

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

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**Manhattan
Community District
11**

Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from July to November, 2022.

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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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

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	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	120,511	100.00	125,771	100.00	5,260	4.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	27,048	22.4	23,954	19	-3,094	-11.4	-3.4
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	120,511	100.0	125,771	100.0	5,260	4.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	59,290	49.2	56,743	45.1	-2,547	-4.3	-4.1
White non-Hispanic	14,442	12.0	18,865	15.0	4,423	30.6	3.0
Black non-Hispanic	37,590	31.2	35,311	28.1	-2,279	-6.1	-3.1
Asian non-Hispanic	6,654	5.5	9,825	7.8	3,171	47.7	2.3
Some other race, non-Hispanic	722	0.6	1,249	1.0	527	73.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,813	1.5	3,778	3.0	1,965	108.4	1.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	50,226	100.0	54,738	100.0	4,512	9.0	0.0
Occupied housing units	47,109	93.8	51,823	94.7	4,714	10.0	0.9
Vacant housing units	3,117	6.2	2,915	5.3	-202	-6.5	-0.9

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Community Board 11 (CB11) is proud to represent East Harlem and Randalls/Wards Island. Our district is a racially and ethnically diverse community; home to a total population of 120,511, 45.1% of residents identify as Hispanic/Latino, 28.1% identify as Black non-Hispanic, 15% identify as white, and 7.8% identify as Asian. Throughout our district visitors will discover bustling streets and local businesses, engaged cultural institutions, vibrant street art and murals, carefully tended-to community gardens, and a community dedicated to advocating for and preserving their home. While we welcome new neighbors, we wish to maintain our rich cultural heritage, enduring legacy of social justice activity, and the existing character of our community. Thus we demand that the City, incoming neighbors, and interested developers dedicate time and effort to understanding our district's unique history, culture, strengths and vulnerabilities, and commit to preserving and enhancing this beloved community. Residents frequently express concerns about gentrification, displacement, and ever-increasing rents in the district. The recently released 2020 Census data shows a 4.4% increase in our district's population from 2010, as well as an additional 4,512 housing units. While our population and housing stock increased over the last 10 years, our Hispanic and Black communities have decreased. Between 2010 and 2020, East Harlem's Black and Hispanic populations have declined by 6.1% and 4.3% respectively. During that same period there was a significant increase for all other racial groups. Notably, the number of non-Hispanic whites rose by 30% and the Asian population saw an increase of almost 73%. Given the pressures on current infrastructure and systems that accompany an increase in population, it's imperative that the City meaningfully invest in our community. Our neighborhood has seen change throughout its history but it has always maintained its working-class identity and culture. Unguarded neighborhood change brought on by rapid redevelopment and displacement threatens to undermine neighborhood character and the communities' sense of place. The people of the community determine its character and uniqueness, however, these aspects will be stripped away without careful consideration and planning ahead of change. It's incumbent on the City to ensure that communities like East Harlem remain affordable to working-class families while maintaining the unique culture, traditions, and lifestyle that comprise the fabric of our district. Preservation of existing affordable and public housing, as well as construction of new, deeply affordable housing, including opportunities for affordable homeownership, are incredibly important to ensure that current residents are able to continue to live in East Harlem even as new residents move into the district. Senior citizens, many of whom are on fixed incomes, are especially in need of permanently affordable housing so that they can age in place. To accommodate the continued need for affordable housing, the City must prioritize the completion of its East Harlem Rezoning Points of Agreements commitments -- particularly the development of affordable housing on publicly-owned sites. The development of affordable housing on the site that M11 garage currently occupies on 99th Street is a high priority for our board, as is the siting, funding and development of a new consolidated M11 garage. Public housing remains an affordable housing lifeline for many of our residents, accounting for more than one-third of rental apartments in Community District 11 (CD11). According to New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) data from 2018, East Harlem is home to 27,342 NYCHA residents -- the largest NYCHA population citywide and over 5.5 times the City's average. That said, the ongoing disinvestment and deprioritization of public housing by federal, state and city agencies have serious implications for our residents. With over \$32 billion in capital needs citywide, NYCHA residents suffer from collective neglect and lack of necessary repairs impacting their housing security, health, and livelihood. Our office has received countless complaints from NYCHA residents regarding mold, broken elevators, and lack of heat and hot water. Approximately 28.36% of families in CD11 live below the federal poverty level. Worse disparities exist for youth below the age of 18 and seniors over 65, whose poverty rates are 45.6% and 34.9% respectively (2019 ACS 1-year estimate). These statistics show a community that is in need of affordable housing, quality education and local hiring initiatives to increase economic development and employment. Quality schools and early childhood education are keys to lifting young people out of poverty. Affordable and convenient adult education programs are equally important to help adults adapt to changes in industries and job opportunities. Gun violence continues to be an issue in our district; both the 23rd and 25th Precincts report an upward trend in shooting incidents since 2018 (CompStat 2.0). Reducing crime, especially around NYCHA developments and other more volatile areas of the district, ensures that residents feel safe to move throughout the neighborhood. Identified solutions include building trust between the police and community residents, in addition to bolstering prevention and early intervention services. Redlining and systemic racism have forced deep economic, environmental, and health disparities upon the residents of CD11 leaving them vulnerable to direct and indirect harm. The most vulnerable are those living on the cusp as well as below the poverty line including the elderly, at-risk and unemployed youth, those with existing illness, and families/individuals residing in public housing. CD11 carries more than its fair share of drug treatment centers. The concentration of these facilities creates challenges to

the quality of life of our residents and the viability of our commercial corridors. Our residents are daily faced with groups of individuals actively using drugs in parks and playgrounds throughout the district; discarded hypodermic needles litter playground equipment and green areas in our parks and several of our public housing campuses. The City must endeavor to abide by the Fair Share Criteria “with due regard for the social and economic impacts of such facilities upon the areas surrounding the sites.” The COVID-19 pandemic further exposed ongoing systemic racism and inequities. According to data released by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the death rate in East Harlem is 28% higher than the rest of NYC. As of September 2021, approximately 71% of the East Harlem population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine compared to 81% of Manhattan. Beyond the direct health impact of the pandemic, a much larger group of vulnerable East Harlem residents and small business owners are economically devastated by job loss and the elimination of their primary income, leaving them unable to afford housing, food, and healthcare. The City must prioritize its resources in a targeted manner to support the most vulnerable among us and invest in the protection and expansion of the social safety net services upon which so many of our residents depend. Overall, the health and vitality of East Harlem is improving, but it is still far from the averages for other Manhattan and New York City neighborhoods. The following sections highlight a variety of challenges and needs categorized by policy area, however, the issues presented are interconnected and underpinned by systemic inequity. Rather than operating in silos and implementing fragmented policy change, the City must administer comprehensive and multidisciplinary solutions that require collaboration across City agencies. By meeting the budget priorities and policy recommendations laid out in this document, city agencies can improve conditions for the existing residents while ensuring that the community is prepared for future changes.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Manhattan Community Board 11

