Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2023



Brooklyn Community District

## **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) 2023. 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, 2021.

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 FY23 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

Brooklyn Community Board 3

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

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	201	0.	2020		Change, 2010-		2020
							Percentage
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	2,504,700	100.00	2,736,074	100.00	231,374	9.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	594,378	23.7	595,703	21.8	1,325	0.2	-1.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAI	NIC ORIGIN						
Total population	2,504,700	100.0	2,736,074	100.0	231,374	9.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	496,285	19.8	516,426	18.9	20,141	4.1	-0.9
White non-Hispanic	893,306	35.7	968,427	35.4	75,121	8.4	-0.3
Black non-Hispanic	799,066	31.9	729,696	26.7	-69,370	-8.7	-5.2
Asian non-Hispanic	260,129	10.4	370,776	13.6	110,647	42.5	3.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	15,904	0.6	37,579	1.4	21,675	136.3	0.8
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	40,010	1.6	113,170	4.1	73,160	182.9	2.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total houing units	1,000,293	100.0	1,077,654	100.0	77,361	7.7	0.0
Occupied housing units	916,856	91.7	1,009,804	93.7	92,948	10.1	2.0
Vacant housing units	83,437	8.3	67,850	6.3	-15,587	-18.7	-2.0

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

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	201	LO	202	2020		Change, 2010-2020		
							Percentage	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point	
AGE								
Total population	152,985	100.00	174,960	100.00	21,975	14.4	0.0	
Total persons under 18 years	39,096	25.6	36,035	20.6	-3,061	-7.8	-5.0	
<b>MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPAN</b>	MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	152,985	100.0	174,960	100.0	21,975	14.4	0.0	
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	30,488	19.9	32,788	18.7	2,300	7.5	-1.2	
White non-Hispanic	16,634	10.9	46,592	26.6	29,958	180.1	15.7	
Black non-Hispanic	98,780	64.6	76,676	43.8	-22,104	-22.4	-20.8	
Asian non-Hispanic	3,458	2.3	7,988	4.6	4,530	131.0	2.3	
Some other race, non-Hispanic	986	0.6	2,542	1.5	1,556	157.8	0.9	
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	2,639	1.7	8,374	4.8	5,735	217.3	3.1	
HOUSING OCCUPANCY								
Total houing units	65,614	100.0	72,904	100.0	7,290	11.1	0.0	
Occupied housing units	58,239	88.8	67,225	92.2	8,986	15.4	3.4	
Vacant housing units	7,375	11.2	5,679	7.8	-1,696	-23.0	-3.4	

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 COMMU	NITY DISTRICT		

Brooklyn's Community Board 3 is home to the neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant. The community district is in the northern section of central Brooklyn and bounded by Flushing Avenue and Broadway on the north, Saratoga Avenue on the east, Atlantic Avenue on the south, and Classon Avenue on the west. It borders community boards 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16.

A recent piece in *Untapped New York* identified Bedford-Stuyvesant as a neighborhood with "the largest collection of untouched and intact Victorian buildings in the U.S., with hundreds of historic brownstones filling the neighborhood's streets." For nearly 100 years, it "has been a cultural center for the African American community in New York (City)."

Today's Bedford-Stuyvesant is an outgrowth the free Black community of Weeksville established three decades before the end of the Civil War. The Bedford and Stuyvesant Heights sections were developed with many row houses for families in the second half of the nineteenth century. By the 1930s, the combined neighborhood known as Bedford-Stuyvesant had become the city's second largest Black community. During the mid-century, as white immigrant families left central Brooklyn for eastern Queens and Long Island, many Blacks migrating from the American South and others emigrating from the Caribbean found community in the neighborhood. Despite redlining, disinvestment, poverty, and other types of discrimination faced by residents, Bedford-Stuyvesant quickly became a center for Black business, cultural expression and production, homeownership, innovation, activism, and political power.

According to the most recent State of the City report published by NYU's Furman Center, in the year 2000 Bedford-Stuyvesant had a population just over 121,000 residents, three-quarters of whom were Black. The 2020 Census shows that the neighborhood's population had grown by 44.5% to 174,960 since 2000 but the Black share of the population had fallen to 43.8%. The decline represents a net loss of 14,000 Black residents while the overall population, grew by nearly 54,000.

The demographic shift is the result of dramatic gentrification. A 2018 report by the New York State Comptroller found that:

"Most of the growth has been driven by an influx of new residents, which has changed the neighborhood's composition.

"New residents are attracted to the neighborhood's brownstones, relatively low housing costs and close proximity to Manhattan. With a sharp decrease in crime and an increase in restaurants, cafés, bars, retail shops and live entertainment, Bedford-Stuyvesant is becoming a popular place to live and work.

"Many of the new residents are immigrants, white, or young, and are likely to have higher incomes than long-term residents. Their arrival has put pressure on housing costs, making it increasingly less affordable for long-term residents, especially seniors, to remain in the neighborhood."

The neighborhood's demographic shift has placed in sharp contrast the challenges we face in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The Comptroller's report also revealed stark, and widening, disparities in median household income between new and long-term residents, with new residents' median household income (roughly \$60,000) nearly double that of their neighbors. Given the community's shifting demographics this disparity is racialized and contributes to neighborhood tensions. If this trend goes unaddressed, racialized income stratification will become even more entrenched.

Three-quarters of residents are renters and over 55% of them are considered rent burdened, devoting more than 30% of their income to rent. About one-third of households dedicate more than half of their incomes to rent. With more than 20,000 NYCHA residents – almost exclusively Black and Latino – across its 15 developments and 8,240 units, Bedford-Stuyvesant has more NYCHA residents than any other community district in Brooklyn.

NYC Health Department reports that residents of Bedford-Stuyvesant suffer from chronic health problems at rate significantly above the city's average. The neighborhood ranks in top ten for rates of smoking, diabetes, new HIV diagnoses, obesity, stroke, mental health, alcohol hospitalizations and adult hospitalizations for asthma. In the past

year, complications from COVID-19 were a leading cause of death in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Impacts of COVID-19

The impact of the pandemic on Bedford-Stuyvesant has been deep and persistent but the resilience of neighbors has allowed for the community to find its resilience. The community was hard hit with infection and many residents succumbed to the virus.

