



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

**Fiscal Year
2027**

INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. **Overarching Community District Needs**

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

2. **Policy Area-Specific District Needs**

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

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

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

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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

Manhattan Community Board 12

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

Manhattan

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	1,585,873	100.00	1,694,251	100.00	108,378	6.8	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	234,435	14.8	232,511	13.7	-1,924	-0.8	-1.1
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,585,873	100.0	1,694,251	100.0	108,378	6.8	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	403,577	25.4	402,640	23.8	-937	-0.2	-1.6
White non-Hispanic	761,493	48.0	793,294	46.8	31,801	4.2	-1.2
Black non-Hispanic	205,340	12.9	199,592	11.8	-5,748	-2.8	-1.1
Asian non-Hispanic	177,624	11.2	219,624	13.0	42,000	23.6	1.8
Some other race, non-Hispanic	7,882	0.5	16,112	1.0	8,230	104.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	29,957	1.9	62,989	3.7	33,032	110.3	1.8
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	847,090	100.0	913,926	100.0	66,836	7.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	763,846	90.2	817,782	89.5	53,936	7.1	-0.7
Vacant housing units	83,244	9.8	96,144	10.5	12,900	15.5	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

Manhattan Community District 12

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	190,020	100.00	180,206	100.00	-9,814	-5.2	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	37,307	19.6	28,290	15.7	-9,017	-24.2	-3.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	190,020	100.0	180,206	100.0	-9,814	-5.2	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	134,976	71.0	117,244	65.1	-17,732	-13.1	-5.9
White non-Hispanic	33,442	17.6	38,222	21.2	4,780	14.3	3.6
Black non-Hispanic	13,954	7.3	13,161	7.3	-793	-5.7	0.0
Asian non-Hispanic	4,794	2.5	5,751	3.2	957	20.0	0.7
Some other race, non-Hispanic	920	0.5	1,679	0.9	759	82.5	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,934	1.0	4,149	2.3	2,215	114.5	1.3
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	72,910	100.0	74,722	100.0	1,812	2.5	0.0
Occupied housing units	69,182	94.9	71,076	95.1	1,894	2.7	0.2
Vacant housing units	3,728	5.1	3,646	4.9	-82	-2.2	-0.2

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Manhattan Community District 12 (CD12M) encompasses the most northern parts of Manhattan, including Washington Heights and Inwood. The district, which is geographically diverse, is bounded by the Harlem River Drive on the east side and by the Hudson River on the west side; and runs from West 155th Street to West 220th Street. We are a diverse community of 219,657 residents, including a majority of residents 151,100 (68.8 percent) of Latino or of Hispanic heritage; 41,471 (18.9 percent) of White Non-Hispanic; 16,630 (7.6 percent) of Blacks/African American Non-Hispanic; 6,688 (3.0 percent) of Asian or Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic; 121 (less than 1 percent) of American Indian and Alaska Native Non-Hispanic (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates - Population Division - New York City Department of City Planning). The largest group in the district is of Dominican descent. Community District 12 is also an immigrant community: the district has a foreign-born population of almost 50% (102K residents), with 55.5% residents not being a citizen yet. The median age in the district is 36, and almost a quarter (17.4%) of our population is under 20 years old and 14.1% of our residents are over the age of 65. We also have a high poverty and unemployment rate: 21.4% of our residents live on incomes below the federal poverty threshold, with 30.7% of those people being under the age of 18. Our district median household income (\$52,052) and the Manhattan median household income is (\$60,762). In addition, the American Community Survey 3-year estimates for 2010 through 2012 indicate that 10.3% of our residents ages 16 and over were unemployed and 33.6% were not in the labor force. In 2013 49.5% of our residents were one 1 or more forms of public assistance (an increase of 1.5% vs. 2005 when last measured, according to the Dept. of NYC Planning Community District 12 portal page. Notably, 31.5% of our adults over are over the age of 25 and do not have a high school diploma. Community District 12 urgently need employment services to increase the median household income, social/human services that support our working families, vocational training schools to raise resident skill levels to obtain competitive employment, provide more services for immigrant families, and more free ELS courses for non-English speaking residents.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 12

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

The items identified by the Statement of Needs process of having each Committee and the full Board as a whole are: Provide funding for the construction of affordable housing for seniors, at risk individuals and families using CB12's median average income of \$54,717.00 The priority-setting of these needs confirms the sentiment of the Community and guarantee the solution of these issues in the next fiscal year

Crime and Public Safety

The items identified by the Statement of Needs process of having each Committee and the full Board as a whole are: 1. Additional upgrade of emergency responses 311 and 911 to record times and geolocations for better response data and translation. 2. Continue to improve police and community relations.

Health care services

1. Expand mental health services for seniors, and students impacted by COVID 19. 2. Relocated District 8 DSNY sanitation trucks from CB12 as the co-terminal city charter mandates. 3. Increase Parks Dept. funding to support additional program to help improve seniors, youth, and people at risk's mental health.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

In the Expense Budget Priorities for FY 2024, the most important issue for Health Care and Human Services is to expedite the construction of the new garage for District 8M and relocate its trucks from District 12M as quickly as possible to comply with the City Charter's co-terminality, and to expand mental health services in the community, especially for seniors, students and others whose mental health and social engagement have been adversely impacted by COVID-19, to open a full-time vaccination site for COVID-19 and monkeypox in Washington Heights with an annex or other regular presence in Inwood, and to increase substance abuse services in our community, including opioid overdose prevention education, and funding for syringe cleanups and collections (DOHMH) CB#12, M also request funding to install green infrastructure such as bioswales to divert stormwater from the sewer system and address climate change issues in our community It is also important for CB #12, M to increase services to prevent and treat chronic diseases, such as Alzheimer's, diabetes, cancer, and heart disease. Provide funding to ensure that all local public schools have health clinics, is relevant for CB #12, M. Noise complaints have incremented considerably in our community, for this reason, we request an increased staff that conducts regular noise enforcement, air quality monitoring, and water quality testing in our community. The trash basket collection on commercial streets in District 12M, needs to be increased, and the funds to support this task as well. The homeless situation has increased considerably in the CB 12, M, for this reason we request more funding for the Homebase Program in CB12M to prevent individuals and families at imminent risk from entering the NYC shelter system. Finally CB #12, M requires an expedited replacement of old water mains and sewer lines in our community (DEP).

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Our residents are less likely to have regular health care providers than those in NYC overall and foreign-born adults and men are least likely to have a regular doctor. Nearly one in ten residents use the emergency room, most likely at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, when they are sick or need medical advice. One in five local adults is obese, and almost one half do not exercise. The birth rate to teenage mothers is higher in this community than in all of Manhattan and NYC overall. On the plus side, the average annual death rates in our district is reported to be lower than in Manhattan and NYC overall. We would request funds to undertake a comprehensive Needs Assessment of Community Board 12's LGBTQ community, identifying population, assets, unmet needs, strategies for assessing unmet needs, and additional collaborative and unique opportunities.