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

East Harlem is a community of renters; there are 46,311 renter-occupied units in CD11. With an adjusted annual median income of \$33,780, our renters depend on the availability of affordable housing. As housing costs continue to rise, our residents face an ever-increasing rent burden – 47% of residents spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent and 23% of residents spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent. While the average gross rent in CD11 of \$1,102 is lower than the average NYC gross rent, it is still out of reach for many in our community. A limited supply of affordable units combined with ever-higher rents and units lost to deregulation feed displacement concerns and spotlight the mounting need for affordable housing in CD11. To truly meet this existing and growing need will require the application of policies that ensure the preservation of existing affordable housing, including NYCHA, and the creation of new affordable housing, particularly at the lower income levels. Mayor De Blasio's Housing New York plan to build or preserve hundreds of thousands of affordable housing units throughout our city delivered a significant number of new or newly rehabilitated affordable units to our neighborhood. CB11 calls on the Mayor Adams administration to continue the focus on preserving and developing affordable housing units but to also work diligently toward bridging gaps to ensure affordable units are meeting the need for deep affordability across household compositions, most urgently for family-sized units. Affordable housing preservation Housing displacement is a constant and pernicious concern for too many in our community. Those residing in rent-regulated housing are often faced with deteriorating housing conditions left unaddressed by unscrupulous landlords seeking to deregulate those units in pursuit of charging market rates. The City must continue to support and expand anti-tenant harassment protections, particularly for lower-income tenants who are the most vulnerable. The city must also remain diligent in pursuing opportunities to extend contracts to ensure existing affordable housing remains rent-regulated for the long term. Public housing NYCHA remains the critical permanent affordable housing lifeline for thousands of East Harlemites. However, after decades of underfunding and mismanagement public housing continues to suffer from neglect and a lack of necessary repairs. Essential services like heat and hot water, working elevators and maintenance repairs are frequently lacking or unsatisfactory. Sustained advocacy to appropriately fund the New York Housing Authority (NYCHA) has not yet produced the ultimate desired result and though some advances have been made many residents are left to endure poor housing conditions. NYCHA's A Blueprint for Change plan "proposes transferring 110,000 apartments to a newly created public entity – a Public Housing Preservation Trust. With this Trust, repairs and improvements will be made faster, and the properties will receive more funding through switching from traditional Section 9 subsidy to the more reliable and valuable Tenant Protection Vouchers (Section 8 subsidy). NYCHA will remain the permanent owner of the properties, and a long-term ground lease with the Trust allows NYCHA to raise money for major rehabilitations". NYCHA also continues to expand PACT/RAD, "a public-private partnership that rehabilitates and manages public housing properties. With both initiatives, residents maintain their full rights and protections, including rent capped at 30 percent of household income. And both programs keep NYCHA as the permanent owner of the buildings and the land by using a 99-year ground lease". It is vital that NYCHA work with the affected housing developments and community stakeholders, including CB11, when planning and executing each of these plans. Affordable housing development It is imperative to continue the development of new affordable housing to build the supply and ensure this vital resource. While much-needed affordable development has resulted from Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and the 2017 East Harlem Neighborhood rezoning, there remains a need to create significantly more units of deeply affordable housing to serve low-income and very low-income households including low and very low-income seniors, and supportive housing. The new ShareNYC program should be expanded to provide more opportunities for the development of affordable shared housing for low to moderate-income households. Investing in affordable housing development promotes the economic expansion of our communities. Especially minority and low-income districts such as CD11. It generates meaningful and long-lasting employment creates opportunities for minority-owned businesses and pumps monies directly into the businesses surrounded by the construction development sites CB11's Affordable Housing Development Guidelines detail how our board expects City Agencies and developers

to design proposals that fit the housing needs of our district. CB11 expects that any residential development on property wholly publicly owned will be 100% affordable and contain a representative percentage of units for those households earning 30% of the area median income and a substantial number of family-sized units. Similarly, any developments must include affordable units that reflect our neighborhood median income. Developers of residential properties must work with the community board and local stakeholders to thoroughly market the availability of all residential units in their projects. CB11 requests that all our local elected officials support these guidelines and promote them amongst their colleagues and developers seeking their support to ensure future housing proposals in CD11 will serve the housing needs of its residents.

Crime and public safety

Over the summer of 2022, we collected public input from residents through a District Needs Assessment Survey. Generally, there is a perception that crime has increased in the district. Over half of respondents (58.4%) indicated that crime and public safety are among the top three most pressing needs in East Harlem, citing gun violence, substance misuse in our playgrounds and on our sidewalks, open-air drug dealing, petty crimes, and traffic violations impacting pedestrian safety. We have seen a significant increase in major crimes in the 23rd Precinct, up 24.2% as well as the 25th Precinct, up 39.0% (CompStat 2.0, October 2022 Year-To-Date). Felony assaults were up 5.6% in the 23rd Precinct and up 16% in the 25th Precinct (CompStat 2.0). Over the same period, shooting incidents were down 42.3% in the 23rd Precinct but up 42.1% in the 25th Precinct. As a result, residents don't feel safe or comfortable traveling throughout the district by themselves or with their children, especially at night. Concerns about safety and an inability to feel comfortable in their environment negatively impact our residents' quality of life. Further, parents worry about raising their children in proximity to public drug use and sales and the presence of street homelessness. Residents have reported a lack of responsiveness by the police, as well as a lack of trust in police among East Harlem residents. Many residents would like to see increased police presence throughout the district not only to deter criminal activity but to also foster relationships with residents and businesses and build trust. That said, the City's education system, youth and family services, and general social safety net must be prioritized as the primary deterrents to crime and negative outcomes in East Harlem. Elements of the built environment also factor into feelings of unsafety among residents, including poorly lit areas due to broken street lamps, and the obstruction of lighting by poorly maintained street trees. The Department of Transportation, Department of Buildings, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Housing Authority, and NYC Parks must work together to ensure that our sidewalks, streets, parks, NYCHA campuses, and corridors beneath the MetroNorth are properly lit. Crime affects economic productivity through loss of tourism, reducing investments, fear among the population and the overall growth of a community.

Homelessness

According to the Coalition for the Homeless, "In July 2022, there were 52,137 homeless people sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. The Bowery Mission estimates that "every night, nearly 4,000 people sleep on the street, in the subway system or in other public spaces". Many factors contribute to why a family or individual may become homeless including a lack of affordable housing, poverty, unemployment, eviction, substance abuse, mental illness, untreated medical issues, violence, and abuse, or a history of incarceration. Public policy has also contributed to the increase in homelessness in NYC, including reductions in government housing assistance, deinstitutionalization, and the decline of Single-Room Occupancy Housing (SROs). Communities like East Harlem which suffer from concentrated poverty and are burdened with high crime rates, poor health outcomes, and poor housing conditions are especially vulnerable to homelessness. As such, it is incumbent on our government to fund and support initiatives and organizations working to assist individuals and families to overcome these socioeconomic challenges. While it is the collective responsibility of our society to do for those in most need, it is not acceptable that support services including shelters for the homeless be concentrated in lower-income communities and communities of color. Further, the City must do a better job of vetting shelter operators to ensure they have the capacity and experience to provide the necessary wrap-around supportive services to assist the individuals and families that they serve on-site. The current practice shows a disregard for those being served and the host communities. It is past time that our government ensured that "Fair Share" is more than a slogan. Sadly, street homelessness has increased across our city and is evident locally along the commercial corridors of 125th Street, 116th Street, and 110th Street; and within our public parks including Harlem River Park and Marcus Garvey Park. Many of the street homeless population suffer from untreated mental illness and drug addiction. Many others

are undocumented immigrants without resources to secure housing. The growing concerns regarding homelessness expressed by so many of our East Harlem residents have existed for years before the pandemic exasperated this issue. The majority of our businesses located on these corridors carry the burden of this crisis on a daily basis. For example, property damage, crime, safety, changes in property value, and attracting tourism and the workforce. Inevitably, this discourages the community of entrepreneurs who are so vital to keeping our local economy vibrant, diverse, and thriving. Long periods of time undergoing these conditions have an effect on our changes in property value, a tourism-driven economy, and misuse of tax dollars. Most importantly, homelessness brings community life to its breaking point. It tests the very being of the community- their shared morals and sense of belonging. Homelessness brings it all to question. The City must increase its street homelessness outreach efforts in order to more effectively engage with this population. Further, the City should increase the non-congregant shelter housing options for single adults that can live independently, including partnering with proven and effective supportive and transitional housing providers. Lastly, it is vital that the City expand eviction prevention services for low-income residents to remain in their homes, including providing rental assistance and legal services.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs

There is an oversaturation of mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs located in CD11 which has created a strain on resources and contributed to a range of quality of life and public safety concerns. The City's current siting policy is irresponsible to the individuals in need of care but also to the communities that are already oversaturated with other services. Data from the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) shows that 75% of their clients receiving services in our community reside outside of CD11. According to 2018 data from OASAS Data Warehouse, over 12% of all NYC's Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) are located in CD11. Further, an examination of the zip code data included in admissions to East Harlem OTPs shows that 84% of these clients commute to CD11 for treatment. CB11 has called on OASAS and other regulatory agencies that have oversight over such programs, to (1) implement an immediate moratorium on the siting of any NEW drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, or treatment centers to be located in CD11 and require all existing OASAS-authorized drug rehabilitation, chemical dependency, and treatment centers, to come before CB11 prior to all reauthorizations and/or expansion of services or service capacity. We recognize the need for treatment and support services but maintain that these should be equitably provided and not concentrated in low-income communities. A condition of the contracts for providers of these services must be that they are engaged with community stakeholders including the community board, to work together to address community concerns related to the center operated by the provider and its clients. The City should aim to establish a crisis intervention program with a dedicated emergency call number for responses to mental health crises, which pairs peers with lived mental health experience and emergency medical technicians, to de-escalate mental health crises. Such a program would relieve the police department of responding to such cases for which they are not trained and do not require law enforcement engagement. However, police officers must be trained to assist on mental health crisis calls where law enforcement is requested. The City must establish a comprehensive mental health services infrastructure across the city so that individuals living with mental illness can more dependably access the range of services they require. Much of the street homeless population is living with untreated mental illness often because of a resistance to care but also because of the lack of accessibility of care. It is imperative that the City prioritize providing accessible mental health care and support services, as well as special needs housing throughout the city and not just mostly in lower-income communities of color where resources are already stretched thin and so many other challenges are pervasive.

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
4/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>The rate of adult psychiatric hospitalization in East Harlem is nearly triple the citywide rate(1,901 per 100,100). Funding should be targeted to improve programming in East Harlem. Supportive programs should be developed and better targeted to particular populations to encourage people to reach out and get help before needing hospitalization so that their mental health needs can be positively managed. Programs should annually assess and evaluate to provide assistance with jobs, housing, education, medical issues, and any other needs that this vulnerable population may have.</i>	
10/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>More peer support, outreach workers, and social workers are needed in CD11 to provide information and support for people suffering from drug addiction. These workers should specifically be employed to work with individuals on 103rd, 110th, 116th and 125th street corridors. Also, more social workers are needed to support drug users enrolled in court diversion programs.</i>	
11/38	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>HIV/AIDS continues to be one of the leading infectious diseases in East Harlem. Funding for pertinent sex education and access to HIV preventive drugs should be made available to vulnerable populations.</i>	
12/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Explore alternative interventions for homelessness and substance abuse in parks, including Marcus Garvey Park and Randall's Island. For example, contracting local community-based organizations to station a trained mental health worker in Marcus Garvey Park to provide assistance when necessary.</i>	

18/38	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Additional funding is needed for senior center staffing including for social service providers that support Asian seniors, including funding for bilingual case workers, in-home care workers, and translators as well as culturally sensitive programming, culturally sensitive meals, English classes, and Tai -chi classes.</i>
21/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>There is a need to include additional public advocacy personnel and contractors who provide more culturally engaging and innovative ways to better inform people receiving drug treatment services, open drug use, family exposure to drug use, and its long-term impact.</i>
22/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Provide funding for additional personnel or contractors to take proactive measures to mitigate hazardous waste such as discarded hypodermic needles surrounding treatment facilities by routinely and thoroughly assessing treatment facility's outside perimeters including street block for needles and other harmful drug paraphernalia.</i>
25/38	DFTA	Increase case management capacity	<i>Provide funding for more caseworkers. Increase the number of culturally competent caseworkers in CD11, specifically those who are able to provide services in Spanish and French/Creole.</i>
27/38	DOHMH	Promote vaccinations and immunizations	<i>Funding is needed to help lead vaccine-related outreach, engagement, and access to not only COVID-19 primary vaccines and boosters but also polio, monkeypox, and influenza immunizations. Since neighborhoods of color, including East Harlem, have disproportionately lower vaccination rates, additional funding could help raise awareness of the benefits of and improve access to vaccines (more outreach workers, health, vaccine fairs, etc.).</i>
29/38	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Provide funding for proactive measures to mitigate rodent population in public housing, empty lots, construction areas, and train stations where rats establish colonies.</i>

31/38	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to ensure faster service for seniors transitioning from hospital/rehab to home.</i>
33/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Newer less lethal drugs are now available as an alternative to methadone, but lack of funding is usually cited as reasons why the drug is slow to be adopted. An independent non-profit should assess whether there is a subset of >7000 methadone patients who would benefit from transitioning to newer less lethal drugs and to help with the transition. This would also allow patients to reduce frequency and distance travelled to obtain drug treatment in Harlem</i>
34/38	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>A portion of the 1200 residents of homeless shelters on Wards Island suffer from chemical misuse. Recommend providing mobile drug treatment support to Wards Island shelters. Requesting mobile treatment units be deployed to Ward's Island to increase access to treatment.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Manhattan Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