<u>Vaccine and treatment:</u> As the city recovers from the pandemic continued investment in campaigns and programs that encourage vaccination and provide equitable access to treatment are critically important. Vaccination rates will improve over time only with sustained outreach, education, and easy access.

<u>Social services</u>: The stressors of the pandemic magnify the problems faced by vulnerable residents. The impacts of scaling back services and programs has negatively affected individual residents, families, and the community at large. Over the next few years robust ramping up of mental health supports, domestic violence prevention, senior services, activities for disconnected youth, cure violence and violence interruption programs, and other services that seek to strengthen the social infrastructure will be needed to combat the losses from the pandemic.

<u>Jobs & Business Support</u>: The jobs recovery in Bedford-Stuyvesant has been uneven. Many residents work for small businesses that were hard hit and struggled to get access to state and federal pandemic relief. These structural impediments are barriers to a robust recovery that will generate jobs and help our local small businesses thrive.

<u>Open Space</u>: Less than 3% of the land in Bedford-Stuyvesant is open or recreational space, placing it in the bottom 10 citywide and the second lowest in Brooklyn. In a time when social distancing is continues to be paramount limited open space is a unique challenge in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Not only is open space vital for exercise, but it's also important for mental health and it affords residents opportunities to have responsible social gatherings that limit the spread of the virus.

<u>Broadband and Wi-Fi:</u> COVID-19 has centered the neighborhood's poor broadband and Wi-Fi infrastructure. Internet traffic from home has dramatically increased in Bedford-Stuyvesant since the start of the pandemic largely due to work-from-home and remote learning. The existing infrastructure remains a failure because of poor and inconsistent connectivity.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Though Bedford-Stuyvesant is acknowledged as a leading incubator for the future without significant investment and programs to address the neighborhood's challenges, many disparities will deepen. They will further marginalize our neighborhood's most vulnerable – poor, Black and Latino, long-term residents, living in public or low-income housing. Community Board 3 is committed to working with elected officials, government agencies, nonprofits, academia, the business community, civic leaders and groups, and others interested in addressing persistent and emergent issues and building a stronger, more resilient Bedford-Stuyvesant.

## 4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

### **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

#### Affordable housing

Stable housing that one can afford is a core social determinant of health. Studies show that affordability impacts housing stability for adults and children and helps them address challenges and pursue goals. Household with affordable rents generally have improved outcomes in employment, health, and education. The most recent data shows that 54.9% of renters in Bedford-Stuyvesant are rent burdened, paying more than 30% of the income toward rent. 27.5% are severely rent burdened allocated at least 50% of their income to rent. Rent burdened tenants are the most housing insecure and at high risk of homelessness if they experience job loss. With the median asking rent \$2,500 per month for two-bedroom apartment, housing costs are becoming less affordable for both low- and middle-income residents. Most families would need a minimum annual income of \$100,000 qualify to rent apartments at the median asking rent. The median rent for renters was \$46,600; an affordable rent rate would be \$1,165. Bedford-Stuyvesant needs a variety of affordable housing options, including rents from extremely low income through middle income as well as home-ownership opportunities, that will enable individuals and families to stable lives.

#### Parks and open space

The dearth of open and green space has emerged as a top community concern particularly during this pandemic era. Less than 3% of the land in Bedford-Stuyvesant is open or recreational space, placing it in the bottom 10 citywide and the second lowest in Brooklyn. Yet the neighborhood's population has surged by nearly 20,000 in the past ten years. Resources are strained. Space is limited. As generational demographic shift and increase, residents are using outdoor spaces throughout all seasons and that space does not necessarily equate to being a park or playground. Plazas and squares would be a welcome addition to the community, allowing for safe social congregation or alternative work spaces as more individuals work remotely.

#### Trash removal & cleanliness

Bedford-Stuyvesant's population has surged more than 14% since 2010. The influx of people has impacted trash removal and street cleanliness. According to the Mayor's SCORECARD street cleanliness declined from 90.7% to 69.9% in the past year and behind the borough (90.7%) and citywide (92.4%) levels. The CB3 score was the fourth worst in the city. This is unacceptable and is evidence of a systematic failing that residents have to deal with on a daily basis. Cuts to the Sanitation Department have significantly impacted neighborhood cleanliness in the past fiscal year. The pandemic cessation of the organics program, which has never been expanded to Community Board 3, has not equipped residents with tools and practices that help reduce waste. The district need a comprehensive approach to trash, waste, and cleanliness including regular collection, effective street sweeping, and enforcement of commercial waste regulations. We also need an investment in education and outreach that promotes diversion practices and waste reduction including a robust organics program.

# 5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

## **HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES**

## **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

#### Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

Services for low-income and vulnerable residents of Bedford-Stuyvesant were insufficient prior to the pandemic. Since . Whether it is a lower wage essential worker, families living in shelter, those living in crowded homes, the unemployed and underemployed, and those that with chronic illness, the pandemic has been most destabilizing for them and requires a surge in services (like food programs and other supports) that help them maintain sustenance.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services</u>

**Needs for Health Care and Facilities** 

No comments

**Needs for Older NYs** 

No comments

**Needs for Homeless** 

No comments

**Needs for Low Income NYs** 

# **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
3/32	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Bedford-Stuyvesant has struggling to reduce its rat population because of a lack of sustained investment. In 2017, the community district was included as targeted zone in the Neighborhood Rat Reduction Plan but those gains have now been lost. Beyond being pests, rats pose acute health risks and can ause permanent damage to property. The Board requests a sustained, block-to-block, multi-faceted approach that works to eliminate the persistent rodent problem.	
4/32	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	The pandemic has distressed all New Yorkers. Many of our most vulnerable residents, particularly senior citizens living alone and children, face social isolation and struggle with coping with the stresses of this new normal. The Board requests programs that leverage partnerships with community instutitutions, like churches and youth groups, geared toward improving mental health and wellness.	
17/32	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	Stressors from the pandemic and ensuing economic collapse have intensified the need for substance misuse treatment. Many residents are self-medicating to cope with challenges. They are increasingly using opiods, K2/Spice and other synthetic cannabinoids. The Board request support for efforts to de-stigmatize substance misuse and preventative programming will help mitigate addiction issues.	
21/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	The Board requests creation and promotion of nutrition awareness and education on physical activity, etc. specific to CB3's most vulnerable populations (seniors and youth), programs to address public health issues in CB3 (i.e. COVID 19, SHOP Healthy Brooklyn), provide more HIV/AIDS information and outreach, and promotion of smoking cessation and anti-vaping programs.	

## YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

## **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Workforce opportunities for youth is critically needed in Bedford-Stuyvesant. While SYEP offers young people to chance to earn an income as they explore work and career opportunities, year-round opportunities would strengthen engagement with young people. Studies show that meaningfully engage youth with work increases their civic engagement and introduces them to new fields while decreasing the likelihood a young person to participate in petty crime. Work fosters self-confidence, builds skills, and provides necessary economic support for families.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

**Needs for Youth Education** 

No comments

**Needs for Youth and Child Welfare** 

# Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/26	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	The children's play area at MS 35 is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of students and community residents. The Board seeks a complete overhaul including adding better lighting and security cameras.	272 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
20/26	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	The children's play area at PS 3 is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of students and community residents. The Board seeks a complete overhaul including adding better lighting and security cameras.	50 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/32	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Summer is the best time to engage teens and young adults between the ages of 14-24 years old in employment and career pathways opportunities as well as work readiness skills training. SYEP offers our young people an opportunity to "earn while they learn;" foster self-confidence, build skills development, and offer economic support for their families. The Board requests 5,000 SYEP slots in CB3.	
11/32	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	Bedford-Stuyvesant is experiencing an acute crisis of young adults (ages 18 to 26) who are "disconnected" (out-of-school and out-of-work) that has been exascerbated by the pandemic. These young people are the most at-risk for experiencing homelessness and/or involvement in the criminal justice system. The Board requests deployment of a variety of programs and services designed to "reconnect" these young adults and help them build brighter futures.	

# 18/32 DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults) Beacon and Cornerstone programs provide essential services for community residents of all ages. The Board requests enhancing existing Beacon and Cornerstone programs in the district by serving more clients, expanding hours, increasing academic supports, and diversifying arts and recreational activities.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

## **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

## Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

#### **Crime prevention programs**

Property crimes, like package theft and car break-ins, as well as violent gun crimes (usually involving gang activities) have increased in the time since the pandemic shutdown. Increased deliveries has seen an upsurge in package theft. A program to get delivery services to improve protocols on delivery will reduce the number of unattended packages on stoops and in doorways. Greater attention to the gun trade and how they move on the black market would help to reduce gun violence. Investment in violence prevention efforts like cure violence will engage those most prone to involvement.

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

**Needs for Public Safety** 

No comments

**Needs for Emergency Services** 

# **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
8/32	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	In too many instances young people, from preteen to age 25, engage in activities that put that at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system. The Board requests increasing resources for cure violence, violence interrupters, and other interveners designed to improve public safety, reduce incidents of violence, treat violence as a public health issue, and limit involvement in the criminal justice system.	

## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

## **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

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

#### Cleanliness/trash collection

Dumping in vacant lots and buildings, parks, in front of shuttered businesses, and at corner litter baskets is a rising problem throughout the community district. The dumping typically occurs late nights or in the early hours of the morning. It contributes to dirty sidewalks and rubbish around the community. The district's low sanitation cleanliness scores confirm the neighborhood's struggles and highlight a need for more enforcement. Without adequate enforcement covering multiple shifts the problem will persist.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

No comments

**Needs for Sanitation Services** 

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/26	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	The impacts of the changing climate have created more extreme weather events that easily overwhelm local infrastructure. Targeted flood resilience and storm water management investments are vital for developing a sustainable community that is prepared for the evolving climate crisis. The Board requests the installation of storm water management systems and related infrastructure innovations that mitigate for flooding and localized ponding. These improvements are needed across the community with particular urgency along the Marcy Avenue, Patchen Avenue, and Howard Avenue corridors.	
9/26	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Each neighborhood must have the capacity to process its own food scraps. This district requests a composting facility. The Board requests the creation of at least one community scale compost site in our CB. Every day NYC residents generate about 4,000 tons of organics (food scraps) and less that 1% of these are separated. Community Board 3 has two drop off centers operated at Lafayette Garden (1035 Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11221) and Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church (228 Decatur St, Brooklyn, NY 11233). We request that the number of FSDOs be doubled within our community board, and increase the number of hours and days of operation of existing FSDOs.	
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	The City has control of the site identified for the garage. The development of the scope of work for the Community Board # 3 Sanitation Garage was approved as an expense request two years ago and should be completed. To improve the environmental health in Community BD # 3, construction of the Sanitation Garage would be a Capital request. Have a co-terminus sanitation site in CB # 3 will reduce gas emissions by shortening the distance sanitation trucks must travel to service this community board.	Nostrand & Park Avenue

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/32	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	Dumping in vacant lots and buildings, parks, in front of shuttered businesses, and at corner litter baskets is a rising problem throughout the community district. This issue has become more acute during this pandemic era. Without adequate enforcement covering multiple shifts the problem will persist. The Board urges the department to hire more enforcement staff that will provide better coverage to the community district.	
9/32	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Our community district lacks robust education and outreach which is critical for the success of municipal composting. The Board requests support for sustainability programs at each school and organics/compost outreach programs and education resources for local residents.	
10/32	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	A successful local organics program must be staff appropriately. The Board is requesting adequate compensation for workers who perform the labor of collecting and processing compost.	

## HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

### **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

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

#### Affordable housing creation

The development of several parcels of land in the southeastern quadrant of Bedford-Stuyvesant, particularly on Fulton Street and Saratoga Avenue is crucial to the district, and we know that there are ongoing discussions regarding those parcels of land with HPD. The development of this land is an opportunity to create senior and affordable housing for the working people of Bedford Stuyvesant who are having a hard time finding affordable housing to raise their families in. A Community facility, startup incubator & general office space, a full service bank and a FRESH market can also be located within the new development. This development is an opportunity to incorporate sustainable features and practices in a mixed-use development project within Bedford Stuyvesant. A study to assess the need and impact of active manufacturing in northern sections of Bedford-Stuyvesant including clear opportunities to either the attraction of industrial manufacturing and/or the protection of areas for manufacturing should be identified. Additionally the study should include an assessment for the attraction of a green industry cluster appropriate and contextual to the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood.