Needs for Older NYs

CB #12, M considered that the following issues are the most important for the Older New Yorker community within the district: Increase Expanded In Home Services For Elderly Persons (EISEP) funding to provide affordable home care, including sliding scale reimbursement. Increase funding for transportation for seniors by restoring prior City Council Funding and expand access to services. Increase access to appropriate, healthy food programs for seniors with medical needs. Increase funding for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities to support currently unfunded

mandate for nursing hours. Increase OTPS funding for replacement furnishings (non-capital) in senior centers as needed. System-wide upgrade of area senior centers to improve connectivity and WiFi

Needs for Homeless

We have a Homeless Shelter in our District in need of funding and more services. It is still a matter unresolved

Needs for Low Income NYs

We need the creation of a Workforce 1 in our district to provide training and help low income residents to find a good job.

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 1	Renovate or upgrade a senior center
HRA	1 / 8	Increase investment in initiatives that protect rent-stabilized tenants in CD12M.
HRA	2 / 8	Allocate funding to make accessibility improvements to the entrances of residential buildings in CD12M.
HRA	3 / 8	LITCH
HRA	4 / 8	Funding for Affordable Housing
HRA	5 / 8	Increase affordable home ownership opportunities in CD12M.
HRA	6 / 8	Build more supportive housing for at-risk individuals and families in CD12M.
HRA	7 / 8	AEP/PPP
HRA	8 / 8	Build more accessible housing in CD12M for people with disabilities and diversify unit sizes.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 4	Enhance home care services
DFTA	2 / 4	Increase transportation services capacity
DFTA	3 / 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA
DFTA	4 / 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA
DOHMH	1 / 7	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
DOHMH	2 / 7	Other programs to address public health issues requests
DOHMH	3 / 7	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
DOHMH	4 / 7	Other programs to address public health issues requests
DOHMH	5 / 7	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning
DOHMH	6 / 7	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
DOHMH	7 / 7	spay/neuter
HRA	1 / 6	Increase funding to support the households in CD12M impacted by federal funding cuts to SNAP.
HRA	2 / 6	Increase funding for programs that support food-insecure residents of CD12M.
HRA	3 / 6	Increase CD12M-specific funding for Housing-related Legal Services,

including the Right to Counsel program

HRA	4 / 6	Increase CD12M-specific funding for Immigration Legal Services
HRA	5 / 6	Increase CD12M-specific funding for the Homebase program
HRA	6 / 6	Increase funding for supportive housing programs in CD12M to provide comprehensive care onsite 24 hours a day.

Manhattan Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

For FY24 CB #12, is requesting, Security Cameras - P.S. 028-SD6 Provide funding to install surveillance system (security cameras) at the entry and exit of the school. Students' environments need to be protected. We request more funding to improve connectivity options of Internet/Wi-Fi services for students in School District 6 (SD6); there is a great need of Internet/Wi-Fi Service in SD6 Provide There are 32 geographic Community School Districts (CSD) in New York. Each district is in charge of their elementary and secondary public schools within their community. Of these 32 CSD, District 6 consists of the Upper West Side, Harlem and Washington Heights/Inwood communities located in the northern part of Manhattan (from West 135th to 218th Street). District 6 enrollment has approximately 25,121 students (K-12) according to district 6 data of 2015-16. There are 49 public schools in District 6, of which 31 public schools (K-8) and 8 high schools are situated within the Washington Heights and Inwood community and the remaining 10 schools are located in the Upper West Side and Harlem. There are 19 out-of- school time (OST) programs, 8 daycares and head start programs, and 3 public libraries in the community of Washington Heights. However, local concerns regarding the improvement and increase of resources in this community continue to be a challenge. Community District 12 is in urgent needs of significant after-school enrichment/extracurricular activities at local schools and parks within the district; the school day ends for most students around 2:30pm, and most families in the district find it difficult to provide adequate after-school supervision for this children, an increase of funding for after-school enrichment/extracurricular activities at local schools and parks within the district is highly desirable. Furthermore, we a Comprehensive Afterschool System program that include tutoring assistance with homework through community based organizations in school district 6. Class Size Reduction is needed in our district and we would like that City increase funding to reduce class size in CSD6. In addition CB #12, M needs biotech laboratory. We would that the City provide funding for a biotech laboratory and research facility for all students at the George Washington Educational Campus to insure there are opportunities for readiness, mentoring and hands an immersion on a genomic (DNA) level that is linked to a variety of career path in health /medical/science and non science fields.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

Physical Education (PE) serves as a keystone to reinforce student's academic achievement and prepare them to be physically and mentally active. School districts in New York City are mandated by the NYS Dept of Education to provide students with physical education and fitness paces, and to be instructed by Certified Teacher. However, evidence continues to suggest (report issued by the Comptroller Scott Stringer that the lack of physical education increases the health risk of students to become obese. Over 25 percent of students in New York City between the ages of 5 to 14 in Kindergarten through 8th grades are obese or severely obese. In several schools located in CB #12, Manhattan District including I.S 528, Bea Fuller Roger; I.S. 223, Mott Hall; and I.S 28 that serve students from PK-5th grades and 6th-8th grades do not have education fitness and /or their gymnasium. These schools have been waiting for the more than a decade to correct this problem. Therefore, it is imperative that DOE provides the capital funds for FY17 for the restoration and increase of physical education and fitness spaces needed in the aforementioned schools within CB#12 district. See <http://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/droppingtheball> Additionally, the majority the school facilities in the CB #12, M are very old in great disrepair and in need of renovation or

reconstruction. For example the swimming pool of the George Washington High School has been out of use for more than 20 years. The students in this district does not have access to a swimming pool. Swimming as sport is not being offered to the student.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

There is a high demand for a variety of programs in the community and among them are child care to assist working parents and after school programs, job training and skill development, college readiness programs to help students succeed in higher education, healthy eating in schools to reduce obesity, and youth anti-violence programs that promote safer communities. Expanded access to the Universal Pre-K program successfully created by Mayor De Blasio, the demand for Pre-K slots in Community District 12 has outpaced the availability, including in the zoned school districts of many community residents, the City and DOE should focus on creating more Pre-K resources in the district, our district has seen an increase of almost 2,000 children under the age of 5 from this report last year, the need for Pre-K resources is on the rise.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 3	Daycare Centers
DOE	2 / 3	3pk & 4pk Seats
DOE	3 / 3	Provide technology upgrade

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOE	1 / 2	workforce development
DOE	2 / 2	permaculture
DYCD	1 / 1	Permaculture Paid Internship