After school programs

After-school programs support social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development, reduce risky behaviors, promote physical health, and provide a safe and supportive environment for children and youth. After-school programming also supports working parents, especially single parents, who might otherwise have to choose between earning income and taking care of their children. In East Harlem, 62.4% of families with children under 18 are headed by a single parent (2015-2019 ACS). About 39% of families with children under 18 years old live below the poverty level; 65.4% of those families are single-parent households (2015-2019 ACS). Additionally, East Harlem youth face safety concerns due to the high rates of violence and gang activity, especially in public housing. To address the unique challenges associated with the youth population in East Harlem, the community and City must work together to improve after-school programs, provide opportunities for youth employment, and increase extracurricular educational services. Job training and placement programs and other youth activity initiatives should target public housing developments and other areas with high gang activity to encourage positive development and prevent negative outcomes. DYCD should expand after-school and evening programming, provide viable alternatives to disconnected and at-risk youth, and target older teenage students with evening recreational activities. Finally, there is a lack of physical spaces for youth to spend constructive and safe time in during after-school hours, weekends, and summertime. Developers should be incentivized to work with nonprofits to build these needed facilities and provide programming.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/20	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>As we continue to live in this hybrid world and students are evermore reliant on technology, including computers and tablets to conduct their studies. As such, this technological equipment must be readily available, repaired, replaced and upgraded as needed so there is no interruption in learning. Funding must be allocated to ensure this necessary equipment and its ready availability for every student that requires it.</i>	
8/20	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding must be allocated to fully upgrade the bathrooms at The Lexington Academy located at 131 East 104th Street. Currently, the Agency's bathroom initiative renovates only two student restrooms, one for girls and one for boys, however more funding is needed to renovate the other restrooms in need of repair. At the very least, the Agency should consider funding an additional restroom this fiscal year in order to comply with the mandate to provide gender neutral bathrooms.</i>	131 East 104 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
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17/20	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Replace School Hallway Doors at Lexington Academy. Funding needs to be allocated to repair door frames, replace hallway fire safety doors that automatic open and close. These doors are essential for the safety and protection of our children.</i>	
18/20	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding needs to be allocated to make repairs to the pool at DOE building M037 (2351 First Avenue, NY NY 10029)</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/38	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Additional funding should be allocated to employ additional Social Workers to not only provide therapeutic services but to also provide evidence-based groups and case management services.</i>	
23/38	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Increase the amount of after school program seats for high school-aged youth in East Harlem, with a focus on social-emotional learning (SEL). Special attention should be given to freshman and sophomores to ensure a smooth transition from remote learning to a new school.</i>	
24/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>Special attention must be paid to high school students at risk of dropping out, however at-risk youth are generally the hardest to reach. More resources are needed to expand outreach and connect these vital programs to the youth who need them most.</i>	
28/38	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Increased funding should be allocated to employ additional youth in the Work, Learn & Grow Program to provide more opportunities for employment and to expand career and college readiness for high schoolers.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Manhattan Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

Although respondents were generally concerned about crime in East Harlem, they indicated that they'd like preventive services -- including youth services, after-school programming, job training, and mental health services -- to be prioritized. Programming for high-risk youth and their families should be expanded throughout the district and should include late-night and weekend programming. Resources should be funneled toward improving the socioeconomic determinants of crime, particularly educational attainment, unemployment, and poverty. Local organizations that offer these resources should be supported. The potential for strong collaboration between the police and local groups exists, but more extensive neighborhood-specific training, deeper local partnerships and increased community policing approaches are needed in order to make efforts work properly. Many individuals in East Harlem have a negative view of the police and law enforcement needs to continue to work to rebuild trust within the community. Finally, the incarceration rate in East Harlem is the third highest in the city and more than double the citywide rate (2018 Community Health Profile). Incarceration has a devastating effect on the futures of those incarcerated, as well as on families and the larger community. People who have been incarcerated are more likely to experience mental and physical health problems, and may also have trouble finding employment and housing. New York City should expand targeted reentry support for neighborhoods with high incarceration rates.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/20	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>Utilize existing NYPD resources to improve police-community relations by renovating the 23rd, 25th and PSA 5 precinct buildings to include community space. NYPD precincts should also be renovated to include parking facilities to minimize on-street parking.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
15/38	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	<i>Utilizing existing resources, NYPD must prioritize youth crime prevention programs as a strategy to mitigate crime in East Harlem. The City should not only bolster support for NYPD youth programs, but also allocate resources to community partners to engage at-risk youth.</i>	
32/38	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>NYPD should allocate existing resources toward improving police-community relations. Increased accountability, communication, and transparency by NYPD can help to foster trust among East Harlem residents.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Manhattan Community Board 11

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

Residents overwhelmingly identified cleanliness and trash collection as the most important issue related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency. Overflowing corner bins, lack of corner bins, canine waste, clogged catch basins, street dining, vacant lots, and illegal dumping all contribute to unsanitary conditions and increased rodent activity throughout the district. Such conditions impact residents' quality of life and morale. In order to address the issue of cleanliness, DSNY alongside CB11 should work together to identify problem intersections and introduce rodent-proof corner bins to each identified problem area. The agency should increase the frequency of litter basket collection and sanitation enforcement of illegal dumping and canine waste laws. Additionally, there should be a campaign, led by the DSNY, consisting of community workshops, advertisements and public service announcements in community-relevant languages to reach the population of East Harlem to educate the community on the importance of keeping the streets clean. This can help mitigate the sanitary issues of CD11, as well as bring awareness to the quality of life and health issues created by littering.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/20	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Build a permanent, state-of-the-art dual district sanitation garage to service Manhattan Community Districts 10 and 11. The new building should meet or exceed LEED Gold standards and be equipped with the most advanced indoor air filtration systems and zero emissions sanitation trucks.</i>	
7/20	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>East Harlem experiences extreme flood risk, especially in the areas designated in the FEMA flood maps and the Vision Plan for a Resilient East Harlem study. All scales of green infrastructure including but not limited to catchment basins, rain gardens, bioswales, etc. should be studied and implemented where possible to assist in mitigating risk in these areas.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/38	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	<i>Funding should be allocated to provide an equitable amount of on-street trash cans to reduce the occurrence of overflowing corner bins and garbage on the street.</i>	
35/38	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>East Harlem has multiple vacant lots pending development that have become illegal dumping sites. Funding should be allocated to increase vacant lot cleaning to discourage illegal dumping and prevent the accumulation of garbage and for enforcement on privately owned vacant lots.</i>	
37/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Our board office receives numerous complaints regarding canine waste on our sidewalks and streets. The propensity of such waste is a persistent quality of life issue in this district. Funding should be allocated for DSNY to provide waste bag dispensers at designated locations in CD11 and to provide additional waste bags as needed.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Manhattan Community Board 11

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

Affordable housing preservation

CD11's housing stock is largely subsidized, rent-stabilized or public housing; only 22% of units are currently unregulated. Data provided by the Regional Plan Association projects that 4,230 subsidized and rent-stabilized units are at risk over the next 15 years due to expiring affordability programs. This, combined with the pressures on regulated housing due to increased development in the area, makes affordable housing programs the top concern in CD11. The East Harlem Neighborhood Plan estimated "affordable housing need" in CD11 as 12,000 households. Ours is one of only four districts in Manhattan that saw a net increase in stabilized units in the period of 2007-2020. It did this by gaining over 6,000 new units while losing 4,300 units over the same period. Data suggests that efforts of CB11 to attract new housing that would be affordable and stabilized has been beneficial to the community in terms of the supply of such units in the aggregate. However, the mounting pressures of rising rents, landlord harassment, and stagnant wages continue to demand the production and preservation of affordable housing in order to forestall wider residential displacement, particularly for low and extremely-low-income households. NYCHA operates more than 15,000 apartments across 21 developments in CD11, one of the largest concentrations of public housing in New York City. Public housing accounts for more than one-third of CD11's rental apartments and remains an affordable housing lifeline for so many. NYCHA has experienced unprecedented disinvestment and deprioritization by federal, state and city agencies for generations. With over \$32 billion in capital needs citywide, NYCHA residents suffer from collective neglect and lack of necessary repairs impacting their housing security. Further, the defunding of public housing has manifested short and long-term impacts on the integrity of NYCHA's building stock and the health and safety of their residents. It is critical that the city, along with the state and federal government, prioritize and properly invest the necessary funds in public housing.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/20	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide funding for the development of affordable housing at deeper levels of affordability targeting households living under 30% of AMI, the developmentally disabled, those living with mental illness and homeless veterans.</i>	
2/20	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>There remain many vacant properties or under-utilized residential buildings in East Harlem. It is imperative that the community, elected leaders and HPD work collaboratively to create the necessary incentive(s) for private property owners to upgrade and maintain their properties for active residential use. Newly developed or rehabilitated apartment buildings must include a balance of mixed-income units that also include a percentage of units for low and extremely-low income households.</i>	
4/20	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>Expand the Home Repair and Preservation Financing Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRP) in East Harlem. The expansion of HRP will incentivize necessary building improvements while preserving and creating additional affordable housing units.</i>	
11/20	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide 100% funding to the remaining TIL (Tenant Interim Lease) buildings located in the East Harlem community pertaining to the existing tenants and potential homeowners of less than 80% of AMI. This will ensure that these renters become shareholders under the HDFC program.</i>	
14/20	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Major investments should be allocated to build a major transit hub on 125th Street, connecting the Lexington Avenue line, future Second Avenue Subway, and Metro North, in a way similar to Fulton Station, Brooklyn's Atlantic Station, or Grand Central in Manhattan. 125th Street is a strategic location that connects the railroad, buses to the airport and multiple lines of subway stations. This structure should also include commercial retail space, performance space, and affordable housing.</i>	