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

**Needs for Land Use** 

No comments

**Needs for Housing** 

No comments

#### **Needs for Economic Development**

Community Board 3 encompasses a vast area with diverse needs. In the past decade, Bedford-Stuyvesant has seen a significant uptick in start-up businesses and businesses moving to the area, yet many are forced to shutter due to high commercial rents. We know that a thriving community is one where small business can grow and be sustained. We need particular attention to small business development along our secondary commercial corridors, which serves portions resident without easy access to Fulton Street. In addition, affordable homeownership remains a major obstacle in Bedford Stuyvesant. Studies show that the homeownership is the hallmark of a stable community. Rising home costs is making homeownership less achievable for many residents each day. Many long-time Bedford Stuyvesant residents find themselves unable to afford or maintain their homes, leaving them susceptible to foreclosure or unethical investors. These efforts disrupt the community's cohesion.

# 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	The pace and breadth of new affordable housing does not meet the demand resulting in widespread displacement and it is signficantly impacting neighborhood demographics. Since 2010, the population of CB3 has grown by more than 14% but the Black population in CB3 has dropped by over 22,000 people (or 22.4%). The Board urges the agency to continue, and quickly expand, programs like the Bedford-Stuyvesant Housing Initiative as well as develop new initiatives that will bring new units on line at twice the current rate.	
5/26	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Residents need more homeownership opportunities. Home prices on the open market are far out of range for the vast majority of residents and without targeted programs inequity in wealth accumulation will continue to grow along racial lines. The Board urges the agency to create more programs, like the New Infill Homeownership Opportunities Program (NIHOP), that will provide access and other resources designed to promote equitable pathways to homeownership.	
7/26	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	The 13th Regiment Armory on Marcus Garvey Blvd is an underutilized community facility. A recent feasibilty study identified ways to maximize community use including making critical interior improvements and renovations that would benefit the public. The Board requests that the Economic Development Corporation to release an RFP that will fund the study's recommended overhaul the interior of the Armory.	357 Marcus Garvey Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, NY
10/26	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	Brevoort Houses is identified as a NYC environmental justice area, where more than 91% of residents are non-white and are most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. Reducing the carbon footprint in public housing improves the lives of residents and those that live nearby the development. The Board insists that NYCHA prioritize green infrastructure to build a more resilient and sustainable future for the Brevoort Houses community.	Brooklyn, NY

11/26	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	Lafayette Gardens Houses is identified as a NYC environmental justice area, where more than 73% of residents are non-white. The community members are most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. Reducing the carbon footprint in public housing improves the lives of residents and those that live nearby the development. The Board insists that NYCHA prioritize green infrastructure to build a more resilient and sustainable future for the Brevoort Houses community.	Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
12/26	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	Sumner Houses is identified as a NYC environmental justice area, where more than 99% of residents are non-white are nearly 45% live below poverty. The community members are most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. Reducing the carbon footprint in public housing improves the lives of residents and those that live nearby the development. The Board insists that NYCHA prioritize green infrastructure to build a more resilient and sustainable future for the Sumner Houses community.	Brooklyn, NY
13/26	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	Marcy Houses is identified as a NYC environmental justice area, where more than 99% of residents are non-white are nearly 45% live below poverty. The community members are most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. Reducing the carbon footprint in public housing improves the lives of residents and those that live nearby the development. The Board insists that NYCHA prioritize green infrastructure to build a more resilient and sustainable future for the Sumner Houses community.	
14/26	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	Tompkins Houses is identified as a NYC environmental justice area, where 100% of residents are non-white are nearly 62% live below poverty. The community members are most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. Reducing the carbon footprint in public housing improves the lives of residents and those that live nearby the development. The Board insists that NYCHA prioritize green infrastructure to build a more resilient and sustainable future for the Tompkins Houses community.	

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/32	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	A majority of Bedford-Stuyvesant residents are rent burdened and the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic has deepening housing insecurity. The Board requests the expansion and enhancement of rent subsidy programs aimed at providing relief to renters across a wide range of incomes.	
6/32	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	In recent years there's been an increase of deed and property fraud incidents in Bedford Stuyvesant. Many residents are being tricked into signing over their long-held homes and properties to unscrupulous dealers/agents. We requesting that the King County District Attorney Office work to continue to improve enforcement and strengthen outreach and awareness to owners and residents.	
7/32	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	Opportunities and access to good paying jobs helps to ensure that residents are not displaced and strengthens neighborhood cohesion. Attracting and retaining district-based government jobs and those in the private sector creates active commercial corridors that help communitues thrive. The Board requests programs that offer financial incentives for local public and private sector local job growth and retention.	
13/32	EDC	Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment	Active commercial corridors are an important element of a thriving community. The Board requests expansion and continued support of tax incentive programs that enable neighborhood businesses to upgrade their place of business including facade restoration and attributes that improve customer access and safety.	

14/32	SBS	Support local, long- standing businesses	A vibrant business community is an essential part of an economically strong, resilient neighborhood. An SBS program to support longstanding businesses to upgrade their online presence, digital security, and business practices is vital in this new environment. Programs like BE NYC and WE NYC offer important resources that will help entrepreneurs most deeply impacted by the pandemic. The Board is requesting a satellite office and/or incubator space in the district to directly engage entrepreneurs and promote MWBE certification in Bedford-Stuyvesant and the greater Central Brooklyn area.
19/32	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	The Board requests the expansion of paid job training programs in core skill areas for out-of- work adults and formerly incarcerated residents

training programs

work adults and formerly incarcerated residents to create pipelines to stable job and career opportunities of the future. A program that partners with local leaders, officials, business, and nonprofits to place trainees for paid internships would be ideal.