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

CB #12, M requests for FY24 more funding to expand Domestic Violence and Anti-Sexual Harassment programs and improve multi-agency response, and an additional upgrade of the Emergency Response System (311 & 911) to record times and geolocations for better response, data, and transparency (and include Spanish language option) and the expansion of Domestic Violence and Anti-Sexual Harassment programs and improve multi-agency response. The FDNY in our district requires all terrain vehicles for efficient response in CD12M's vast parklands and add funding for cameras in parks within 33 and 34 precincts. CB #12, M also needs the addition of speed cameras in the 33rd 34th precinct (in areas where there is drag racing or death). Due to the increase in the quality of life complaints in CB #12, M it is necessary to expand public education programs on public safety issues (fireworks, driving, bike Community District 12 requires more permanent officers (police officers, supervisors, and detectives) and police services to address issues facing an increased number of residents, visitors to the almost 1,000 acres of parkland, more events in the community and the city that require staffing which drain the resources in place, increased security at different locations, and a major increase of visitors due to a proliferation of restaurants and nightlife establishments. With an expected increase in the population due to new housing, the services are even more warranted for crime prevention in order to maintain or decrease the major index crime statistics and any other violent or non-violent crimes. Our two police precincts - the 33rd and 34th precincts - cover 155th to 218th Street from river to river and this landscape includes a major hospital and its affiliates; public housing developments; several large and popular parks that encompass baseball and soccer fields, a public swimming pool, three boating docks; a homeless shelter for men; transit rail yards; a NYC Department of Sanitation depot; senior centers; a university; museums; and more than 100,000 residents with an influx of tens of thousands of tourists and visitors to the community, particularly from May through October. Both precincts lack a sufficient number of permanent officers to address crime, particularly slashing and stabbings, violence on the street, rape and sexual assault, and gang activities as well as the increased volume of quality of life issues. There has been a vast increase of quality-of-life complaints documented by 311 calls, which include noise, loud music, loitering, car break-ins and vandalism, graffiti on private and public property; large crowds in our parks; illegal Fourth of July fireworks which last for several days before and after the holiday; the increase of the homeless throughout the city and uptown, where residents have reported homeless men congregating on sidewalks and intimidating neighborhood residents both on the street and in the subways; and illegal parking.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

CB #12, M requires for FY22 an additional upgrade of Emergency Response System (311 & 911) to record times and geolocations for better response, data, and transparency and that the City expand Domestic Violence and Anti-Sexual Harassment programs and improve multi-agency response. Community District 12 requires more permanent officers and police services to address the issues facing an increased number of residents, visitors to the almost 1,000 acres of parkland, more events in the community and the city that require staffing, increased security at different locations, and a major increase of visitors due to an increase in restaurants and nightlife establishments. The two police precincts - the 33rd and 34th precincts - cover 155th to 218th Street from river to river and this landscape includes a major hospital and its affiliates; public housing developments; several large and popular parks that encompass baseball and soccer fields, a public swimming pool, three

boating docks; a homeless shelter for men; transit rail yards; a NYC Department of Sanitation depot; senior centers; a university; museums; and more than 100,000 residents with an influx of tens of thousands of tourists and visitors to the community, particularly from May through October. Both precincts lack a sufficient number of permanent officers to address crime, particularly slashing and stabbings, violence on the street, rape and sexual assault, and gang activities as well as quality of life issues. There has been a vast increase of quality-of-life complaints documented by 311 calls, which include noise, loud music, loitering, car break-ins and vandalism, graffiti on private and public property; large crowds in our parks; illegal Fourth of July fireworks which last for several days before and after the holiday; groups of homeless men intimidating neighborhood residents both on the street and in the subways; and illegal parking. Community District 12 urges the City of New York to provide an additional 30 police officers for both the 34th and 33rd Precincts as well as provide them with additional transportation equipment, including patrol cars and ATVs so that they may adequately protect and serve the community. A command post set up near the Dyckman Street area will enable officers to respond to 911 and 311 calls at the end of the precinct in a more timely and efficient manner. In order for complete transparency, we are requesting that all uniformed patrol officers and supervisors be allocated body cams. With the increased technology, we request that Spotshotter be implemented in both precincts in order to ascertain where shots are fired, aiding the NYPD in reducing gun violence. Finally, being the geographic territory of Community Board 12 is particularly vast, we urge the City of New York to provide the 33rd and 34th Precincts with a significant closed circuit camera and lighting budget, so that they can keep track of troubled areas as well as focus on preventative issues, all while using the latest technology available, without sacrificing human resources on the ground, which could instead be used for urgent responses by law enforcement.

Needs for Emergency Services

Our local firehouses participate in many community wide events. However, more educational initiatives are requested to best educate the public and provide outreach in terms of fire safety, recruiting, illegal fireworks, smoke detectors, and other issues important to the safety of residents and businesses. Firehouses have been renovated and are in excellent shape, except for two which require the replacement of apparatus doors. A relatively new EMS base, circa 2013, has been existing in temporary modular buildings also known as trailers; a permanent building is much preferred and requested.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	EMS 13

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 12

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

Air quality and pollution

The initial findings of the New York City Community Air Survey showed that Washington Heights is one of the most polluted areas in the City, apparently because of the huge amount of traffic coming through the community on the Trans Manhattan Expressway and the concentration of apartment buildings burning dirty fuel oil.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The water and sewer pipes in our district are very old and are collapsing very often. This condition is shown on the increasing numbers of sink holes and cave in holes all over the district. We have reported in the past two years several dozen of sink holes and cave in on Post Ave., Cooper Street, West 181st Street among other. Our catch basins are clogged causing a lot of floods with heaving rains. There is a very bad flood location at Dyckman Street, Nagle Ave and Fort George Hill. There are also locations that do not have enough catch basin or do not have catch basin at all like the northeast corner of West 166th and Amsterdam Ave. Community Board 12 supports the following actions to improve the environment of our community:

- Aggressive outreach efforts by the Bureau of Pest Control to reduce rat infestation in our community, which was cited as having the highest rate of rat infestation in Manhattan in 2011.
- Restoration of funding for Manhattan's only lead-safe house, operated by the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. at 2183 Amsterdam Ave. This facility is a vital resource for families with lead-poisoned children whose apartments are undergoing lead abatement.
- Increased funding for public education and outreach on disposal of household garbage and recyclables.
- Due to Northern Manhattan becoming a destination for dining and entertainment the number of pedestrian traffic has increased dramatically we need more litter baskets on our streets to mitigate the overflow of litter baskets on our streets.
- The hiring of additional Sanitation workers, including street cleaners and Sanitation police officers, for Community District 12.
- The construction of a Sanitation garage for Manhattan Community District 8 so that its collection trucks will no longer make thousands of unnecessary trips through our community every year in violation of the City Charter co-terminality mandate.
- The use of cleaner, less polluting fuel oil in apartment buildings, local businesses and large institutions to reduce a major source of pollution in the community.
- Stronger and consistent enforcement of the Noise Control Code throughout the community, especially late at night in connection with bars and restaurants.
- Comprehensive regulations and policy for the placement of cell phone towers on residential buildings that protect public health and safety and u

Needs for Sanitation Services

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CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Other capital budget request for DEP
DEP	2 / 2	Other capital budget request for DEP
DSNY	1 / 2	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure
DSNY	2 / 2	Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 2	Investigate noise complaints at specific location
DEP	2 / 2	Staffing to Clean Catch Basins
DSNY	1 / 2	Provide or expand community composting programs
DSNY	2 / 2	Provide more frequent litter basket collection