15/20	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>Funding is needed to redevelop La Marqueta into a robust commercial and recreational space. The Agency should focus on attracting tenants that fill service gaps and providing amenities and sports facilities for youth.</i>
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Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/38	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>Increase funding for subsidies that help eligible low-income families to rent decent, safe, and affordable housing in Community District 11.</i>	
2/38	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Allocate funding for more workforce development programs that provide certification, technical training, and career development in growing industries. SBS should work alongside sister agencies (ie. MTA, DEP, NYC Parks, HPD, H+H) to offer paid internships to participants following the certification and training programs. Funding should also be allocated to create incentives for participation and improve outreach.</i>	
6/38	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase funding for specialized enforcement programs, such as the Alternative Enforcement Program, The Program Preservation Program, Underlying Conditions Program, and the Anti-Harrassment Unit and inspections to correct code violations.</i>	
7/38	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide more funding for the Office of the Tenant Advocate's tenant harrassment unit</i>	
8/38	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>Provide funding for additional service vans, equipment, staffing and language assistance to assist diversified NYCHA residents with annual recertifications (online & paper), maintenance requests, service vans and other technological needs, including establishing computer labs for resident use.</i>	
9/38	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	<i>Provide funding to increase awareness regarding housing vouchers and other HPD programs, such as the DRIE and SCRIE.</i>	

17/38	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide funding for seniors, returning veterans, and their families.</i>
19/38	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to improve a public space through management, maintenance and programming	<i>To help revitalize the 125th Street commercial corridors, fund a non-profit (ie. Neighborhood Benches) with credible messengers or crime reduction specialists to work with the individuals loitering on the nearby streets. Ideally, the organization will survey the street homeless population and connect them with social resources. This organization can support Uptown Grand Central in activating East 125th Street and recruit workers for Positive Work Force and the City's Clean Up Corp.</i>
30/38	EDC	Expand programs in emerging and legacy industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare, offshore wind, freight, and maritime	<i>EDC should implement incentives to attract growing industries to East Harlem, especially businesses that are STEM related, thereby providing additional career opportunities for local residents.</i>
36/38	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>In advance of the commercial organics requirement, the City must provide additional support to local businesses to ensure they're in compliance with the law. Further, funding is needed to incentivize businesses to transition to more sustainable business practices.</i>

TRANSPORTATION

Manhattan Community Board 11

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Current levels of traffic safety and enforcement are insufficient in meeting the needs of our district. Between October 2020 and October 2021, there have been 1,934 total crashes in CD11, 661 of which resulted in 5 fatalities and 853 injuries. Of the fatalities, 2 were cyclists and 3 were pedestrians. Of the injuries, 126 were cyclists and 141 were pedestrians. All of the contributing factors in the crashes resulting in fatalities -- including driver inattention/distraction, improper passing or lane usage, unsafe speed, and failure to yield right-of-way -- were preventable through enforcement. With proper enforcement, the ongoing presence and threat of illegal ATVS and motorbikes would be diminished. Increased enforcement is also needed to address scooters and cyclists illegally riding on sidewalks. NYPD Traffic Enforcement must do a better job of penalizing placard abuse and enforcing parking rules in pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, traffic-restricted areas, and throughout the Park Avenue Viaduct tunnels.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/38	DOT	Improve parking operations	<i>Provide funding to study the feasibility of establishing a residential parking permit program in East Harlem.</i>	

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Manhattan Community Board 11

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

Park care and maintenance

East Harlem's parks serve a critical role in the health, well-being, and quality of life of our residents, however many of our parks need better maintenance, staffing and capital upgrades. Residents report excess garbage, cracked pavement, and outdated facilities in parks. Due to the risks of extreme flood events in the district, improvements to parks should be required to include climate protection and resiliency features as well as additional greenery and landscaping to assist with the retention and slow release of water. Harlem River Park, Each One Teach One, Lincoln Playground, and Marcus Garvey Park, in particular, would benefit from greater sanitation services to address their rodent and trash problems. Safety in East Harlem's parks is also a primary concern. A few of the parks in East Harlem -- including Ronald McNair Park, Harlem River Park, and Marcus Garvey Park -- have been identified as hot spots for homelessness, substance misuse, and illicit activity.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Provide funding for the construction of a comfort station at Thomas Jefferson Park. Thomas Jefferson Park recently received funding for improvements; while the design of the renovated playground reserves space for a comfort station, the existing funding for improvements does not account for the comfort station.</i>	
9/20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>NYC Parks should ensure that a comfort station is included in the design for the Harlem Greenway Link. The Harlem Greenway Link will create seven acres of waterfront parkland between 125th and 132nd Streets for East Harlem residents and visitors to enjoy, however lack of a comfort station will deter optimal park usage.</i>	90-98 EAST 132 STREET
10/20	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Funding should be allocated to repair or replace lighting in Marcus Garvey Park, specifically at the upper level of the park on the east side of the mountain, and for the reconstruction of the Acropolis, paths, staircases and walls leading up the Fire Watchtower. NYC Parks estimates that the rehabilitation will cost about \$19.6 million.</i>	Mt Morris Park West, Manhattan, New York, NY
13/20	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Funding should be allocated to repair playground water features throughout Manhattan Community District 11</i>	
19/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair and upgrade P.S. 108 Peter Minuit playground. Funding needs to be allocated to make repairs and upgrade Peter Minuit playground.</i>	
20/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding should be allocated to provide a comfort station at Peter Minuit Playground (108th Street & Park Avenue).</i>	East 108 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
13/38	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>In order to help mitigate the impacts of climate change, East Harlem needs more trees to absorb carbon and release oxygen. To address equity and health concerns, funding should be allocated to plant new street trees across East Harlem.</i>	
20/38	DCLA	Other expense budget request for DCLA	<i>Community theater thrives in this country like no other place in the world. Seeing the positive impact that it can have on our youth, seniors, area businesses and community's identity is an energizing experience. DCLA must invest time and effort in the ongoing challenge to activate the underutilized theaters in East Harlem by allowing them to operate profitably. For example, circulating 3-5 shows a day, at least 3 nights a week can generate untapped revenue that can benefit East Harlem greatly. Together we must continue to raise the bar to have that positive impact that theater education and participation bring to a community like ours.</i>	
26/38	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	<i>The social impact caused by COVID 19 in our community requires expansion of availability of library operating hours to 7 days a week as well as supportive community resources.</i>	
38/38	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide funding for baseline Increase the PS and OTPS budgets of Community Boards to support the vital role they play in planning and quality of life advocacy for their communities. Increasing the budget would allow additional staff to be hired and result in an overall increase in the quality of responses and services that the community board provides.</i>	

