

Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

An aerial photograph of a Bronx subway station. A silver subway train is stopped at a platform with a yellow tactile paving strip. The station is surrounded by residential buildings and trees with autumn-colored leaves. In the background, a large glass-roofed industrial building is visible.

The Bronx Community District 7

FISCAL YEAR 2026



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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October 31, 2024

Dear Bronx Community Board 7 Community,

Bronx Community Board 7 (CB7) is an Advisory Board that consists of dedicated community volunteers appointed by the Bronx Borough President and NYC council members. Community Board 7's goal is to assist and empower the residents. We serve the community through the functioning of 12 different committees, a monthly General Board meeting, and constituent services. Our meeting calendar is posted on our website and our Instagram page. We invite you to join our emailing list.

Bronx CB7 is made up of the neighborhoods of Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, and University Heights. Geographically, the district extends from Webster Avenue at the East to Goulden Avenue and the Harlem River to the West. The North end boundary of the district starts from the south end of Woodland Cemetery (E 211th Street) to Fordham Road and West 183rd Street on the South end. The area is served by two subway lines, D and 4, and Metro-North service from/to Westchester County and Grand Central Station. There are several major institutions that are our neighbors, such as Lehman College, Montefiore Hospital and the New York Botanical Garden. The Community Board is also home to two recognizable high schools, Bronx High School of Science and DeWitt Clinton High School and 34 public schools.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census Redistricting Data, Bronx Community Board 7 is densely populated with 146,813 people and nearly 25% of them are 18 years old and under. 68.1% of our residents identified as Hispanic/Latino (of any race), 16.7% identified as Black non-Hispanic, 6.8% identified as Asian non-Hispanic, 5.6% identified as White non-Hispanic, 1.5% identified as Non-Hispanic Biracial, and 1.3% identified as Some other race, non-Hispanic. Our community mainly lives in rental units in multi-family buildings, as homeownership has been on the decline. Nearly 50% of our households are rent burdened, meaning they spend 35% or more of their income on rent. Many of the private homes in our neighborhoods have disappeared, as a result, the district has seen an enormous amount of development; new residential buildings with Supportive and Affordable Housing Units. New developments take advantage of zoning laws to build taller buildings, in order to maximize the number of units. Bronx Community Board 7 would like to ensure housing is being built responsibly to accommodate the current fabric of our neighborhoods, and increasing municipal services to meet the growing population needs and demands. There is a need for additional municipal services, such as sanitation and parks maintenance.

In service,

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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) 2026. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2024.

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.

1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 7

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Point
AGE							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

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

Bronx Community District 7

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

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

The office receives a high volume of complaints related to the cleanliness of the district. Specifically, the complaints are related to dog waste, illegal dumping and cleanliness of residential and commercial areas. Enforcement of sanitation laws and a culturally sensitive public education campaign targeted to residential and commercial property owners can result in a reduction of these violations and greatly improve the quality of life for CB 7 residents. We need a coordinated effort among city agencies to step up their enforcement of illegally parked/abandoned cars, illegally motorized vehicles being recklessly driven on sidewalks and green spaces, noise complaints, loitering, and littering. Our community needs more of a positive and engaging police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints that improves quality of life.

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

Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public nuisance complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety for district residents. The district is home to a large number of parks and parkways, making it one of the greenest districts in the city. The vast amount of parkland makes it difficult to provide the necessary level of maintenance to keep the parks clean and safe. Additional investment is needed in both maintenance personnel and equipment in the district.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 7

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Land use trends

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

Schools

The quality of and lack of funding for our local schools continues to be of paramount importance for our residents. The COVID-19 pandemic proved that access to technology and remote learning is a critical component for student learning. As we experience a significant increase in the number of residents, we task the city to support educational opportunities and add seats to accommodate our present and future students. Failure to address these inequities in educational services and resources will persist and negatively impact the ability of our students to achieve academic success.

Other - Write In (Required)

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

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

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

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
11 / 24	DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 42	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.
2 / 42	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment
3 / 42	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services
5 / 42	DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning
6 / 42	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment
7 / 42	DFTA	Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors
8 / 42	DHS	Expand street outreach
9 / 42	HRA	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)
20 / 42	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing
27 / 42	DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
38 / 42	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

Students should be provided with spaces for recreation and exploration. Students must be provided with high quality school resources and educational facilities.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
2 / 24	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school
3 / 24	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 42	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)
10 / 42	DOE	Other educational programs requests
11 / 42	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances) Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public nuisance complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety for district residents. We need a coordinated effort among city agencies to step up their enforcement of illegally parked/abandoned cars, illegally motorized vehicles being recklessly driven on sidewalks and green spaces, noise complaints, loitering, and littering. Our community needs more of a positive and engaging police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints that improves quality of life.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
5 / 24	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct
14 / 24	NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
24 / 24	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
21 / 42	NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents
37 / 42	NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents
42 / 42	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Cleanliness/trash collection