#### TRANSPORTATION

## **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Traffic enforcement is lack throughout the community, creating more dangerous roadways for all users - pedestrians, cyclists, bus operators, and other uses. Streets are jammed with traffic and motorists often double park or blocking bus stops and fire hydrants. We need better enforcement improve safety for all.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

#### **Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure**

No comments

#### **Needs for Transit Services**

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	The Broadway corridor is in dire need of repair. It is vital thoroughfare but in its current condition it is dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and truck drivers. The Board is urging the agency to perform trench restoration, pothole repair and resurfacing as well as improve design and resilience so that all of the streets users can navigate safely.	Broadway Flushing Avenue Saratoga Avenue
15/26	DOT	Other capital budget request for DOT	Manufacturers and policymakers are responding to the climate crisis by moving toward greater electrification over the continued use fossil fuels and other non-renewable energy sources. Community Board 3 is identified as an environmental justice area and must be included as the shift to sustainable infrastructure unfolds. The Board requests to be a priority area for the placement and installation of curbside vehicular charging stations and other renewable infracture for zero emissions vehicles.	
16/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	This street needs trench restoration. The Board requests action to repair the deep depression In the middle of the block and near Stuyvesant Avenue.	Macdonough Street Stuyveasnt Avenue Malcolm X Boulevard
17/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	The street needs trench restoriation. The Board requests action to repair a deep depression in the middle of the roadway that runs about three quarters of the length of the block.	Jefferson Avenue Stuyvesant Avenue Malcolm X Boulevard
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	There is a deep depression in the middle of the roadway that is nearly the full length of the is block. Motorists and cyclists must swerve close to parked vehicles to avoid the depression. The Board is request trench restoration for the full block.	Hancock Street Marcy Avenue Tompkins Avenue

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
22/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Flushing Avenue-Broadway intersection is a crossing over two truck routes and a very dangerous crossing The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersection with Flushing Avenue.	Broadway Flushing Avenue
23/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Marcus Garvey Blvd and Ellery Street.	Broadway Marcus Garvey Boulevard Ellery Street
24/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Park Avenue and Lewis Avenue.	Broadway Park Avenue Lewis Avenue
25/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Myrtle Avenue and Stuyvesant Avenue.	Broadway Myrtle Avenue Stuyvesant Avenue
26/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Willoughby Avenue and Hart Street.	Broadway Willoughby Avenue Hart Street
27/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Pulaski Street and Dekalb Avenue.	Broadway Pulaski Street Dekalb Avenue

28/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersection with Kosciuszko Street and Lafayette Avenue.	Broadway Kosciuszko Street Lafayette Avenue
29/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersection with Lexington Avenue and Ralph Avenue.	Broadway Lexington Avenue Ralph Avenue
30/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling at the intersection with Quincy Street and Gates Avenue.	Broadway Quincy Street Gates Avenue
31/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Monroe Street and Howard Avenue.	Broadway Monroe Street Howard Avenue
32/32	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	Intersection has a high rate of pedestrian and motorist injuries. High rate of pedestrian traffic due to Ralph Avenue C train stop, public school nearby and a NYCHA development at the corner. The Board requests crosswalk extensions, street markings, signal changes, and other safety improvements to move vehicles safely and prevent injuries.	Fulton Street Ralph Avenue

## PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## **Brooklyn Community Board 3**

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

#### Quality of parks and park facilities

As a community we continue to advocate for the better parks and playgrounds. Parks have always assisted our community in child development, community engagement through family events, physical activities, and a resource for our educators and their students. There are several assets in our district that require capital funding and would make significant impact on the quality of the parks. Spaces are being used for a variety of activities as more and more people are using the outdoors as extension of their homes. There are neighborhood green spaces which contend with the challenge of their surroundings, such as NYCHA playgrounds. These spaces present unique opportunities and challenges; although the community would benefit from programming such as 'Parks without Borders' it leaves residents vulnerable even if that program encourages social engagement. Our parks also need to be better equipped to deal with the changing climate. The recent extreme weather magnified the need in Bedford-Stuyvesant for more green infrastructure to go along with improved catch basin and drainage systems, There are still has several asphalt covered play yards and street extensions where greenery can be integrated.

<u>Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities</u>

**Needs for Parks** 

No comments

**Needs for Cultural Services** 

No comments

**Needs for Library Services** 

No comments

**Needs for Community Boards** 

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	St. Andrews Park, even in its current condition remains a pivotal recreation destination in the Bedford Stuyvesant community where it resides and for several organizations throughout the borough that also use it. It has the potentialto be a jewel of a park. Our funding requests are as follows: completely reconstruct playground and spray shower; convert asphalt field to a more modern asphalt surface including Mondo perimeter track and fencing; reconstruct basketball/handball courts, adults fitness area, fencing and repair drainage; reconstruct comfort station and perimeter sidewalks.	Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
6/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Jackie Robinson Park is unsafe and outdated; new play equipment is needed. The playground is one of the few family-friendly open spaces in the immediate area. It is adjacent to an elementary school and nearby several public housing developments. Due to the park's high usage the Board requests a complete upgrade to the park.	Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
8/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Herbert Von King Park has a cultural center and adjoining amphitheater, named in honor of Eubie Blake. Over the past several years, the cultural center has undergone extensive renovations. The Board is now requestiing a complete renovation of the existing dilipitated amphitheather into a world-class outdoor concert space similar to the amphitheater at Marcus Garvey Park in Harlem.	670 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
19/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	El-Shabazz Playground is another park in the district with high usage by families. The current equipment there is old and dangerous. The Board requests new playground equipment.	Macon Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY