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
3/38	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Provide funding for an expansion of the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety to cover all NYCHA developments in East Harlem.</i>	

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

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14/20	EDC	Invest in infrastructure that will support growth in commercial business districts	<i>Major investments should be allocated to build a major transit hub on 125th Street, connecting the Lexington Avenue line, future Second Avenue Subway, and Metro North, in a way similar to Fulton Station, Brooklyn's Atlantic Station, or Grand Central in Manhattan. 125th Street is a strategic location that connects the railroad, buses to the airport and multiple lines of subway stations. This structure should also include commercial retail space, performance space, and affordable housing.</i>	
15/20	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>Funding is needed to redevelop La Marqueta into a robust commercial and recreational space. The Agency should focus on attracting tenants that fill service gaps and providing amenities and sports facilities for youth.</i>	
16/20	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	<i>Utilize existing NYPD resources to improve police-community relations by renovating the 23rd, 25th and PSA 5 precinct buildings to include community space. NYPD precincts should also be renovated to include parking facilities to minimize on-street parking.</i>	

17/20	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Replace School Hallway Doors at Lexington Academy. Funding needs to be allocated to repair door frames, replace hallway fire safety doors that automatic open and close. These doors are essential for the safety and protection of our children.</i>	
18/20	SCA	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding needs to be allocated to make repairs to the pool at DOE building M037 (2351 First Avenue, NY NY 10029)</i>	
19/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair and upgrade P.S. 108 Peter Minuit playground. Funding needs to be allocated to make repairs and upgrade Peter Minuit playground.</i>	
20/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Funding should be allocated to provide a comfort station at Peter Minuit Playground (108th Street & Park Avenue).</i>	East 108 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY

Expense Budget Requests

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1/38	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>Increase funding for subsidies that help eligible low-income families to rent decent, safe, and affordable housing in Community District 11.</i>	
2/38	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Allocate funding for more workforce development programs that provide certification, technical training, and career development in growing industries. SBS should work alongside sister agencies (ie. MTA, DEP, NYC Parks, HPD, H+H) to offer paid internships to participants following the certification and training programs. Funding should also be allocated to create incentives for participation and improve outreach.</i>	
3/38	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Provide funding for an expansion of the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety to cover all NYCHA developments in East Harlem.</i>	
4/38	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>The rate of adult psychiatric hospitalization in East Harlem is nearly triple the citywide rate(1,901 per 100,100). Funding should be targeted to improve programming in East Harlem. Supportive programs should be developed and better targeted to particular populations to encourage people to reach out and get help before needing hospitalization so that their mental health needs can be positively managed. Programs should annually assess and evaluate to provide assistance with jobs, housing, education, medical issues, and any other needs that this vulnerable population may have.</i>	
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6/38	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase funding for specialized enforcement programs, such as the Alternative Enforcement Program, The Program Preservation Program, Underlying Conditions Program, and the Anti-Harrassment Unit and inspections to correct code violations.</i>	

7/38	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide more funding for the Office of the Tenant Advocate's tenant harassment unit</i>
8/38	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	<i>Provide funding for additional service vans, equipment, staffing and language assistance to assist diversified NYCHA residents with annual recertifications (online & paper), maintenance requests, service vans and other technological needs, including establishing computer labs for resident use.</i>
9/38	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	<i>Provide funding to increase awareness regarding housing vouchers and other HPD programs, such as the DRIE and SCRIE.</i>
10/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>More peer support, outreach workers, and social workers are needed in CD11 to provide information and support for people suffering from drug addiction. These workers should specifically be employed to work with individuals on 103rd, 110th, 116th and 125th street corridors. Also, more social workers are needed to support drug users enrolled in court diversion programs.</i>
11/38	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>HIV/AIDS continues to be one of the leading infectious diseases in East Harlem. Funding for pertinent sex education and access to HIV preventive drugs should be made available to vulnerable populations.</i>
12/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Explore alternative interventions for homelessness and substance abuse in parks, including Marcus Garvey Park and Randall's Island. For example, contracting local community-based organizations to station a trained mental health worker in Marcus Garvey Park to provide assistance when necessary.</i>
13/38	DPR	Plant new street trees	<i>In order to help mitigate the impacts of climate change, East Harlem needs more trees to absorb carbon and release oxygen. To address equity and health concerns, funding should be allocated to plant new street trees across East Harlem.</i>
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16/38	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Additional funding should be allocated to employ additional Social Workers to not only provide therapeutic services but to also provide evidence-based groups and case management services.</i>
17/38	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide funding for seniors, returning veterans, and their families.</i>
18/38	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Additional funding is needed for senior center staffing including for social service providers that support Asian seniors, including funding for bilingual case workers, in-home care workers, and translators as well as culturally sensitive programming, culturally sensitive meals, English classes, and Tai -chi classes.</i>
19/38	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to improve a public space through management, maintenance and programming	<i>To help revitalize the 125th Street commercial corridors, fund a non-profit (ie. Neighborhood Benches) with credible messengers or crime reduction specialists to work with the individuals loitering on the nearby streets. Ideally, the organization will survey the street homeless population and connect them with social resources. This organization can support Uptown Grand Central in activating East 125th Street and recruit workers for Positive Work Force and the City's Clean Up Corp.</i>
20/38	DCLA	Other expense budget request for DCLA	<i>Community theater thrives in this country like no other place in the world. Seeing the positive impact that it can have on our youth, seniors, area businesses and community's identity is an energizing experience. DCLA must invest time and effort in the ongoing challenge to activate the underutilized theaters in East Harlem by allowing them to operate profitably. For example, circulating 3-5 shows a day, at least 3 nights a week can generate untapped revenue that can benefit East Harlem greatly. Together we must continue to raise the bar to have that positive impact that theater education and participation bring to a community like ours.</i>

21/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>There is a need to include additional public advocacy personnel and contractors who provide more culturally engaging and innovative ways to better inform people receiving drug treatment services, open drug use, family exposure to drug use, and its long-term impact.</i>
22/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Provide funding for additional personnel or contractors to take proactive measures to mitigate hazardous waste such as discarded hypodermic needles surrounding treatment facilities by routinely and thoroughly assessing treatment facility's outside perimeters including street block for needles and other harmful drug paraphernalia.</i>
23/38	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Increase the amount of after school program seats for high school-aged youth in East Harlem, with a focus on social-emotional learning (SEL). Special attention should be given to freshman and sophomores to ensure a smooth transition from remote learning to a new school.</i>
24/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>Special attention must be paid to high school students at risk of dropping out, however at-risk youth are generally the hardest to reach. More resources are needed to expand outreach and connect these vital programs to the youth who need them most.</i>
25/38	DFTA	Increase case management capacity	<i>Provide funding for more caseworkers. Increase the number of culturally competent caseworkers in CD11, specifically those who are able to provide services in Spanish and French/Creole.</i>
26/38	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	<i>The social impact caused by COVID 19 in our community requires expansion of availability of library operating hours to 7 days a week as well as supportive community resources.</i>