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 12

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

Affordable housing preservation

CB #12, M requests more funding for the construction of affordable accessible housing for seniors and for the construction of 100% permanent long-term affordable housing units (based on the average median income throughout CB12M) to Non-Profits, Community Land Trusts, and Land Banks that are partnered with non-profit developers.. Housing that is affordable to households within the income-range most representative of the community district is the most important housing issue in Washington Heights and Inwood. The availability of affordable housing and the availability of sufficient affordable housing to meet local demand constitutes the core of both the physical and the social issues. CD12's low AMI, compared to city-wide AMI, and the rising cost of living result in high rent burden and over crowding for a significant percentage of households. The existing stock of affordable housing must be kept intact and affordable to the majority of local residents in order for the community to be sustained and enjoy greater access to and benefit from the broader economic and social fabric of the city and the nation. In addition to the preservation of the existing affordable housing, we are in need of the construction of new affordable housing and the for these new housing units must be calculated based on the median household income of the residents of Community District 12-Manhattan and not based on the median household income of the residents of Manhattan or the City as a whole. Furthermore, the number one issue for the Housing & Human Services committee for the Expense Budget Ranking for Fiscal Year 2024 is to Provide sufficient funding for mandatory "right to counsel" and CBO's for HOUSING COURT and the new Office of Civil Justice to provide legal, social services and or administrative assistance, heavy attorney representation, advocacy or intervention beyond the pro bono or current non-attorney Guardian Ad Litem programs, and one-stop HRA/LINC programs for all tenant litigants in CB12,M. We request funds for additional planning staff to work with CB12M and local residents to formulate and implement a community-based neighborhood preservation and development plan for Washington Heights and Inwood, exclusive of any work undertaken in connection with EDC's Inwood Rezoning plan or other city-sponsored planning or zoning initiatives. As well the allocation of capital funds to support a planning and development initiative for Washington Heights and Inwood that identifies and packages city- and privately-owned vacant sites and buildings in one or more Requests for Proposals for the development of affordable residential projects for which affordability is defined by the average household income of current CD12 residents.

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

Needs for Land Use

We need additional planning staff to work with CB12M and local residents to formulate and implement a community-based contextual zoning plan for Washington Heights & Inwood. We need to implement a planning and development initiative for Washington Heights & Inwood whereby vacant city-owned lots and buildings are identified, packaged and released in one or more Requests for Proposals dedicated to scattered-site infill residential development that is affordable to local residents of CD12 with affordability defined by the Area Median Income (AMI) of CD12. (HPD), or purchased by the City for such development. For business development CB #12, M request the expansion of NYC Small Business Support Centers beyond single location. Funding for weather proofing for outdoor dining, safer street initiatives and plaza investment, and the creation of an Initiative within a city agency to facilitate the optimization of outdoor dining areas that adhere to new regulations. Building a Business training/capacitation hubs (additional to services offered by SBS) up to and including personal coaches/ resource navigators

Needs for Housing

Community District 12 Manhattan is well known for its pre and post-world war buildings which are in need of much maintenance and repairs. Many of which are not accessible for individuals with disabilities. As well it holds the most rent regulated apartments in all of Manhattan at 56, 173 rent regulated units. Within Community District 12 Manhattan there exist many housing issues where tenants who live in these apartments are faced with deplorable living conditions and serious housing code violations. This is such a problem that in 2010 and 2011 than The New York City Public Advocate Bill De Blasio now Mayor created the Worst Landlords Watch List, reporting s Manhattan's worst-run down buildings are mostly Harlem, Washington Heights, and Inwood. Forty five of the 56 Manhattan buildings on the list are in those areas The impact of high rent is felt nationwide, the call for affordability is imperative. A report created by Shaun Donovan / Secretary of the U.S Department of housing and Urban Development "Out of Reach 2012" defined affordability as it is consistent with the federal standard that no more than 30% of a house holds gross income should be spent on gross housing cost and households paying over 30% of their income are considered cost burdened. The former Mayor of New York Michael Bloomberg's acknowledged the need d for 165,000 more affordable housing units to be either built or preserved in New York City. However the Mayor's affordable housing distribution has been grossly uneven, as seen in statistics provided by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development regarding the borough of Manhattan. From 2004 to 2010, 36,271 affordable housing units were built or preserved in Manhattan, but more than two-thirds of this construction was concentrated in just three of Manhattan's twelve community districts. Residents in this district are faced with rising rents; overcrowding and physical conditions of existing rent-regulated housing units are often in deplorable, conditions with serious housing code violations. This clearly highlights the needs for more funding our existing housing stock in regard to preservation and new construction of affordable housing. Another major concern for our community is the need for affordable and accessible housing, since the median house hold income of our residents is 38, 320 and 42.3% of our residents.

Needs for Economic Development

Top Priorities for Business Development/Economic Development for CB12M: 1. CB12 needs renovated libraries that can be utilized by residents throughout the district to help prepare for gainful employment, be it to utilize technology to search for jobs, as well as resume building, our libraries are a central resource for all that are being underutilized because of the outdated and run down conditions they are in. 2. Continuation of Annual CB12M Small Business Forum, so as to bring the business community, government and the residents of this district together so business owners can gain valuable information on how to thrive and expand. 3. Continuation of Annual CB12M Jobs Fair, and perhaps as a bi-annual event, so as bring job seekers and employers together and help reduce the systemically high unemployment of CB12M. 4. Establish the committee as a main resource to all current and new local businesses, in an effort to engage in a public/private sector dialogue that helps CB12M residents, business and institutions thrive and expand, as well as providing information to local business as it relates to city, state and federal business oriented initiatives. 5. Incorporating business and the local arts community, with a high storefront vacancy, the committee aims to reduce the blight of vacant store fronts by creating a partnership among landlords and the CB12M arts community, so as to provide expanded arts space while increasing the appeal of venues that may be vacant at the time. 6. Play a critical role with the NYC Economic Development Corporation in the current rezoning efforts within CB12M 7. Strengthening relations with government agencies that assist with small business such as DCA, DEP, and SBS. 8. Partner with restaurants and bars in an effort to ensure friendly balance between nightlife activity and the residential community 9. Host an event for local business and residents that provides commercial real estate and legal training as it relates to commercial leases and rights for all those involved in a commercial lease 10. Creating increased tourism and consumer demand for CB12M business and organizations, through expanded transportation options, including water taxi service to Northern Manhattan. With an aging mass transit system, it is cr

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
HPD	1 / 1	Other capital budget request for HPD
NYCHA	1 / 1	Increase funding allocated to repair NYCHA buildings in CD12M, including funding for the NYCHA Repair and Rehab initiative.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOB	1 / 1	Increase DOB Inspections and Code Enforcement in CD12M Residential Buildings.
HPD	1 / 1	Increase HPD Inspections and Code Enforcement in CD12M Residential Buildings.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Manhattan Community Board 12

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Accessibility (ADA related compliance and infrastructure enhancements)

The most pressing issues for traffic and transportation in CB 12, M for FY 24, is to analyze Riverside Drive Upper Roadway between W158th and W. 165th and implement any recommended changes to improve safety and flow of traffic, and to fund a traffic study for 165th and FWA to W 170th & FWA, and for W 207th St. and University Heights Bridge.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