21/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The Board requests the conversion of Hancock Playground to a green park space that includes updated, resident-friendly fencing with hedges that create a more inviting environment; upgrade and expand the existing children's play equipment/sprinkler area, and; add perimeter race track and sitting areas. The additional green infrastructure will work to mitigate against environmental harms and create vital new green space for residents.	Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
22/26	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	The Bedford Library is currently closed and will be closed through most of FY23 to upgrade the branch's heating and cooling systems. The Board requests that a full overhaul include necessary and significant exterior renovations and window restoration.	496 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
23/26	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	The Board requests support for that the longstanding, needed repair of the retaining wall at the Macon Library be funded. In addition, the branch's HVAC system needs to be replaced.	361 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
24/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library (BPL)	Our library branches can better serve the needs of low-vision and visually impaired patrons by providing assistive technology devices such as magnifiers, scanners, lighting and software. These tools, like SARA CE and Clearview C, create greater accessibility and make available a broad swath of materials that are not available in Braille. We are requesting multiple devices are the Bedford, Marcy, and Macon branches.	
25/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Charlie's Place Playground recently underwent critical renovations that improved park usage and the visitor experience of the public space. The Board requests that the Parks Department further improve the playground by renovating the basketball courts and the garden.	175 Ellery Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
26/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The Board requests for the basketball courts to be renovated including repaving, painting, installing new goal and backboard, and improving lighting in on-court area.	1035 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	The community requests continued support of the current project, an overhaul of Von King Park's Recreation Center which includes making the theater ADA accessible and correcting all violations.	670 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	It has been years since the comfort station at Saratoga Park has been upgraded. With the increase in population of the community which has led to an increase of usage of the park, we need for this facility to be renovated.	Halsey Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	The Marcy Library has several large capital needs. They include ADA compliant bathrooms, safety and security enhancements, exterior renovation, interior renovation including initial outfitting, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and roof renovation. Fully funding this work will immensely improve the Marcy branch.	617 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	It has been many years since Potomac Playground has been renovated. The need for play and green space has increased as the area's population grows due to the influx of families with small children. There are several developments that include apartment buildings within one to two blocks of the playground.	446 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/32	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	The Kosciuszko Pool (K-Pool) is an vital community resource that is only used for two-to-three months a year. In several previous budgets, CB3 has requested a capital investment to overhaul the K-Pool (tracking code: 203202223C) this is expense request is a modification of the original that will facilitate temporary, seasonal use as a long-term vision for the space is developed. The Board is requesting seasonal installation of an air dome to facilitate that will provide for use beyond the summer season.	670 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

15/32	DCLA	Provide more public art	Public arts and cultural projects enliven community. They offer equitable access because we all can experience it, beautify neighborhoods, ignite passion in residents, activate commericial corridors. The Board requests a significant investment in public arts and cultural projects across disciplines including visual, performance, folk, and media arts, that are one-time, short-term and permanent and our streetscapes, plazas, and parks.	
20/32	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	The Board requests the expansion and enhancement of programming at African American Heritage Center at the Macon Library including the acquistion of databases, collection materials, and other resources.	361 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

# 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
16/32	Other	Other expense budget request	The pandemic, due to remote learning/work and excess free time, has significantly increased screen time in front of computers and other devices. Health effects from this shift will be longlasting and chronic for some. The Board urges the agency to invest in programs that offer broad access to vision and auditory screening services for children and adults, including establish a mobile clinic services.	

# 7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

### **Capital Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/26	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	The pace and breadth of new affordable housing does not meet the demand resulting in widespread displacement and it is signficantly impacting neighborhood demographics. Since 2010, the population of CB3 has grown by more than 14% but the Black population in CB3 has dropped by over 22,000 people (or 22.4%). The Board urges the agency to continue, and quickly expand, programs like the Bedford-Stuyvesant Housing Initiative as well as develop new initiatives that will bring new units on line at twice the current rate.	
2/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	The Broadway corridor is in dire need of repair. It is vital thoroughfare but in its current condition it is dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and truck drivers. The Board is urging the agency to perform trench restoration, pothole repair and resurfacing as well as improve design and resilience so that all of the streets users can navigate safely.	Broadway Flushing Avenue Saratoga Avenue
3/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	St. Andrews Park, even in its current condition remains a pivotal recreation destination in the Bedford Stuyvesant community where it resides and for several organizations throughout the borough that also use it. It has the potentialto be a jewel of a park. Our funding requests are as follows: completely reconstruct playground and spray shower; convert asphalt field to a more modern asphalt surface including Mondo perimeter track and fencing; reconstruct basketball/handball courts, adults fitness area, fencing and repair drainage; reconstruct comfort station and perimeter sidewalks.	Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

4/26	DEP	Other capital budget request for DEP	The impacts of the changing climate have created more extreme weather events that easily overwhelm local infrastructure. Targeted flood resilience and storm water management investments are vital for developing a sustainable community that is prepared for the evolving climate crisis. The Board requests the installation of storm water management systems and related infrastructure innovations that mitigate for flooding and localized ponding. These improvements are needed across the community with particular urgency along the Marcy Avenue, Patchen Avenue, and Howard Avenue corridors.	
5/26	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	Residents need more homeownership opportunities. Home prices on the open market are far out of range for the vast majority of residents and without targeted programs inequity in wealth accumulation will continue to grow along racial lines. The Board urges the agency to create more programs, like the New Infill Homeownership Opportunities Program (NIHOP), that will provide access and other resources designed to promote equitable pathways to homeownership.	
6/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Jackie Robinson Park is unsafe and outdated; new play equipment is needed. The playground is one of the few family-friendly open spaces in the immediate area. It is adjacent to an elementary school and nearby several public housing developments. Due to the park's high usage the Board requests a complete upgrade to the park.	Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
7/26	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	The 13th Regiment Armory on Marcus Garvey Blvd is an underutilized community facility. A recent feasibilty study identified ways to maximize community use including making critical interior improvements and renovations that would benefit the public. The Board requests that the Economic Development Corporation to release an RFP that will fund the study's recommended overhaul the interior of the Armory.	357 Marcus Garvey Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York, NY