27/38	DOHMH	Promote vaccinations and immunizations	<i>Funding is needed to help lead vaccine-related outreach, engagement, and access to not only COVID-19 primary vaccines and boosters but also polio, monkeypox, and influenza immunizations. Since neighborhoods of color, including East Harlem, have disproportionately lower vaccination rates, additional funding could help raise awareness of the benefits of and improve access to vaccines (more outreach workers, health, vaccine fairs, etc.).</i>
28/38	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Increased funding should be allocated to employ additional youth in the Work, Learn & Grow Program to provide more opportunities for employment and to expand career and college readiness for high schoolers.</i>
29/38	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Provide funding for proactive measures to mitigate rodent population in public housing, empty lots, construction areas, and train stations where rats establish colonies.</i>
30/38	EDC	Expand programs in emerging and legacy industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare, offshore wind, freight, and maritime	<i>EDC should implement incentives to attract growing industries to East Harlem, especially businesses that are STEM related, thereby providing additional career opportunities for local residents.</i>
31/38	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to ensure faster service for seniors transitioning from hospital/rehab to home.</i>
32/38	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>NYPD should allocate existing resources toward improving police-community relations. Increased accountability, communication, and transparency by NYPD can help to foster trust among East Harlem residents.</i>

33/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Newer less lethal drugs are now available as an alternative to methadone, but lack of funding is usually cited as reasons why the drug is slow to be adopted. An independent non-profit should assess whether there is a subset of >7000 methadone patients who would benefit from transitioning to newer less lethal drugs and to help with the transition. This would also allow patients to reduce frequency and distance travelled to obtain drug treatment in Harlem</i>
34/38	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>A portion of the 1200 residents of homeless shelters on Wards Island suffer from chemical misuse. Recommend providing mobile drug treatment support to Wards Island shelters. Requesting mobile treatment units be deployed to Ward's Island to increase access to treatment.</i>
35/38	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>East Harlem has multiple vacant lots pending development that have become illegal dumping sites. Funding should be allocated to increase vacant lot cleaning to discourage illegal dumping and prevent the accumulation of garbage and for enforcement on privately owned vacant lots.</i>
36/38	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>In advance of the commercial organics requirement, the City must provide additional support to local businesses to ensure they're in compliance with the law. Further, funding is needed to incentivize businesses to transition to more sustainable business practices.</i>
37/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Our board office receives numerous complaints regarding canine waste on our sidewalks and streets. The propensity of such waste is a persistent quality of life issue in this district. Funding should be allocated for DSNY to provide waste bag dispensers at designated locations in CD11 and to provide additional waste bags as needed.</i>
38/38	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide funding for baseline Increase the PS and OTPS budgets of Community Boards to support the vital role they play in planning and quality of life advocacy for their communities. Increasing the budget would allow additional staff to be hired and result in an overall increase in the quality of responses and services that the community board provides.</i>

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/20	HPD	Provide more housing for special needs households, such as the formerly homeless	<i>Provide funding for the development of affordable housing at deeper levels of affordability targeting households living under 30% of AMI, the developmentally disabled, those living with mental illness and homeless veterans.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
02/20	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>There remain many vacant properties or under-utilized residential buildings in East Harlem. It is imperative that the community, elected leaders and HPD work collaboratively to create the necessary incentive(s) for private property owners to upgrade and maintain their properties for active residential use. Newly developed or rehabilitated apartment buildings must include a balance of mixed-income units that also include a percentage of units for low and extremely-low income households.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
03/20	DSNY	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	<i>Build a permanent, state-of-the-art dual district sanitation garage to service Manhattan Community Districts 10 and 11. The new building should meet or exceed LEED Gold standards and be equipped with the most advanced indoor air filtration systems and zero emissions sanitation trucks.</i>	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
04/20	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>Expand the Home Repair and Preservation Financing Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRP) in East Harlem. The expansion of HRP will incentivize necessary building improvements while preserving and creating additional affordable housing units.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
05/20	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	<i>As we continue to live in this hybrid world and students are evermore reliant on technology, including computers and tablets to conduct their studies. As such, this technological equipment must be readily available, repaired, replaced and upgraded as needed so there is no interruption in learning. Funding must be allocated to ensure this necessary equipment and its ready availability for every student that requires it.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
06/20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Provide funding for the construction of a comfort station at Thomas Jefferson Park. Thomas Jefferson Park recently received funding for improvements; while the design of the renovated playground reserves space for a comfort station, the existing funding for improvements does not account for the comfort station.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
07/20	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	<i>East Harlem experiences extreme flood risk, especially in the areas designated in the FEMA flood maps and the Vision Plan for a Resilient East Harlem study. All scales of green infrastructure including but not limited to catchment basins, rain gardens, bioswales, etc. should be studied and implemented where possible to assist in mitigating risk in these areas.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

08/20	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding must be allocated to fully upgrade the bathrooms at The Lexington Academy located at 131 East 104th Street. Currently, the Agency's bathroom initiative renovates only two student restrooms, one for girls and one for boys, however more funding is needed to renovate the other restrooms in need of repair. At the very least, the Agency should consider funding an additional restroom this fiscal year in order to comply with the mandate to provide gender neutral bathrooms.</i>	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.
09/20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>NYC Parks should ensure that a comfort station is included in the design for the Harlem Greenway Link. The Harlem Greenway Link will create seven acres of waterfront parkland between 125th and 132nd Streets for East Harlem residents and visitors to enjoy, however lack of a comfort station will deter optimal park usage.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
10/20	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Funding should be allocated to repair or replace lighting in Marcus Garvey Park, specifically at the upper level of the park on the east side of the mountain, and for the reconstruction of the Acropolis, paths, staircases and walls leading up the Fire Watchtower. NYC Parks estimates that the rehabilitation will cost about \$19.6 million.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
11/20	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide 100% funding to the remaining TIL (Tenant Interim Lease) buildings located in the East Harlem community pertaining to the existing tenants and potential homeowners of less than 80% of AMI. This will ensure that these renters become shareholders under the HDFC program.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
12/20	DOE	Renovate interior building component	<i>Funding must be allocated to fully complete the necessary wiring upgrades at P.S. 146 Ann M. Short. The wiring in the building is original to 1965 and currently only accommodates 2400 amps. However, the building needs to accommodate 4200-4500 amps for the school to sustain all its technology, modern equipment, refrigeration (kitchen) and AC's requirements.</i>	Unable to prioritize funding for this project request at this time.
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15/20	EDC	Other capital budget request for EDC	<i>Funding is needed to redevelop La Marqueta into a robust commercial and recreational space. The Agency should focus on attracting tenants that fill service gaps and providing amenities and sports facilities for youth.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
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02/38	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>Allocate funding for more workforce development programs that provide certification, technical training, and career development in growing industries. SBS should work alongside sister agencies (ie. MTA, DEP, NYC Parks, HPD, H+H) to offer paid internships to participants following the certification and training programs. Funding should also be allocated to create incentives for participation and improve outreach.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
03/38	MOCJ	Other expense budget request for MOCJ	<i>Provide funding for an expansion of the Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety to cover all NYCHA developments in East Harlem.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
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06/38	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Increase funding for specialized enforcement programs, such as the Alternative Enforcement Program, The Program Preservation Program, Underlying Conditions Program, and the Anti-Harrassment Unit and inspections to correct code violations.</i>	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
07/38	DOB	Expand code enforcement	<i>Provide more funding for the Office of the Tenant Advocate's tenant harrassment unit</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
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09/38	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance community outreach on HPD programs and services	<i>Provide funding to increase awareness regarding housing vouchers and other HPD programs, such as the DRIE and SCRIE.</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
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11/38	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>HIV/AIDS continues to be one of the leading infectious diseases in East Harlem. Funding for pertinent sex education and access to HIV preventive drugs should be made available to vulnerable populations.</i>	Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other STDs is a top priority for DOHMH. We were pleased to announce last year that the number of new adult AIDS cases is declining. Through a variety of condom distribution and community-based programs, we work to give communities the tools they need to stay safe. While additional services would be contingent upon available funds, please feel free to contact us to discuss available services in your community.
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16/38	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Additional funding should be allocated to employ additional Social Workers to not only provide therapeutic services but to also provide evidence-based groups and case management services.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
17/38	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Provide funding for seniors, returning veterans, and their families.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

