Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2024

Created by the Community Board, in collaboration with:



Bronx Community District

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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact: CDNEEDS DL@planning.nyc.gov

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

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

The Bronx

	201	0	2020		Change, 2010-2020		
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	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 / HISPAN	NIC 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 houing 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 11

·	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		2020
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	113,232	100.00	119,666	100.00	6,434	5.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	26,014	23	25,881	21.6	-133	-0.5	-1.4
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	113,232	100.0	119,666	100.0	6,434	5.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	47,838	42.2	53,788	44.9	5,950	12.4	2.7
White non-Hispanic	31,037	27.4	26,285	22.0	-4,752	-15.3	-5.4
Black non-Hispanic	22,981	20.3	23,567	19.7	586	2.5	-0.6
Asian non-Hispanic	8,671	7.7	11,154	9.3	2,483	28.6	1.6
Some other race, non-Hispanic	1,114	1.0	1,822	1.5	708	63.6	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,591	1.4	3,050	2.5	1,459	91.7	1.1
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	43,691	100.0	44,864	100.0	1,173	2.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	41,256	94.4	42,686	95.1	1,430	3.5	0.7
Vacant housing units	2,435	5.6	2,178	4.9	-257	-10.6	-0.7

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

Community Board 11 (CB11) in the Bronx is comprised of various neighborhoods such as Allerton, Indian Village, Little Yemen, Morris Park, Pelham Parkway, Van Nest and other areas. It's led by a membership of volunteers and paid staff.[i] The Board focuses on various issues: land use, rezoning, civic engagement, on premise consumption liquor license applications...and collaborating with other agencies to ensure the delivery of services to their communities. From the years 2010 to 2020, the total population grew from 113,232 to 119,666, according to the United States Census. That is a 5.7 percent increase, where the primary influx came from residents of Hispanic/Latinx origin, which increased by 12.4 percent within that demographic. The CB11 Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022) Statement of Needs reflects a period before the COVID-19 pandemic, when the top three issues were maintaining police/community relations, overcrowding of emergency rooms and quality of life concerns. While those issues are still important, they quite possibly fail to acknowledge the Board's current situation. A longstanding initiative in the Bronx has been the four proposed Metro-North stations for Hunts Point, Van Nest, Morris Park and Co-op City. This new public transit service will provide support to Bronx residents with direct access to Manhattan's Penn Station. In addition, the CB11-sited stations in Van Nest and Morris Park will offer an essential opportunity to create new jobs, specifically in medical services and life sciences. It also introduces more housing, retail and economic empowerment opportunities, which can benefit local residents. In Calendar Year 2020 (CY2020), CB11 drastically pare downed its budget priority requests to only one or two items per agency with the express goal of making the requests actualities. Reconstructing Eastchester Playground, for example, was the Board's only Parks Department-related capital request for FY2022. CB11 also took the Eastchester Playground request from being its eighth capital request in FY2021 to the number two slot in FY2022. The benefit of this strategy already seems to be bearing fruit. At a meeting with CB11 and the Bronx Department of Parks in CY2021, the Department informed CB11 of a proposed five million dollars in funding for Eastchester Playground, the design for which is slated to begin in CY2021. [i] About - Bronx community board 11. (n.d.). Welcome to NYC.gov | City of New York. https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bronxcb11/about/about.page

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 11

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Parks and open space

Eastchester Playground was originally cited by the Bronx Parks Department as being our greatest park need. The area has a drainage issue that makes the playground unusable when it rains. Eastchester Playground is adjacent to Eastchester Gardens, the second largest public housing development in CB11. The second greatest park need in CB11 is demolishing and/or renovating the Park House at Zimmerman Playground.

Schools

For the past seven years, CEC11 has been owed 3,000+ middle school seats. Our communities in CB11 desperately need a separate middle school or a vertical extension of the PS108 building that currently goes to 5th grade only, to be extended to 8th grade. Currently, PS481 The Steambridge School can accommodate two classrooms each to 8th grade by reworking its present layout. Its previous school in this building was St. Dominic R.C. School built in 1952 and had Kindergarten through 8th grade with two classrooms to each grade. Presently, there are property sites available.