We have the following bridges in our district: 1. The Macombs Dam Bridge spans the Harlem River in New York City, connecting the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx near Yankee Stadium on West 155th Street. 2. The High Bridge is the oldest bridge in New York City, having originally opened as an aqueduct in 1848 and reopened as a pedestrian walkway in 2015 is connecting Manhattan and the Bronx over the Harlem River on West 173rd Street through the Highbridge Park. It is expected that bicycle traffic increase on Amsterdam Ave in the near future. 3. The Alexander Hamilton Bridge connecting the Trans-Manhattan Expressway in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan and the Cross-Bronx Expressway over the Harlem River. This bridge brings traffic to the Washington Bridge and the West 181st Street and connects to the Henry Hudson Parkway. 4. The Washington Bridge crosses the Harlem River connecting 181st Street and Amsterdam Avenue in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan to University Avenue in the Morris Heights neighborhood of the Bronx. 5. The University Heights Bridge crosses the Harlem River, connecting West 207th Street in the Inwood neighborhood of Manhattan to West Fordham Road in the University Heights section of the Bronx. 6. The Broadway Bridge crosses the Harlem River Ship Canal between Inwood on Manhattan Island and Marble Hill in the Bronx. 7. The Henry Hudson Bridge crosses the Spuyten Duyvil Creek. It connects Spuyten Duyvil in the Bronx with Inwood in Manhattan. 8. George Washington Bridge crosses the Hudson River, connecting the Washington Heights neighborhood in the borough of Manhattan in New York City to Fort Lee, in New Jersey. The George Washington Bridge carries over 106 million vehicles per year, making it the world's busiest motor vehicle bridge according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The approaches to and from the George Washington Bridge in Washington Heights are very congested at all time of the day getting worse during the pick hours. 9. Amsterdam Ave., Audubon Ave., Wadsworth Ave., St. Nicholas Ave., Broadway and Ft. Washington Ave. between West 178th and West 179th Street are overpasses over the Trans Manhattan Expressway. These overpasses are in disrepair because in order for NYC DOT to pave them with their actual equipment they will be required to shut down completely the Trans Manhattan Express way. For these reasons our Traffic & Transportation Committee added a new request for Expense 2018 Fiscal Year Budget to Allocate funds to purchase light paving equipment (rollers 4-6 foot, milling machines, APM Paver Machines) suitable to be used on bridges and overpasses.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 2	Daylighting
DOT	2 / 2	Street Reconstruction
NYCTA	1 / 3	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.
NYCTA	2 / 3	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure
NYCTA	3 / 3	Station Ventilation

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 4	station maintenance
DOT	2 / 4	transit communications
DOT	3 / 4	bus stop furniture
DOT	4 / 4	bus wayfinding
NYCTA	1 / 3	Other transit service requests
NYCTA	2 / 3	Upgrade Station Communication System
NYCTA	3 / 3	Other transit service requests

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 12

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

Park access and park facility access

CB #12, M would like to request in FY24, to increase Parks Dept. funding to support additional programming throughout CD12 parks, playgrounds, courts: fund additional Playground Associates, Maintenance/Operations Workers, Gardeners, Forestry, & GreenThumb staff, Urban Park Rangers, Parks Enforcement Patrol, and to provide recreational, waterfront, afterschool, environmental/conservation and cultural programming for kids, teens, adults, seniors, and the formerly incarcerated or institutionalized, and the addition of ADA-compliant bathroom in Javits Playground(DPR)

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

Needs for Parks

With well over 600 acres of park land it is no surprise that fully 15 of CB12M's capital budget priorities (plus 5 continuing support items) are for projects in and around our parks. Many of the projects are for ADA retrofitting, or for repairs to update aging infrastructure. There are additional capital and expense needs relating to youth programming in parks, waterfront recreation development and other items which, while important, were beyond the OMB-imposed limit of 40 capital project and 25 expense programs. The Audubon Playground is in a section of CD12M with relatively few parks/playgrounds, yet there is a school serving citywide DoE needs situated in the playground. We would like that "temporary" structure (built decades ago) removed and the area returned to community use as a recreational facility. Ongoing maintenance of parks pathways, particularly in our largest parks -- Fort Tryon, Highbridge, and Inwood Hill -- is the single most important way to ensure safe access to all parts of our parks, both for recreation as well as for maintenance, safety, and access. The Msgr. Kett playground is in a part of Inwood not otherwise served by playgrounds nearby, despite being close to a public housing project. It hasn't been renovated since the '90's and is long overdue. Additionally, the basketball courts are heavily used by the community, and are in need of repair. Many areas within our parks, playgrounds and dog runs need plumbing and/or lighting, for the benefit of parks users, as well as for use by landscaping staff. Areas in need include Ft. Tryon Park's Alpine Garden along the eastern/Broadway slope, and the dog run; the Riverside Park dog run at W. 165th Street, the "Sunken" Playground in Highbridge Park in lower the 160s, and the basketball/tennis courts in Inwood Hill Park. ADA compliance and retrofit projects include: the historic Morris-Jumel Mansion, the Dyckman Farmhouse, the High Bridge Water Tower, Highbridge Park's New Adventure Playground (W. 165th & Edgecombe), restrooms throughout the District's Parks, and the Hispanic Society of America. Additional ongoing/recurring requests include the Phase II restoration of the High Bridge water tower (e.g., stairs, pointing, windows and carillon); expansion of free public WiFi in our parks; and funding of Phase II of the New York Restoration Project's clean-up and waterfront access at Sherman Creek. As a new request we would like to see the addition of a science barge to meet the educational needs of CD12M's youth and adults alike, in a creative way that also utilizes our vast waterfront. On the expense side, CD12M parks are in desperate need of more maintenance and enforcement personnel. While there is much excellent programming of all kinds, our wealth of facilities could be leveraged to greater use with additional programming targeted to youth, seniors, teens. Given our income thresholds and levels of poverty, which are well below borough averages, CD12M is particularly in need of free or low-cost recreation and educational offerings.

Needs for Cultural Services

CB12M has a wealth of cultural facilities and programs, but many are in need of accessibility improvements, major capital repairs, and additional program offerings for our community. In particular, afterschool programming and educational/cultural programming at museums & historic houses (e.g. Hispanic Society, Morris- Jumel Mansion, Dyckman Farmhouse, etc.) Northern Manhattan also is in desperate need of accessible performance and gallery space, rehearsal space, and infrastructure to support a growing arts community and audience for performance and displayed art. There is no prioritized capital item for this as there is no identified lead agency or specific funding project, but the absence of this resource is a recurring trope at community meetings and events; as such, it is appropriate to note it in our Statement of District Needs.

Needs for Library Services

The existing library facilities are in disrepair and need to be renovated and make it accessible in some cases. CB #12, M need more libraries; therefore, the construction of more libraries facilities are required. The budget for the libraries were increased recently. We request that this increase is maintained and expanded.

Needs for Community Boards

Under the NYC Charter, Community Boards have a great deal of responsibilities. Community Board have a limited budget resulting in limited staff. CB #12, M has only three staff members including the District Manager. With three staff members CB #12, covers the office operation, all the community needs, Board members demands and night meeting coverage, processing of vendor's payments and the Comptroller's audits. With the sophistication of technology there are new demand that sometime is not possible to accomplish because of the lack of training on the staff or the lack of personnel to perform it. The members of Community Board #12, M demand the presence of a staff for the night's meetings. We have at least ten night meetings per month. The night meetings start at 7 pm and finish around 10 pm. Some meetings, like the Licensing Committee finish close to night. The Licensing Committee meeting in the month of June went up to the next day, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 am but the agenda was not completed. A Second meeting was re-convened the following week. CB #12, M needs an additional staff member to help with to keep up with the operation and the covering of the nights meeting.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 21	Hudson River Greenway Reconstruction
DPR	2 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	3 / 21	Accessible Bathrooms in District 12 Parks
DPR	4 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	5 / 21	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	6 / 21	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park
DPR	7 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	8 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	9 / 21	Riverside Park Reconstruction
DPR	10 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	11 / 21	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	12 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	13 / 21	Roller Rink
DPR	14 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	15 / 21	Playground Restoration
DPR	16 / 21	Park Pathway Reconstruction
DPR	17 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	18 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	19 / 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	20 / 21	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
DPR	21 / 21	Installation of New Workout Equipment