18/38	DFTA	Other senior center program requests	<i>Additional funding is needed for senior center staffing including for social service providers that support Asian seniors, including funding for bilingual case workers, in-home care workers, and translators as well as culturally sensitive programming, culturally sensitive meals, English classes, and Tai -chi classes.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
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21/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>There is a need to include additional public advocacy personnel and contractors who provide more culturally engaging and innovative ways to better inform people receiving drug treatment services, open drug use, family exposure to drug use, and its long-term impact.</i>	DOHMH funds a variety of services related to mental health, alcohol, drug abuse, and depression. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon available resources.
22/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Provide funding for additional personnel or contractors to take proactive measures to mitigate hazardous waste such as discarded hypodermic needles surrounding treatment facilities by routinely and thoroughly assessing treatment facility's outside perimeters including street block for needles and other harmful drug paraphernalia.</i>	DOHMH contracts with and oversees a wide variety of mental health and substance abuse services throughout NYC. Feel free to contact the Department with specific questions about services.
23/38	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Increase the amount of after school program seats for high school-aged youth in East Harlem, with a focus on social-emotional learning (SEL). Special attention should be given to freshman and sophomores to ensure a smooth transition from remote learning to a new school.</i>	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.

24/38	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	<i>Special attention must be paid to high school students at risk of dropping out, however at-risk youth are generally the hardest to reach. More resources are needed to expand outreach and connect these vital programs to the youth who need them most.</i>	Program siting decisions are based on the Request for Proposals process, area needs and available funding. Sign up at DYCD's website to learn when solicitations for services are released
25/38	DFTA	Increase case management capacity	<i>Provide funding for more caseworkers. Increase the number of culturally competent caseworkers in CD11, specifically those who are able to provide services in Spanish and French/Creole.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
26/38	NYPL	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections (NYPL)	<i>The social impact caused by COVID 19 in our community requires expansion of availability of library operating hours to 7 days a week as well as supportive community resources.</i>	NYPL is in favor of this project but added or restored City funding is required for all expense budget costs and any needed capital costs. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Contact NYPL for more information.
27/38	DOHMH	Promote vaccinations and immunizations	<i>Funding is needed to help lead vaccine-related outreach, engagement, and access to not only COVID-19 primary vaccines and boosters but also polio, monkeypox, and influenza immunizations. Since neighborhoods of color, including East Harlem, have disproportionately lower vaccination rates, additional funding could help raise awareness of the benefits of and improve access to vaccines (more outreach workers, health, vaccine fairs, etc.).</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
28/38	DYCD	Other youth workforce development requests	<i>Increased funding should be allocated to employ additional youth in the Work, Learn & Grow Program to provide more opportunities for employment and to expand career and college readiness for high schoolers.</i>	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
29/38	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>Provide funding for proactive measures to mitigate rodent population in public housing, empty lots, construction areas, and train stations where rats establish colonies.</i>	Individual City agencies are responsible for addressing pest management on their properties. DOHMH's pest control program works closely with all City agencies to provide technical assistance in order to address these issues. The Rodent Task Force meets weekly to identify any hot spots and address them with interagency coordination.
30/38	EDC	Expand programs in emerging and legacy industries, e.g. fashion, film, advanced and food manufacturing, life sciences and healthcare, offshore wind, freight, and maritime	<i>EDC should implement incentives to attract growing industries to East Harlem, especially businesses that are STEM related, thereby providing additional career opportunities for local residents.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

31/38	DFTA	Allocate funds for outreach services to homebound older adults and for programs that allow the elderly to age in place	<i>Provide funding to ensure faster service for seniors transitioning from hospital/rehab to home.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
32/38	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>NYPD should allocate existing resources toward improving police-community relations. Increased accountability, communication, and transparency by NYPD can help to foster trust among East Harlem residents.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
33/38	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Newer less lethal drugs are now available as an alternative to methadone, but lack of funding is usually cited as reasons why the drug is slow to be adopted. An independent non-profit should assess whether there is a subset of >7000 methadone patients who would benefit from transitioning to newer less lethal drugs and to help with the transition. This would also allow patients to reduce frequency and distance travelled to obtain drug treatment in Harlem</i>	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.
34/38	HHC	Other health care facilities requests	<i>A portion of the 1200 residents of homeless shelters on Wards Island suffer from chemical misuse. Recommend providing mobile drug treatment support to Wards Island shelters. Requesting mobile treatment units be deployed to Ward's Island to increase access to treatment.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
35/38	DSNY	Increase vacant lot cleaning	<i>East Harlem has multiple vacant lots pending development that have become illegal dumping sites. Funding should be allocated to increase vacant lot cleaning to discourage illegal dumping and prevent the accumulation of garbage and for enforcement on privately owned vacant lots.</i>	Resources are available to clean vacant lots. The turn-around time for cleaning vacant lots depends on whether the lot is owned by NYC or a private owner and whether or not the lot is accessible. If the vacant lot is privately owned and not accessible to DOS equipment, a court order is required to gain entry into the lot. The legal process for obtaining these court orders delays the process further. If you have specific locations that need to be processed, contact DOS.
36/38	SBS	Other business regulatory assistance requests	<i>In advance of the commercial organics requirement, the City must provide additional support to local businesses to ensure they're in compliance with the law. Further, funding is needed to incentivize businesses to transition to more sustainable business practices.</i>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
37/38	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>Our board office receives numerous complaints regarding canine waste on our sidewalks and streets. The propensity of such waste is a persistent quality of life issue in this district. Funding should be allocated for DSNY to provide waste bag dispensers at designated locations in CD11 and to provide additional waste bags as needed.</i>	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.

38/38	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide funding for baseline Increase the PS and OTPS budgets of Community Boards to support the vital role they play in planning and quality of life advocacy for their communities. Increasing the budget would allow additional staff to be hired and result in an overall increase in the quality of responses and services that the community board provides.</i>	As of the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, each Community Board's budget is \$257,507.
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