Transit (buses & subways)

The time it takes CB11 residents to travel into Manhattan can be painfully long, slow and crowded. With COVID-19, public transportation is also much more dangerous. The proposed Metro-North stations will hopefully help with the overcrowding of the New York City Transit syst

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Animal and pest control services

There needs to be more funding to combat the increased rat infestations in BronxPark East Park and Van Nest Park. Residents and children have been assaulted with rats running over their feet as they sit and/or play.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/13	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	Reconstruction of bathrooms for P.S. 89. Since approximately 2010, the bathrooms at P.S. 89 are in poor condition and need to be renovated. Tiles are coming off of the walls. Urinals and toilets are leaking. Last year's response from the City was "OMB supports the agency's position as follows: Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time." Please help us understand why this is the case.	
4/13	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Increase lighting on the grounds of Eastchester Gardens. This will help deter criminal activity at this NYCHA development.	1130 Burke Avenue
5/13	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	Evaluate & repair the steps in all Eastchester Gardens buildings' basements & entrance stairways. Some of these steps are not secure and pose a liability.	1130 Burke Avenue
8/13	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	P.S. 121 has a request for 30 iPads and 6 smart board upgrades. Please see the attachment, which comes from the school principal.	

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

For the past seven years, CEC11 has been owed 3,000+ middle school seats. Our communities in CB11 desperately need a separate middle school or a vertical extension of the PS108 building that currently goes to 5th grade only, to be extended to 8th grade. Currently, PS481 The Steambridge School can accommodate two classrooms each to 8th grade by reworking its present layout. Its previous school in this building was St. Dominic R.C. School built in 1952 and had Kindergarten through 8th grade with two classrooms to each grade. Presently, there are property sites available. In 1998 Van Nest Library was moved to Barnes Avenue in Pelham Parkway. Van Nest was supposed to have its library replaced but there was no follow up and never completed. Since 1998 families in Van Nest have doubled and are in need of their own library for ESL Programs, Senior Programs, Youth Programs and Art Programs.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/12	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	For the past seven years CEC11 has been owed 3,000+ middle school seats. Our communities in CB11 desperately need a separate middle school or a vertical extension of PS108 building that currently goes to 5th grade only, to be extended to 8th grade. Currently PS481 The Steambridge School can accommodate two classrooms each to 8th grade by reworking its present layout. Its previous school in this building was St. Dominic R.C. School built in 1952 and had Kindergarten through 8th grade with two classrooms to each grade. Presently, there are property sites available.	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	For the past four or five years, the bathrooms at P.S. 105 have been in poor condition and need to be replaced, the fourth floor boys and girls bathrooms in particular. The wall tiles are falling off in some locations, and the urinals are easily broken. We appreciate the City's ability to accommodate part of this request in the past. More is needed however. Last year's response from the City was "Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time." Please help us understand why this is the case.	725 Brady Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/13	DOE	Other educational programs requests	The trees surrounding the Cornerstone Playground at the Pelham Parkway Houses development at 785 Pelham Parkway North need to be pruned. There are wooden benches in the playground area that are unsafe and need to be removed and/or replaced. And the fencing surrounding the playground needs to be made much higher.	785 Bronx Pelham Parkway North, Bronx, New York, NY

6/13	DOE	Assign more non- teaching staff, e.g., to provide social,	Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB11, especially needed at Van Nest Academy PS/MS 498 (located at 1640
		health and other	Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 – intersection
		services	of Van Nest Avenue & Bronxdale Avenue).

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

As indicated in our Top Three Pressing Issues, crime prevention programs such as the addition of murals to address graffiti and beat cops assigned to specific streets, contribute to deterring crime and improving the public safety of the district.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

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

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/13	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	More Police needed to address and service chronic quality of life problems. More funding for Police towing contracts to tow the numerous abandoned cars and commercial vehicles parked overnight. Parking has become extremely difficult in the past ten years with the population swiftly increasing. Cars are parking in front of hydrants, on sidewalks and in driveways.	
10/13	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB11, especially needed at Van Nest Academy PS/MS 498 (located at 1640 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 – intersection of Van Nest Avenue & Bronxdale Avenue).	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 11

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

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

With so many new buildings erected, an estimated dozen within a 10 square block radius, a data study is requested to inform the community of the actual number of cars and the number of school-aged children in the area. Moreover, an overview of how this is affecting the community is being requested.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/12	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	With so many new buildings erected, estimated dozen within a 10 square block radius, a data study is requested to inform the community of the actual number of cars and number of school-aged children in the area. Moreover, so an overview of how this is affecting the community is being requested.	
8/12	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	There is a desperate need for trash cans on Morris Park Avenue from Unionport Road through to Adams Street on both sides of Morris Park Avenue.	Morris Park Avenue Unionport Road Adams Street