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 7	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers
DPR	2 / 7	Funds for Evening Afterschool Program

DPR	3 / 7	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting
DPR	4 / 7	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers
DPR	5 / 7	Improve trash removal and cleanliness
DPR	6 / 7	Other expense budget request for DPR
DPR	7 / 7	Funds for Surveyors

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

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

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOITT	1 / 1	Senior Centers Free Internet

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 1 Other capital budget request for HPD
Other capital budget request for HPD

HPD

Increase the allocation of capital funds and low-income tax credits to support and/or fully fund the development of affordable housing in Washington Heights and Inwood, consistent with the planning principles outlined in the Resolution adopted by CB12M on September 26, 2023, to advance the objectives of Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's "Housing Manhattanites" plan.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

1 of 2 Other capital budget request for DEP
Other capital budget request for DEP

DEP

Expedite the replacement of old water mains and sewer lines in our community.

2 of 2 Other capital budget request for DEP
Other capital budget request for DEP

DEP

Install green infrastructure such as bioswales to divert stormwater from the sewer system and address climate change issues in our community (DEP)

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

1 of 2 Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure
Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure

DSNY

Expedite the construction of a new garage for District 8M and relocate its trucks from District 12M as quickly as possible to comply with the City Charter's co-terminality mandate. In addition, the MTA's Kingsbridge bus depot next door houses buses serving eight routes in The Bronx, further contributing to the increased traffic in the community.

2 of 2 Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment
Provide new or increase number of sanitation trucks and other equipment

DSNY

Provide additional garbage collection trucks and street sweepers with snow plows

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 1 Renovate or upgrade a senior center
Renovate or upgrade a senior center

DFTA

Renovate existing or build replacement senior centers as necessary to comply with ADA and DFTA regulations

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)

1 of 3 Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.
Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

NYCTA

Make the following subway stations fully ADA compliant: IRT (1 Train Line) stops at 168, 181, and 215; and IND (A/C Train Line) stops at 163, 168, and Dyckman.

2 of 3 Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Sustainability and stormwater resiliency upgrades at 157th 1 Train Station due to extreme weather events (including upgrades of drainage system, water pumps, etc.).

3 of 3 Station Ventilation**NYCTA**

Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure

Upgrades to ventilation and air conditioning systems at 168 & 181 1 Train Stations to improve circulation during extreme heat conditions.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**1 of 21 Hudson River Greenway Reconstruction****DPR**

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

Reconstruction of the Henry Hudson Drive and Hudson River Greenway within District 12, which includes resurfacing, paving, lighting upgrades, and related infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and accessibility for all users.

2 of 21 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

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

Gorman Park: Clean Up and Opening Walkways

3 of 21 Accessible Bathrooms in District 12 Parks**DPR**

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

Add ADA-compliant bathroom in Javits Playground, Highbridge Park by ballfields & Water Tower, and in Dyckman Ballfields, respectively

4 of 21 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

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

Restore Payson House and Playground & make it accessible. The house can be open as a public space for programming such as art shows, lectures, etc.

5 of 21 Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Repair badly degraded staircases in Isham Park

6 of 21 Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park**DPR**

Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park

Lighthouse Link: Rehabilitate from Little Red Lighthouse to Dyckman including fixing and/or installing new fire hydrant

7 of 21 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

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

Inwood Hill, Highbridge, and Fort Tryon Parks: reconstruct 60+ miles of park pathways & paving to include fixing and/or installing new fire hydrants.

8 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Repair & reconstruct Ft. Tryon Park's Linden Terrace		
9 of 21	Riverside Park Reconstruction Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Location: 158th Street & Riverside Drive West Reconstruction of Riverside Park at the intersection of West 158th street and Riverside Drive West. (Including upgrades to stairs, ramp, lighting and basketball courts under HHP.). This section of Riverside Park is in disrepair. Even though this park is not considered part of District 12, this section is within CB12M and deserves attention.		
10 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Restore Raoul Wallenberg Playground		
11 of 21	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Create ADA access to J. Hood Wright overlook and viewing platform, Ft. Washington Park Inspiration Point (as well as repair steps), and Linden Terrace in Ft. Tryon Park		
12 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Inwood Hill Park: Ballfields 3 & 5.		
13 of 21	Roller Rink Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Rehabilitation and conversion of the old roller hockey field into a rollerskating rink in Dyckman Fields even if via a concession		
14 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Rehabilitate Dyckman Softball Fields 1 & 2		
15 of 21	Playground Restoration Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Restore Wright Brothers Playground		
16 of 21	Park Pathway Reconstruction Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Repair sinkholes in Ft. Washington Park pathways from Haven Ave. and renovate Haven Avenue ramp (aka zig zag). This park pathway is heavily used by cyclists and pedestrians. It is dark and in disrepair.		
17 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Highbridge Rec Center weatherization (fix windows to retain heat/cooling)		

18 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	DPR
Fund water mitigation project for the historic Morris-Jummel Mansion		
19 of 21	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	DPR
Asbestos abatement and restoration of "Building D" in Ft. Tryon Park for security presence		
20 of 21	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	DPR
Renovate/repair sidewalk pavers on west side of Cabrini Blvd. (W.190 St. - Mgt. Corbin Circle) adjacent to FW & FT Parks.		
21 of 21	Installation of New Workout Equipment Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	DPR
Install a new workout equipment in Inwood Hill Park to replace the existing one pull-up bar.		

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 3	Daycare Centers Other capital budget request for DOE	DOE
Funding to expand daycare centers		
2 of 3	3pk & 4pk Seats Other capital budget request for DOE	DOE
Funding to expand 3PK & 4PK Seats		
3 of 3	Provide technology upgrade Other capital budget request for DOE	DOE
Fund a School Construction Authority tracker to provide monthly updates on the status of repairs, renovations, and all other construction of infrastructure in District 6 schools.		

Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT)

1 of 1	Senior Centers Free Internet Other capital request for DOITT	DOITT
System-wide upgrade of CB12M area to improve access to connectivity and WiFi and to include funding for free internet at Senior Centers in CB12M		

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 2	Daylighting Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	DOT
Universal Daylighting at every intersection and major corridors in District 12.		

2 of 2 Street Reconstruction**DOT**

Reconstruct streets

Location: W 158th St. - Broadway & Henry Hudson Parkway

Reconstruction of W 158th St from Broadway to the Henry Hudson Pkwy, including the six-corner intersection at Riverside Drive West, Riverside Drive East, Riverside Drive, and Edward M. Morgan Place, to address traffic safety, pedestrian and bike accessibility, roadway deterioration, and inadequate drainage infrastructure through updated traffic controls, curb and roadway reconstruction and repavement, and stormwater management improvements.