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9/26	DSNY	Other capital budget request for DSNY	Each neighborhood must have the capacity to process its own food scraps. This district requests a composting facility. The Board requests the creation of at least one community scale compost site in our CB. Every day NYC residents generate about 4,000 tons of organics (food scraps) and less that 1% of these are separated. Community Board 3 has two drop off centers operated at Lafayette Garden (1035 Lafayette Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11221) and Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church (228 Decatur St, Brooklyn, NY 11233). We request that the number of FSDOs be doubled within our community board, and increase the number of hours and days of operation of existing FSDOs.	
10/26	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	Brevoort Houses is identified as a NYC environmental justice area, where more than 91% of residents are non-white and are most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis. Reducing the carbon footprint in public housing improves the lives of residents and those that live nearby the development. The Board insists that NYCHA prioritize green infrastructure to build a more resilient and sustainable future for the Brevoort Houses community.	Brooklyn, NY
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16/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	This street needs trench restoration. The Board requests action to repair the deep depression In the middle of the block and near Stuyvesant Avenue.	Macdonough Street Stuyveasnt Avenue Malcolm X Boulevard
17/26	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	The street needs trench restoriation. The Board requests action to repair a deep depression in the middle of the roadway that runs about three quarters of the length of the block.	Jefferson Avenue Stuyvesant Avenue Malcolm X Boulevard
18/26	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	The children's play area at MS 35 is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of students and community residents. The Board seeks a complete overhaul including adding better lighting and security cameras.	272 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
19/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	El-Shabazz Playground is another park in the district with high usage by families. The current equipment there is old and dangerous. The Board requests new playground equipment.	Macon Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
20/26	SCA	Renovate exterior building component	The children's play area at PS 3 is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of students and community residents. The Board seeks a complete overhaul including adding better lighting and security cameras.	50 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
21/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The Board requests the conversion of Hancock Playground to a green park space that includes updated, resident-friendly fencing with hedges that create a more inviting environment; upgrade and expand the existing children's play equipment/sprinkler area, and; add perimeter race track and sitting areas. The additional green infrastructure will work to mitigate against environmental harms and create vital new green space for residents.	Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
22/26	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	The Bedford Library is currently closed and will be closed through most of FY23 to upgrade the branch's heating and cooling systems. The Board requests that a full overhaul include necessary and significant exterior renovations and window restoration.	496 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

23/26	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	The Board requests support for that the longstanding, needed repair of the retaining wall at the Macon Library be funded. In addition, the branch's HVAC system needs to be replaced.	361 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
24/26	BPL	Provide more or better equipment to a library (BPL)	Our library branches can better serve the needs of low-vision and visually impaired patrons by providing assistive technology devices such as magnifiers, scanners, lighting and software. These tools, like SARA CE and Clearview C, create greater accessibility and make available a broad swath of materials that are not available in Braille. We are requesting multiple devices are the Bedford, Marcy, and Macon branches.	
25/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Charlie's Place Playground recently underwent critical renovations that improved park usage and the visitor experience of the public space. The Board requests that the Parks Department further improve the playground by renovating the basketball courts and the garden.	175 Ellery Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
26/26	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The Board requests for the basketball courts to be renovated including repaving, painting, installing new goal and backboard, and improving lighting in on-court area.	1035 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	The City has control of the site identified for the garage. The development of the scope of work for the Community Board # 3 Sanitation Garage was approved as an expense request two years ago and should be completed. To improve the environmental health in Community BD # 3, construction of the Sanitation Garage would be a Capital request. Have a co-terminus sanitation site in CB # 3 will reduce gas emissions by shortening the distance sanitation trucks must travel to service this community board.	Nostrand & Park Avenue
CS	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	There is a deep depression in the middle of the roadway that is nearly the full length of the is block. Motorists and cyclists must swerve close to parked vehicles to avoid the depression. The Board is request trench restoration for the full block.	Hancock Street Marcy Avenue Tompkins Avenue

CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	The community requests continued support of the current project, an overhaul of Von King Park's Recreation Center which includes making the theater ADA accessible and correcting all violations.	670 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	It has been years since the comfort station at Saratoga Park has been upgraded. With the increase in population of the community which has led to an increase of usage of the park, we need for this facility to be renovated.	Halsey Street, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (BPL)	The Marcy Library has several large capital needs. They include ADA compliant bathrooms, safety and security enhancements, exterior renovation, interior renovation including initial outfitting, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and roof renovation. Fully funding this work will immensely improve the Marcy branch.	617 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	It has been many years since Potomac Playground has been renovated. The need for play and green space has increased as the area's population grows due to the influx of families with small children. There are several developments that include apartment buildings within one to two blocks of the playground.	446 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY

### **Expense Budget Requests**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/32	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	A majority of Bedford-Stuyvesant residents are rent burdened and the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic has deepening housing insecurity. The Board requests the expansion and enhancement of rent subsidy programs aimed at providing relief to renters across a wide range of incomes.	
2/32	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	Dumping in vacant lots and buildings, parks, in front of shuttered businesses, and at corner litter baskets is a rising problem throughout the community district. This issue has become more acute during this pandemic era. Without adequate enforcement covering multiple shifts the problem will persist. The Board urges the department to hire more enforcement staff that will provide better coverage to the community district.	
3/32	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	Bedford-Stuyvesant has struggling to reduce its rat population because of a lack of sustained investment. In 2017, the community district was included as targeted zone in the Neighborhood Rat Reduction Plan but those gains have now been lost. Beyond being pests, rats pose acute health risks and can ause permanent damage to property. The Board requests a sustained, block-to-block, multi-faceted approach that works to eliminate the persistent rodent problem.	
4/32	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	The pandemic has distressed all New Yorkers. Many of our most vulnerable residents, particularly senior citizens living alone and children, face social isolation and struggle with coping with the stresses of this new normal. The Board requests programs that leverage partnerships with community instutitutions, like churches and youth groups, geared toward improving mental health and wellness.	

5/32	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Summer is the best time to engage teens and young adults between the ages of 14-24 years old in employment and career pathways opportunities as well as work readiness skills training. SYEP offers our young people an opportunity to "earn while they learn;" foster self-confidence, build skills development, and offer economic support for their families. The Board requests 5,000 SYEP slots in CB3.
6/32	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	In recent years there's been an increase of deed and property fraud incidents in Bedford Stuyvesant. Many residents are being tricked into signing over their long-held homes and properties to unscrupulous dealers/agents. We requesting that the King County District Attorney Office work to continue to improve enforcement and strengthen outreach and awareness to owners and residents.
7/32	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	Opportunities and access to good paying jobs helps to ensure that residents are not displaced and strengthens neighborhood cohesion.  Attracting and retaining district-based government jobs and those in the private sector creates active commercial corridors that help communitues thrive. The Board requests programs that offer financial incentives for local public and private sector local job growth and retention.
8/32	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	In too many instances young people, from preteen to age 25, engage in activities that put that at risk for involvement in the criminal justice system. The Board requests increasing resources for cure violence, violence interrupters, and other interveners designed to improve public safety, reduce incidents of violence, treat violence as a public health issue, and limit involvement in the criminal justice system.
9/32	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Our community district lacks robust education and outreach which is critical for the success of municipal composting. The Board requests support for sustainability programs at each school and organics/compost outreach programs and education resources for local residents.