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/13	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Due to an overflow of trash in the parks of Pelham Parkway and to offset the smaller trash receptacles already in place throughout our parks on Pelham Parkway and to supplement the containment of heavy weekend trash, a request of Large Enclosed Trash Receptacles, with safety lids throughout CB 11's heavily used park grounds. The ask is for the parks department to furnish these receptacle and service them on the weekend, setting them out on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday or holidays and disposing of content nightly.	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 11

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

Other

TBD

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/12	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Community Board 11 is requesting the construction of Bassett Avenue from McDonald Street to Pelham Parkway. This portion of Bassett Avenue is a mapped yet unpaved street. The reason we are requesting this is because there is a need to alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity; and there will be an even greater need in the near future. Opening Bassett Avenue will go a long way toward allowing easier access to Pelham Parkway and alleviating traffic congestion on Eastchester Road and Stillwell Avenue.	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/13	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Funding is needed for electrical lighting in hallways, repairs or replacement of lobby doors and landscape	

TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Other

TBD

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/12	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Replace all 16 building entry lobby doors at Eastchester Gardens. The entry lobby doors at this NYCHA development are in badly need of repair and are not compliant with the layered access system.	1130 Burke Avenue
5/12	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Evaluate & repair the roofs of the Eastchester Gardens complex. Water leaks into apartments as a result of the damaged roofs.	1130 Burke Avenue
9/12	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	In Van Nest, the MTA Wall runs a span of five blocks from Adams Street to Garfield Street. It is highly trafficked and in the evening very dark and not safe. Over the past 12 years, there have been many robberies on this stretch and one rape.	Adams Street Garfield Street
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Reconstruct the north side of Pelham Parkway and repave the eastern-bound roadway from Boston Road to Stillwell Avenue. This section of Pelham Parkway is in dire need of reconstruction.	Pelham Parkway Stillwell Ave Stillwell Ave

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/13	DOT	Improve parking operations	Parking is scarce in the Williambridge Road area making it difficult for residents to find and access street parking. A parking large lot and/or garage is needed in this community to alleviate the already congested dilemma.	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 11

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

Other

TBD

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete renovation of Eastchester Playground is needed, particularly the underground infrastructure.	Burke and Adee Avenues
2/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the resurfacing of all roadway space within the Jacobi Medical Center complex, which is plagued with pothole problems.	
10/12	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	The current placement of the water source is located outside of the actual enclosure/dog run. Dogs must leave the run to access the water source/fountain. This is not convenient and design must be fixed, especially during the hot days in the summer when the animals overheat. Animals should have access within the dog run.	
11/12	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	In order for the dogs and pet guardians of Williamsbridge Road to enjoy the Pelham Parkway dog run, some have to travel by car, take a bus or walk a 0.9 miles to get there, making the nearest dog run, not easily accessible.	Bronx Park East Williamsbridge Road
12/12	DPR Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) We need the Pelham Parkway playground to be fully renovated. It is in horrible condition and is heavily used by the children of our community and community organizations like Bronx House Pre-K, NYCHA residents, MMCC Corner Stone afterschool program, and many more. It is the only playground in the vicinity along with the aforementioned, park enforcement is requested.			
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Funding to upgrade the HVAC system for the 21 Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library. We support Avand recognize the need and mission of the New	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/13	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	The fencing in Bronx Park along the northbound lane of the Bronx River Parkway south of Fordham Road/Pelham Parkway needs to be replaced.	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/13	Other	Other expense budget request	[This request was generated in error and will not receive an agency response.]	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete renovation of Eastchester Playground is needed, particularly the underground infrastructure.	Burke and Adee Avenues
2/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the resurfacing of all roadway space within the Jacobi Medical Center complex, which is plagued with pothole problems.	
3/12	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Community Board 11 is requesting the construction of Bassett Avenue from McDonald Street to Pelham Parkway. This portion of Bassett Avenue is a mapped yet unpaved street. The reason we are requesting this is because there is a need to alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity; and there will be an even greater need in the near future. Opening Bassett Avenue will go a long way toward allowing easier access to Pelham Parkway and alleviating traffic congestion on Eastchester Road and Stillwell Avenue.	
4/12	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Replace all 16 building entry lobby doors at Eastchester Gardens. The entry lobby doors at this NYCHA development are in badly need of repair and are not compliant with the layered access system.	1130 Burke Avenue
5/12	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Evaluate & repair the roofs of the Eastchester Gardens complex. Water leaks into apartments as a result of the damaged roofs.	1130 Burke Avenue