Fire Department of New York (FDNY)**1 of 1 EMS 13****FDNY**

Provide new facilities such as a firehouse or EMS station

Construct a permanent EMS Station 13 in our community. The existing site and pre-fab structure are inadequate for this vital service. (FDNY)

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**1 of 1 Increase funding allocated to repair NYCHA buildings in CD12M, including funding for the NYCHA NYCHA Repair and Rehab initiative.**

Renovate or upgrade public housing developments

Allocate capital funding for NYCHA Repair and Rehab which directly supports repairs of NYCHA's traditional public housing. This includes repairs to roofs, facades, elevators, heating plants, and security systems, as well as lead and mold remediation and apartment upgrades. Of special interest are improvements to building safety features like repairing building entrances to ensuring entrance doors lock, ensuring self-closing stairwell and hallway doors function properly for fire-safety, and enhancing lighting around building perimeters. The FY26 Preliminary Budget Register indicated support for this request and recommended resubmission to other agencies/elected officials. We renew the request for CD12M NYCHA safety upgrades in FY27 because, as part of the City for All agreement between the Mayor and City Council, NYCHA and HPD were allocated \$1 billion of City of Yes funding. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss and set attainable, quantifiable goals.

Human Resources Administration (HRA)**1 of 8 Increase investment in initiatives that protect rent-stabilized tenants in CD12M.****HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase capital investment in initiatives that protect rent-stabilized tenants in CD12M's, including initiatives like the Neighborhood Pillars Program which rehabilitates rent-stabilized units and ensures they stay rent-stabilized into perpetuity. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss current investment and set attainable, quantifiable goals to protect and grow the number of rent-stabilized units in CD12M.

2 of 8 Allocate funding to make accessibility improvements to the entrances of residential buildings in CD12M.**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Make funding available to available to residential buildings in CD12M to make building entrances accessible to wheelchair users and others with limited-mobility by installing a ramp and/or wheelchair lift. There are many residential buildings in CD12M that have elevators and units that could be suitable for wheelchair users but have steps to enter the building. HPD should fund accessibility improvements like the addition of ramps and/or wheelchair lift to facilitate entry into the building. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss and set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand the number of wheelchair accessible residential buildings in CD12M.

3 of 8 LITCH**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase funding and low-income tax credits to support the development of affordable housing in CD12M, consistent with the planning principles outlined in the Resolution adopted by CB12M on September 26, 2023, to advance the objectives of the Housing Manhattanites plan prepared by then-Borough President Mark Levine. Increase funding allocations and the use of subsidy, tax exemptions, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to fund the construction of affordable housing. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss current investment and set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand this type of housing development in CD12M.

4 of 8 Funding for Affordable Housing**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase funding available to non-profits, community land trusts, and land banks to build permanently affordable housing based on CD12M's AMI. Increase funding for the construction of 100% permanently affordable housing in CD12M to Non-Profits, Community Land Trusts, and Land Banks that partner with non-profit developers. Importantly, affordability determinations should be based on the average median income (AMI) of Manhattan Community District 12 (CD12M). We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss current investment and set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand this type of housing development in CD12M.

5 of 8 Increase affordable home ownership opportunities in CD12M.**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase capital investment to support initiatives that provide home ownership opportunities affordable to moderate and middle income households in CD12M, including the Open Door program which builds affordable, limited-equity cooperatives and condominium buildings and the HomeFirst program which provides qualified first-time home buyers with up to \$100,000 toward the down payment or closing costs of their first home. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss current investment and set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand the program in CD12M.

6 of 8 Build more supportive housing for at-risk individuals and families in CD12M.**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase funding to produce more supportive housing for special needs populations in CD12M, including at-risk youth, formerly homeless individuals, and transitioning individuals and families. Ideally, this housing would offer wrap around services on-site. (See expense budget priorities.) We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss existing plans and to set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand the number of units in CD12M.

7 of 8 AEP/PPP**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase funding for the Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP) and the Primary Prevention Program (PPP) for buildings in CD12M. Increase funding for the Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP) and the Primary Prevention Program (PPP) for code enforcement and rehabilitation of distressed buildings in CD12M. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss and set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand these programs in CD12M.

8 of 8 Build more accessible housing in CD12M for people with disabilities and diversify unit sizes.**HRA**

Other capital budget request for HRA

Increase funding to build or convert accessible one, two, and three bedroom rental units throughout CD12M. People with disabilities need more room, not less. Those with limited mobility may need space for medical equipment like a hoist lift, a standing frame, and/or adaptive exercise equipment. Also, individuals residing alone may have family and/or home health care workers providing support for a significant part of the day/night. We request to meet in November 2025 to discuss and set attainable, quantifiable goals to expand the number of accessible units in CD12M.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

1 of 7	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	DOHMH
Expand mental health services and outreach in the community, especially for older adults, youth and those whose mental health and social engagement have been adversely impacted by COVID-19		
2 of 7	Other programs to address public health issues requests Other programs to address public health issues requests	DOHMH
Increase substance abuse services in our community, including opioid overdose prevention education, and funding for syringe cleanups and collections		
3 of 7	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	DOHMH
Provide funding to ensure that all local public schools have multi-service health clinics with nurses and social workers (DOHMH).		
4 of 7	Other programs to address public health issues requests Other programs to address public health issues requests	DOHMH
Increase services to prevent and treat chronic diseases, such as dementia, diabetes, cancer, heart disease and hypertension - conditions that increase susceptibility to COVID-19 -- as well as long COVID, in our community (DOHMH)		
5 of 7	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	DOHMH
Increase HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services, and LGBTQ services, in our community		
6 of 7	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	DOHMH
Increase pest control efforts to eliminate rats in our community (DOHMH)		
7 of 7	spay/neuter Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	DOHMH
Provide funding for spay/neuter, wellness and vaccination services for pets owned by income-qualified residents		

Department for the Aging (DFTA)

1 of 4	Enhance home care services Enhance home care services	DFTA
Increase the expansion in the program "Expanded In Home Services For Elderly Persons" (EISEP) funding to provide affordable home care including sliding scale reimbursement		
2 of 4	Increase transportation services capacity Increase transportation services capacity	DFTA
Increase funding for senior transportation programs, including the restoration of NYC Aging and NYC Council funding		

3 of 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA Other expense budget request for DFTA	DFTA
Increase access to healthy, culturally appropriate food for seniors		

4 of 4	Other expense budget request for DFTA Other expense budget request for DFTA	DFTA
Increase OTPS funding for replacement furnishings in senior centers as needed		

Department of Buildings (DOB)

1 of 1	Increase DOB Inspections and Code Enforcement in CD12M Residential Buildings. Assign additional building inspectors (including expanding training programs)	DOB
More DOB inspectors are needed to enforce building code/laws in CD12M residential buildings because, currently, inspectors routinely fail to appear at scheduled inspections and close 311 complaints improperly. We request a meeting with DOB in November 2025 to discuss enforcement capacity and set attainable, quantifiable goals specific to CD12M.		

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

1 of 7	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	DPR
Increase Parks Dept. funding to support additional programming throughout CD12 parks, playgrounds, courts: fund additional Playground Associates, Maintenance/Operations Workers, Gardeners, Forestry, & GreenThumb staff, Urban Park Rangers, Parks Enforcement Patrol, and to provide recreational, waterfront, afterschool, environmental/conservation and cultural programming for kids, teens, adults, seniors, and the formerly incarcerated or institutionalized. (DPR) Increase Parks Dept. funding to support...environmental/conservation, permaculture nutrition education activities, and cultural programming for kids, teens, adults, seniors, and formerly incarcerated or institutionalized. Initiate Paid internships for school aged youth.		

