in 22 catchment areas. We need to increase the number of providers and catchment areas to better serve seniors including those residing in Community Board 7.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
11/38	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Explanation: CB7 requests a higher number of outreach activities to be conducted within CB7 for areas that are known to be frequented by chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals.</i>	Street outreach services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling 311 or using the 311 app when a homeless individual appears to be in need of assistance, any New Yorker can dispatch an outreach team to that person and help them move indoors. Funding for street outreach has more than doubled in recent years.

12/38	HRA	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)	<i>Food insecurity is a major challenge for residents of Community Board 7, especially during this period of economic inflation. Community Board 7 requests increasing the funding for emergency food programs and pantries within Community Board 7 and also funding to advertise Food Help NYC so that residents can be better informed of the assistance available and refer neighbors.</i>	HRA continues to maintain funding for EFAP. During the COVIDpandemic funds have been added to the budget to purchase additional food.
13/38	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented (G&T) program as well as a preparatory course for the G&T Test in a school within Community District 7.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
14/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
15/38	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
16/38	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional personnel for HPD to enforce the housing maintenance code.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
17/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>There is a need to increase sanitation enforcement personnel to address the trash along our commercial corridors that include, but not limited to, Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, East 204th, Bainbridge Avenue, and Webster Avenue. In addition, the additional personnel could also focus on the dirty sidewalks along our residential streets. An increase in enforcement in tandem with public education would be helpful in tackling the problems of littering, trash maintenance, and the proper way to keep sidewalks and streets clean on our neighborhood streets.</i>	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
18/38	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
19/38	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>Provide personnel to maintain the common spaces and sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean environment.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
20/38	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the B, D and 4 subway lines within District 7.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

21/38	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>	HPD-administered federal rental subsidy programs are subject to annual Congressional budget appropriations. HPD does not have authority to increase the budget or number of vouchers made available by HUD.
22/38	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>To prevent homeless, additional funding is needed to maintain people living in their homes with rent assistance our vouchers</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.
23/38	DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Jerome Avenue, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
24/38	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide a full time Gardener and Maintenance personnel for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park which have very large green spaces and require additional maintenance.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
25/38	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Add a new Select Bus Service line from the Fordham Road area to LaGuardia Airport. This bus line was once proposed by the MTA, but funding never materialized and never implemented. The Board continues to believe that this vital bus line will provide an easier connection to the airport for all Bronxites.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
26/38	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
27/38	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	<i>Explanation: With our community still experiencing a 6.6% unemployment rate as of August 2022, funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and job retention are vital to the community.</i>	Securing funding for this request is outside of EDC's jurisdiction; please contact the agency if you have any questions about the EDC budget process.
28/38	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>Our community businesses need help now more than ever. The current climate has put a huge economic strain on local businesses; they need assistance.</i>	Feedback will be used for future programs
29/38	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Catch basins throughout the community board need servicing more frequently. Following rainstorms and or when hydrants are opened, streets are flooded and overflow onto sidewalks. Areas of concern include Mosholu Parkway, North and South sides, the commercial corridor of East 204th Street from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues, Parkside Place near East 205th Street and in front of 3300 Webster Avenue.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

30/38	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations	<i>The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the B and D train lines. Extend express service during evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Faster service will avoid overcrowding.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
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33/38	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide additional funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandate responsibilities. We are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 to properly serve the districts growing population.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
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38/38	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>Remove dead trees and plant new trees in the empty pits throughout Community Board #7.</i>	Parks plans to plant trees in all available street tree locations (except where trees will be planted by developers as mandated by zoning) but will need additional funds for tree guards.