6/12	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	For the past seven years CEC11 has been owed 3,000+ middle school seats. Our communities in CB11 desperately need a separate middle school or a vertical extension of PS108 building that currently goes to 5th grade only, to be extended to 8th grade. Currently PS481 The Steambridge School can accommodate two classrooms each to 8th grade by reworking its present layout. Its previous school in this building was St. Dominic R.C. School built in 1952 and had Kindergarten through 8th grade with two classrooms to each grade. Presently, there are property sites available.	
7/12	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	with so many new buildings erected, estimated dozen within a 10 square block radius, a data study is requested to inform the community of the actual number of cars and number of school-aged children in the area. Moreover, so an overview of how this is affecting the community is being requested.	
8/12	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	There is a desperate need for trash cans on Morris Park Avenue from Unionport Road through to Adams Street on both sides of Morris Park Avenue.	Morris Park Avenue Unionport Road Adams Street
9/12	9/12 DOT Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming		In Van Nest, the MTA Wall runs a span of five blocks from Adams Street to Garfield Street. It is highly trafficked and in the evening very dark and not safe. Over the past 12 years, there have been many robberies on this stretch and one rape.	Adams Street Garfield Street
10/12	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	The current placement of the water source is located outside of the actual enclosure/dog run. Dogs must leave the run to access the water source/fountain. This is not convenient and design must be fixed, especially during the hot days in the summer when the animals overheat. Animals should have access within the dog run.	
11/12	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	In order for the dogs and pet guardians of Williamsbridge Road to enjoy the Pelham Parkway dog run, some have to travel by car, take a bus or walk a 0.9 miles to get there, making the nearest dog run, not easily accessible.	Bronx Park East Williamsbridge Road

12/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	We need the Pelham Parkway playground to be fully renovated. It is in horrible condition and is heavily used by the children of our community and community organizations like Bronx House Pre-K, NYCHA residents, MMCC Corner Stone afterschool program, and many more. It is the only playground in the vicinity along with the aforementioned, park enforcement is requested.	
CS	SCA	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	For the past four or five years, the bathrooms at P.S. 105 have been in poor condition and need to be replaced, the fourth floor boys and girls bathrooms in particular. The wall tiles are falling off in some locations, and the urinals are easily broken. We appreciate the City's ability to accommodate part of this request in the past. More is needed however. Last year's response from the City was "Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time." Please help us understand why this is the case.	725 Brady Avenue
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Reconstruct the north side of Pelham Parkway and repave the eastern-bound roadway from Boston Road to Stillwell Avenue. This section of Pelham Parkway is in dire need of reconstruction.	Pelham Parkway Stillwell Ave Stillwell Ave
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Funding to upgrade the HVAC system for the Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library. We support and recognize the need and mission of the New York Public Library and therefore support their request for increased public funding for these this branch.	2147 Barnes Avenue

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/13	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	The fencing in Bronx Park along the northbound lane of the Bronx River Parkway south of Fordham Road/Pelham Parkway needs to be replaced.	
2/13	DOE	Other educational programs requests	The trees surrounding the Cornerstone Playground at the Pelham Parkway Houses development at 785 Pelham Parkway North need to be pruned. There are wooden benches in the playground area that are unsafe and need to be removed and/or replaced. And the fencing surrounding the playground needs to be made much higher. 785 Bronx Pelham Narkway North, Bronx New York,	
3/13	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	Reconstruction of bathrooms for P.S. 89. Since approximately 2010, the bathrooms at P.S. 89 are in poor condition and need to be renovated. Tiles are coming off of the walls. Urinals and toilets are leaking. Last year's response from the City was "OMB supports the agency's position as follows: Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time." Please help us understand why this is the case.	
4/13	DFTA	Enhance home care services	Increase lighting on the grounds of Eastchester Gardens. This will help deter criminal activity at this NYCHA development.	1130 Burke Avenue
5/13	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	Evaluate & repair the steps in all Eastchester Gardens buildings' basements & entrance stairways. Some of these steps are not secure and pose a liability.	1130 Burke Avenue
6/13	DOE	Assign more non- teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB11, especially needed at Van Nest Academy PS/MS 498 (located at 1640 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 – intersection of Van Nest Avenue & Bronxdale Avenue).	
7/13	Other	Other expense budget request	[This request was generated in error and will not receive an agency response.]	