10/32	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	A successful local organics program must be staff appropriately. The Board is requesting adequate compensation for workers who perform the labor of collecting and processing compost.	
11/32	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	Bedford-Stuyvesant is experiencing an acute crisis of young adults (ages 18 to 26) who are "disconnected" (out-of-school and out-of-work) that has been exascerbated by the pandemic. These young people are the most at-risk for experiencing homelessness and/or involvement in the criminal justice system. The Board requests deployment of a variety of programs and services designed to "reconnect" these young adults and help them build brighter futures.	
12/32	DPR	Other expense budget request for DPR	The Kosciuszko Pool (K-Pool) is an vital community resource that is only used for two-to-three months a year. In several previous budgets, CB3 has requested a capital investment to overhaul the K-Pool (tracking code: 203202223C) this is expense request is a modification of the original that will facilitate temporary, seasonal use as a long-term vision for the space is developed. The Board is requesting seasonal installation of an air dome to facilitate that will provide for use beyond the summer season.	670 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
13/32	EDC	Invest in access to low cost financing and financial incentives to help businesses construct or improve space, job creation and retention, and catalyze new capital investment	Active commercial corridors are an important element of a thriving community. The Board requests expansion and continued support of tax incentive programs that enable neighborhood businesses to upgrade their place of business including facade restoration and attributes that improve customer access and safety.	

14/32	SBS	Support local, long- standing businesses	A vibrant business community is an essential part of an economically strong, resilient neighborhood. An SBS program to support longstanding businesses to upgrade their online presence, digital security, and business practices is vital in this new environment. Programs like BE NYC and WE NYC offer important resources that will help entrepreneurs most deeply impacted by the pandemic. The Board is requesting a satellite office and/or incubator space in the district to directly engage entrepreneurs and promote MWBE certification in Bedford-Stuyvesant and the greater Central Brooklyn area.
15/32	DCLA	Provide more public art	Public arts and cultural projects enliven community. They offer equitable access because we all can experience it, beautify neighborhoods, ignite passion in residents, activate commericial corridors. The Board requests a significant investment in public arts and cultural projects across disciplines including visual, performance, folk, and media arts, that are one-time, short-term and permanent and our streetscapes, plazas, and parks.
16/32	Other	Other expense budget request	The pandemic, due to remote learning/work and excess free time, has significantly increased screen time in front of computers and other devices. Health effects from this shift will be longlasting and chronic for some. The Board urges the agency to invest in programs that offer broad access to vision and auditory screening services for children and adults, including establish a mobile clinic services.
17/32	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	Stressors from the pandemic and ensuing economic collapse have intensified the need for substance misuse treatment. Many residents are self-medicating to cope with challenges. They are increasingly using opiods, K2/Spice and other synthetic cannabinoids. The Board request support for efforts to de-stigmatize substance misuse and preventative programming will help mitigate addiction issues.

18/32	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Beacon and Cornerstone programs provide essential services for community residents of all ages. The Board requests enhancing existing Beacon and Cornerstone programs in the district by serving more clients, expanding hours, increasing academic supports, and diversifying arts and recreational activities.	
19/32	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	The Board requests the expansion of paid job training programs in core skill areas for out-of-work adults and formerly incarcerated residents to create pipelines to stable job and career opportunities of the future. A program that partners with local leaders, officials, business, and nonprofits to place trainees for paid internships would be ideal.	
20/32	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs (BPL)	The Board requests the expansion and enhancement of programming at African American Heritage Center at the Macon Library including the acquistion of databases, collection materials, and other resources.	361 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, NY
21/32	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	The Board requests creation and promotion of nutrition awareness and education on physical activity, etc. specific to CB3's most vulnerable populations (seniors and youth), programs to address public health issues in CB3 (i.e. COVID 19, SHOP Healthy Brooklyn), provide more HIV/AIDS information and outreach, and promotion of smoking cessation and anti-vaping programs.	
22/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Flushing Avenue-Broadway intersection is a crossing over two truck routes and a very dangerous crossing The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersection with Flushing Avenue.	Broadway Flushing Avenue
23/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Marcus Garvey Blvd and Ellery Street.	Broadway Marcus Garvey Boulevard Ellery Street

24/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Park Avenue and Lewis Avenue.	Broadway Park Avenue Lewis Avenue
25/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Myrtle Avenue and Stuyvesant Avenue.	Broadway Myrtle Avenue Stuyvesant Avenue
26/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The crosswalks are particularly dangerous. The Board requests improved street markings and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Willoughby Avenue and Hart Street.	Broadway Willoughby Avenue Hart Street
27/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Pulaski Street and Dekalb Avenue.	Broadway Pulaski Street Dekalb Avenue
28/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersection with Kosciuszko Street and Lafayette Avenue.	Broadway Kosciuszko Street Lafayette Avenue
29/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersection with Lexington Avenue and Ralph Avenue.	Broadway Lexington Avenue Ralph Avenue
30/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling at the intersection with Quincy Street and Gates Avenue.	Broadway Quincy Street Gates Avenue

31/32	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	The Broadway corridor needs extensive improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety. The Board requests improved street markings, lighting, and traffic signaling and timing at the intersections with Monroe Street and Howard Avenue.	Broadway Monroe Street Howard Avenue
32/32	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	Intersection has a high rate of pedestrian and motorist injuries. High rate of pedestrian traffic due to Ralph Avenue C train stop, public school nearby and a NYCHA development at the corner. The Board requests crosswalk extensions, street markings, signal changes, and other safety improvements to move vehicles safely and prevent injuries.	Fulton Street Ralph Avenue