2 of 7	Funds for Evening Afterschool Program Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	DPR
Staff a center/facility for evening & afterschool recreational/educational activities for at-risk youth		

3 of 7	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	DPR
Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g., better lighting: increase funding with preference for solar lighting in CD12 parks, including greenway		

4 of 7	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	DPR
Outdoor learning initiatives in parks, community gardens, and other green spaces.		

5 of 7	Improve trash removal and cleanliness Improve trash removal and cleanliness	DPR
Add recycling collection and more trash receptacles in parks.		

6 of 7	Other expense budget request for DPR Other expense budget request for DPR	DPR
Add funding to Partnerships for Parks & City Parks Foundation to support friends-of-parks groups.		

7 of 7 Funds for Surveyors**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

To hire a some one (consultant firm or surveyors) to look over a set amount of land parcels under the over passes that were made into access roads in the robert moses era and made to be reimagedined for the greater purpose of the community.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)**1 of 2 Investigate noise complaints at specific location****DEP**

Investigate noise complaints at specific location

Provide funding for more noise enforcement cameras, which should be installed in both Washington Heights and Inwood, and staff for the program, as well as for more inspectors (DEP)

2 of 2 Staffing to Clean Catch Basins**DEP**

Clean catch basins

Increase staff for the Bureau of Water & Sewer Operations to clean catch basins more frequently

Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**1 of 2 Provide or expand community composting programs****DSNY**

Provide or expand community composting programs

Increase funding for education and outreach on recycling, reuse and composting as well as proper disposal of household garbage in our community (DSNY).

2 of 2 Provide more frequent litter basket collection**DSNY**

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

Increase trash basket collection on commercial streets in District 12M with a second shift so that baskets are emptied more than once daily. This could be funded through the Council's NYC Cleanup Initiative as well as the Executive Budget. (DSNY)

New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA)**1 of 3 Other transit service requests****NYCTA**

Other transit service requests

Increase funding for subway stations as it relates to maintenance, repairs, and cleaning, and expand staffing and customer service representatives at major hubs within District 12.

2 of 3 Upgrade Station Communication System**NYCTA**

Other transit service requests

Increase funding to modernize and improve communication systems between station agents and customers.

3 of 3 Other transit service requests**NYCTA**

Other transit service requests

Real Time Transit Wayfinding Digital Signs @ bus stops in District 12.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)**1 of 1 Permaculture Paid Internship****DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance the Young Adult Internship Program

Establish a permaculture paid internship program in District 6

Department of Education (DOE)

1 of 2	workforce development Other educational programs requests	DOE
Fund more workforce development programming in the district, including beyond summer months		
2 of 2	permaculture Other expense budget request for DOE	DOE
Establish a permaculture paid internship program in District 6		

Department of Transportation (DOT)

1 of 4	station maintenance Other expense budget request for DOT	DOT
Increase funding for subway stations as it relates to maintenance, repairs, and cleaning, and expand staffing and customer service representatives at major hubs within District 12 M.		
2 of 4	transit communications Other expense budget request for DOT	DOT
Increase funding to modernize and improve communication systems between station agents and customers		
3 of 4	bus stop furniture Other expense budget request for DOT	DOT
Allocate funding for the installation of bus stop furniture, (i.e. leaning bars), and ADA compliant seating within subway stations.		
4 of 4	bus wayfinding Other expense budget request for DOT	DOT
Real Time Transit Wayfinding Digital Signs @ bus stops in District 12		

Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

1 of 1	Increase HPD Inspections and Code Enforcement in CD12M Residential Buildings. Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	HPD
More inspectors are needed to enforce the housing maintenance code/laws in CD12M residential buildings because, currently, inspectors routinely fail to appear at scheduled inspections and close 311 complaints improperly. We request to meet with HPD in November 2025 to discuss enforcement capacity and set attainable, quantifiable goals specific to CD12M.		

Human Resources Administration (HRA)

1 of 6	Increase funding to support the households in CD12M impacted by federal funding cuts to SNAP. Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	HRA
Allocate new, dedicated funding to support those who experience the reduction or termination of their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to federal budget cuts. According to Gov. Hochul's office, nearly three million individuals receive SNAP food benefits in New York State. Due to recent federal funding cuts and changes to eligibility requirements, approximately 300,000 families across the state are expected to lose some or all of their SNAP benefits. We request to meet with HRA in November 2025 to discuss and set attainable, quantifiable goals specific to CD12M.		

2 of 6 Increase funding for programs that support food-insecure residents of CD12M.**HRA**

Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP

Increase funding for food assistance available to residents of CD12M, including food banks and programs like Groceries to Go and Community Food Connection. CD12M is likely to experience significant growth in the number of food-insecure households on account of recent changes to the SNAP program. Additionally, CD12M is home to many residents who are ineligible to receive assistance on account of their immigration status. We request to meet with HRA in November 2025 to discuss and set attainable, quantifiable goals specific to CD12M.

3 of 6 Increase CD12M-specific funding for Housing-related Legal Services, including the Right to Counsel program**HRA**

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

More CD12M-specific funding is needed to meet the demand for free legal representation in housing court through the Right to Counsel program which represents those facing eviction or in need of assistance on other housing matters like landlord failure to repair/maintain the property, health and habitability concerns, failure to comply with ADA requirements, public safety concerns (ex: broken locks), and discrimination. We request to meet with HRA in November 2025 to set an attainable goal for increasing CD12M-specific funding for housing-related legal services. Additionally, as was recommended in the FY26 Preliminary Budget Register, we wish to discuss what barriers, if any, exist to expanding Right to Counsel eligibility to those earning 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines rather than the current 200% cutoff.

4 of 6 Increase CD12M-specific funding for Immigration Legal Services**HRA**

Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers

More CD12M-specific funding is needed to ensure that CD12M residents can access trustworthy, free or low-cost immigration legal services in a timely manner to ensure they can assert their rights and fight their deportation case. Funding would also cover legal assistance for those seeking to apply for citizenship, green cards, DACA, and other types of immigration relief. In CD12M and NYC, undocumented immigrants, visa and green-card holders, and even citizens are being indiscriminately detained and disappeared by ICE before ever getting the chance to speak with an attorney and assert their rights. We request to meet with HRA as soon as possible to discuss the urgent need for more CD12M-specific immigration legal services funding and to set an attainable goal for additional, CD12M-specific immigration legal services funding in the upcoming budget cycle.

5 of 6 Increase CD12M-specific funding for the Homebase program**HRA**

Other request for services to support low-income New Yorkers

More CD12M-specific funding is needed to prevent individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness from entering the shelter system. Although the FY26 Preliminary Budget Register recommended removing this item, we include it in FY27 as a request for additional CD12M-specific funding because the district has a sizable number of households who are just one or two paychecks away from being unable to pay their rent. Additionally, a significant number of households in CD12M will be negatively impacted by recent federal policy changes that restrict eligibility for public benefits, including those that help cover the cost of housing.

6 of 6 Increase funding for supportive housing programs in CD12M to provide comprehensive care onsite 24 hours a day.**HRA**

Other expense budget request for HRA

More CD12M-specific funding is needed to ensure that supportive housing programs in CD12M can provide social services on-site and 24 hours a day. Social services staff located on-site can more quickly provide personalized support to residents, especially in times of crisis.