8/13	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	P.S. 121 has a request for 30 iPads and 6 smart board upgrades. Please see the attachment, which comes from the school principal.
9/13	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	More Police needed to address and service chronic quality of life problems. More funding for Police towing contracts to tow the numerous abandoned cars and commercial vehicles parked overnight. Parking has become extremely difficult in the past ten years with the population swiftly increasing. Cars are parking in front of hydrants, on sidewalks and in driveways.
10/13	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB11, especially needed at Van Nest Academy PS/MS 498 (located at 1640 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 – intersection of Van Nest Avenue & Bronxdale Avenue).
11/13	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Due to an overflow of trash in the parks of Pelham Parkway and to offset the smaller trash receptacles already in place throughout our parks on Pelham Parkway and to supplement the containment of heavy weekend trash, a request of Large Enclosed Trash Receptacles, with safety lids throughout CB 11's heavily used park grounds. The ask is for the parks department to furnish these receptacle and service them on the weekend, setting them out on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday or holidays and disposing of content nightly.
12/13	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Funding is needed for electrical lighting in hallways, repairs or replacement of lobby doors and landscape
13/13	DOT	Improve parking operations	Parking is scarce in the Williambridge Road area making it difficult for residents to find and access street parking. A parking large lot and/or garage is needed in this community to alleviate the already congested dilemma.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS WITH AGENCY RESPONSES Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Complete renovation of Eastchester Playground is needed, particularly the underground infrastructure.	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
02/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund the resurfacing of all roadway space within the Jacobi Medical Center complex, which is plagued with pothole problems.	The Department of Parks and Recreation does not maintain this facility.
03/15	NYCHA	Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades	Community Board 11 is requesting the construction of Bassett Avenue from McDonald Street to Pelham Parkway. This portion of Bassett Avenue is a mapped yet unpaved street. The reason we are requesting this is because there is a need to alleviate traffic congestion in the vicinity; and there will be an even greater need in the near future. Opening Bassett Avenue will go a long way toward allowing easier access to Pelham Parkway and alleviating traffic congestion on Eastchester Road and Stillwell Avenue.	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
04/15	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Replace all 16 building entry lobby doors at Eastchester Gardens. The entry lobby doors at this NYCHA development are in badly need of repair and are not compliant with the layered access system.	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
05/15	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Evaluate & repair the roofs of the Eastchester Gardens complex. Water leaks into apartments as a result of the damaged roofs.	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
06/15	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	For the past seven years CEC11 has been owed 3,000+ middle school seats. Our communities in CB11 desperately need a separate middle school or a vertical extension of PS108 building that currently goes to 5th grade only, to be extended to 8th grade. Currently PS481 The Steambridge School can accommodate two classrooms each to 8th grade by reworking its present layout. Its previous school in this building was St. Dominic R.C. School built in 1952 and had Kindergarten through 8th grade with two classrooms to each grade. Presently, there are property sites available.	Community District is located in a school district with identified seat need. Projects are in process or have been completed.
07/15	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	With so many new buildings erected, estimated dozen within a 10 square block radius, a data study is requested to inform the community of the actual number of cars and number of school-aged children in the area. Moreover, so an overview of how this is affecting the community is being requested.	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.

08/15	DSNY	· -	There is a desperate need for trash cans on Morris Park Avenue from Unionport Road through to Adams Street on both sides of Morris Park Avenue.	This is not a budget request. The matter in question is an issue of service delivery and/or agency policy. Contact the Department of Sanitation to determine how best to resolve this issue.
09/15	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	In Van Nest, the MTA Wall runs a span of five blocks from Adams Street to Garfield Street. It is highly trafficked and in the evening very dark and not safe. Over the past 12 years, there have been many robberies on this stretch and one rape.	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
10/15	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	The current placement of the water source is located outside of the actual enclosure/dog run. Dogs must leave the run to access the water source/fountain. This is not convenient and design must be fixed, especially during the hot days in the summer when the animals overheat. Animals should have access within the dog run.	This request is not recommended for funding.
11/15	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	In order for the dogs and pet guardians of Williamsbridge Road to enjoy the Pelham Parkway dog run, some have to travel by car, take a bus or walk a 0.9 miles to get there, making the nearest dog run, not easily accessible.	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
12/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	We need the Pelham Parkway playground to be fully renovated. It is in horrible condition and is heavily used by the children of our community and community organizations like Bronx House Pre-K, NYCHA residents, MMCC Corner Stone afterschool program, and many more. It is the only playground in the vicinity along with the aforementioned, park enforcement is requested.	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
CS/15	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	For the past four or five years, the bathrooms at P.S. 105 have been in poor condition and need to be replaced, the fourth floor boys and girls bathrooms in particular. The wall tiles are falling off in some locations, and the urinals are easily broken. We appreciate the City's ability to accommodate part of this request in the past. More is needed however. Last year's response from the City was "Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time." Please help us understand why this is the case.	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
CS/15	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Reconstruct the north side of Pelham Parkway and repave the eastern-bound roadway from Boston Road to Stillwell Avenue. This section of Pelham Parkway is in dire need of reconstruction.	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
CS/15	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Funding to upgrade the HVAC system for the Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library. We support and recognize the need and mission of the New York Public Library and therefore support their request for increased public funding for these this branch.	The Department of Parks and Recreation does not maintain this facility.

Expense Requests

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01/12	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	The fencing in Bronx Park along the northbound lane of the Bronx River Parkway south of Fordham Road/Pelham Parkway needs to be replaced.	The Parks Department would support this request for personnel.
02/12	DOE	Other educational programs requests	The trees surrounding the Cornerstone Playground at the Pelham Parkway Houses development at 785 Pelham Parkway North need to be pruned. There are wooden benches in the playground area that are unsafe and need to be removed and/or replaced. And the fencing surrounding the playground needs to be made much higher.	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
03/12	DOE	Increase transportation services capacity	Reconstruction of bathrooms for P.S. 89. Since approximately 2010, the bathrooms at P.S. 89 are in poor condition and need to be renovated. Tiles are coming off of the walls. Urinals and toilets are leaking. Last year's response from the City was "OMB supports the agency's position as follows: Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time." Please help us understand why this is the case.	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
04/12	NYCHA	Enhance home care services	Increase lighting on the grounds of Eastchester Gardens. This will help deter criminal activity at this NYCHA development.	Elected officials have provided funding for this NYCHA initiative in prior fiscal years. Contact elected officials to ensure the appropriations of proposed funding so that all work can be completed.
05/12	NYCHA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	Evaluate & repair the steps in all Eastchester Gardens buildings' basements & entrance stairways. Some of these steps are not secure and pose a liability.	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
06/12	DOE	Increase home delivered meals capacity	P.S. 121 has a request for 30 iPads and 6 smart board upgrades. Please see the attachment, which comes from the school principal.	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
07/12	DOE	Assign more non- teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB11, especially needed at Van Nest Academy PS/MS 498 (located at 1640 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462? intersection of Van Nest Avenue & Bronxdale Avenue).	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
08/12	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	More Police needed to address and service chronic quality of life problems. More funding for Police towing contracts to tow the numerous abandoned cars and commercial vehicles parked overnight. Parking has become extremely difficult in the past ten years with the population swiftly increasing. Cars are parking in front of hydrants, on sidewalks and in driveways.	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
09/12	NYPD	Hire additional crossing guards	Increase funding for School Crossing Guards throughout CB11, especially needed at Van Nest Academy PS/MS 498 (located at 1640 Bronxdale Ave, Bronx, NY 10462? intersection of Van Nest Avenue & Bronxdale Avenue).	NYPD's funding is currently available to maintain School-Crossing Guards. There is no funding to support increased staffing levels. The availability of future funding depends on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process.

10/12	DPR	Other collection and recycling infrastructure requests	Due to an overflow of trash in the parks of Pelham Parkway and to offset the smaller trash receptacles already in place throughout our parks on Pelham Parkway and to supplement the containment of heavy weekend trash, a request of Large Enclosed Trash Receptacles, with safety lids throughout CB 1s heavily used park grounds. The ask is for the parks department to furnish these receptacle and service them on the weekend, setting them out on the mornings of Saturday and Sunday or holidays and disposing of content nightly.	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
11/12	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Funding is needed for electrical lighting in hallways, repairs or replacement of lobby doors and landscape	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
12/12	DOT	Improve parking operations	Parking is scarce in the Williambridge Road area making it difficult for residents to find and access street parking. A parking large lot and/or garage is needed in this community to alleviate the already congested dilemma.	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.