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

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
14 / 42	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws
28 / 42	DEP	Clean catch basins
33 / 42	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws
35 / 42	DEP	Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Affordable housing creation

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

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
1 / 24	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
13 / 42	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations
16 / 42	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness
19 / 42	HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs
25 / 42	EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention
26 / 42	SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion
36 / 42	DOB	Expand code enforcement

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Bronx Community Board 7

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

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

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
8 / 24	DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways
9 / 24	DOT	Repair or provide new street lights
23 / 24	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
17 / 42	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance
18 / 42	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance
23 / 42	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service
29 / 42	NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of operations
30 / 42	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation
31 / 42	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming
32 / 42	DOT	Address traffic congestion

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 7

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

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

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
4 / 24	DCAS	Renovate, upgrade, or provide new community board facilities and equipment
6 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
7 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
10 / 24	DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program
12 / 24	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements
13 / 24	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting
15 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
16 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
17 / 24	DPR	Improve access to a building in a park
18 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
19 / 24	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
20 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
21 / 24	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests
22 / 24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Priority	Agency	Title
12 / 42	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness
15 / 42	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
22 / 42	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests
24 / 42	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers
34 / 42	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests
39 / 42	DPR	Plant new street trees
40 / 42	DCLA	Other expense budget request for DCLA
41 / 42	NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Provide more housing for medium income households	1 / 24 HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. We are requesting developments with residential ownership opportunities financing within our district to provide our residents with ownership opportunities.</i>
Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	2 / 24 SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with thousands of planned housing units across the district; therefore, foreseeing the need for additional schools.</i>
Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	3 / 24 SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School within the CB 7 district; therefore, foreseeing the need for additional middle schools.</i>
Renovate, upgrade, or provide new community board facilities and equipment	4 / 24 DCAS	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	<i>Provide adequate community office, storage, and meeting space so we can better serve our district.</i>
Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	5 / 24 NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	<i>The 52nd Precinct has over 230 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is in need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth in personnel..</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	6 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Flooding and drainage in the park grass areas and walkways have been ongoing issues at Devoe Park. Also, benches need to be repaired or upgraded throughout the park.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	7 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate the two (2) playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park</i>

Upgrade or create new greenways	8 / 24 DOT	Upgrade or create new greenways	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion Avenue and Decatur Avenue. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has been a site for numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crime. We are requesting a community garden. Please review Bridge Arts application for maintaining this site.</i>
Repair or provide new street lights	9 / 24 DOT	Repair or provide new street lights	<i>The tunnels under the Grand Concourse at East Kingsbridge Road, Bedford Park Blvd and East 204 Street are in need of additional and updated lighting to enhance the safety under these thruways. Additionally, these tunnels are in need of cleaning and painting to remove graffiti.</i>
Provide new type and/or specific type of program	10 / 24 DPR	Provide new type and/or specific type of program	<i>The Bocce Court at Williamsbridge Oval is no longer used for Bocce games and it should be repurposed for an active sport.</i>
Other capital budget request for DOHMH	11 / 24 DOHMH	Other capital budget request for DOHMH	<i>Provide funding to expand and enhance Veteran-based programs with accessibility to medical/health care appointments and services. The COVID-19 Pandemic has increased health needs and limited veteran's ability to travel, many providers use telemedicine as a means of contact. Funding to provide equipment like WIFI tablets, provide staffing to train Veterans on how to use equipment, and provide the means for Mobile Medical Units to do training, transport equipment to Veterans, and provide a base for Veteran enrollment and provide free dental cleanings and distribute dental kits.</i>
Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	12 / 24 DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Location: Moshulu Parkway South near East 204th Street <i>DOT has created a crosswalk and path midblock between Van Cortlandt Avenue East and Bainbridge Avenue along Moshulu Pkwy. The existing park walkway leading to the new crosswalk from the south service road needs repair and lighting. Install lighting along the new crossing path on Moshulu Parkway South near East 204th Street.</i> <i>Additionally, lighting is needed on more areas on Moshulu Parkway to increase pedestrians' visibility and safety.</i></i>

Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	13 / 24 DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	<i>Funding portable lighting for night games at Williamsbridge Oval.</i>
Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	14 / 24 NYPD	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras	<i>Installation of surveillance cameras at St. James Park, Devoe Park, Aqueduct Walk, Williamsbridge Oval Park and Moshulu Playground to increase community safety.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	15 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Moshulu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the parkway has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Moshulu Parkway.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	16 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Location: Williamsbridge Oval Park - Reservoir Oval East & Bainbridge Avenue Flooding and drainage in the park grass areas and walkways have been ongoing issues at Williamsbridge Oval.</i>
Improve access to a building in a park	17 / 24 DPR	Improve access to a building in a park	<i>The Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval offers many diverse programs for both adults and youngsters. The building has limited ADA accessibility due to a lack of an elevator that would allow full access to both floors of the building. CB7 requests the installation of an ADA compliant elevator that would allow mobility impaired users access to all programs.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	18 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park (WBO) to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron fences are missing or have been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and</i>

serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.

Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	19 / 24 DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Repair broken pavement at the Williamsbridge Oval Park at the Holt Place entrance.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	20 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Frank Frisch Field floods whenever it rains, and improvements in the field's drainage system are needed.</i>
Other park maintenance and safety requests	21 / 24 DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Install railings along the path at University Woods Park. The wooded area along the path contains poisonous plants and rocks, which could cause injury to visitors. Low railings will help to maintain park goers' safety.</i>
Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	22 / 24 DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Renovate Moshulu Playground.</i>
Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	23 / 24 NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>An ADA compliant elevator at the D subway line at 205th Street station will benefit the community.</i>
NYPD facilities and equipment requests	24 / 24 NYPD	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests	<i>NYPD to acquire window boots/windshield boots for non-compliant trucks or oversized vehicles. The Bronx tow pound and the NYPD 52nd Precinct often has no available space for collection of vehicles with violations. In the absence of the ability to tow a heavy duty truck, NYPD can use these window/windshield boots to tag those oversized vehicles that are eligible for towing due to violations like having no tags, blocked VIN numbers, parking in bus lanes, et cetera. The availability of additional window/windshield boots would allow NYPD to reach more vehicles in an effort to increase its enforcement capacity in the absence of</i>

a tow truck, and the authorized user or owner of the vehicle would have to pay the fine in order to have the boot safely removed from the windshield.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Title	Priority Agency	Request	Explanation
Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	1 / 42 DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on preventing chronic diseases including quitting smoking, nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>According to the latest available NYC Community Health Profile for Bronx Community District 7, the adult obesity rate in our district is 33% higher than the average for the city. The rate of diabetes is 19% and 35% of residents have hypertension, both rates higher than the NYC average. We request funding to promote existing programs and initiatives that promote healthy living and chronic disease prevention. We request that promotion efforts are multilingual and culturally competent for the diverse population within CB7.</i>
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	2 / 42 DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>CB7 would like to request a targeted multilingual media campaign advertising NYC Well so that residents can become aware of the services available. CB7 would also like DOHMH to conduct community outreach to make residents aware of the resources available through NYC Well and other mental health support.</i>
Enhance NORC programs and health services	3 / 42 DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	<i>Bronx CB7 requests funding for DFTA to conduct a study to determine eligibility for a NORC program within CB7. According to recently available census data, approximately 10% of Community Board 7 residents are aged 65 years and older. However, within the district, there are concentrations of older adults that need services and support to age with dignity and comfort in their own homes.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	4 / 42 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	<i>Students in our district are underrepresented in two specialized high schools in our community. We are requesting test preparation programs to prepare our students for admission to Bronx Science and American Studies High Schools.</i>

Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	5 / 42 DOHMH	Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning	<i>Provide more information and services related to STIs, HIV/AIDS, and family planning, including access and communication around where folks can access PREP and PEP.</i>
Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	6 / 42 DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>It is important to make Naloxone accessible and available to community members without out-of-pocket costs. Community members have expressed the importance of being able to access Naloxone to prevent opioid overdoses in our communities. It is important for Naloxone to be accessible within pharmacies and health care organizations within Community Board 7 and that the public has access to this life saving intervention.</i>
Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors	7 / 42 DFTA	Continue Crime Prevention/Victim Assistance Program for Seniors	<i>CB7 requests an information campaign about crime prevention and victim assistance programs for seniors in the Bronx. The Board requests targeted outreach activities including tabling at community events, mailings, television commercials, and phone banking advertising these services to our senior communities.</i>
Expand street outreach	8 / 42 DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>CB7 requests a higher number of outreach activities to be conducted within CB7 for areas that are known to be frequented by chronically homeless and unsheltered individuals.</i>
Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)	9 / 42 HRA	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)	<i>Food insecurity is a major challenge for residents of Community Board 7, especially during this period of economic inflation. Community Board 7 requests increasing the funding for emergency food programs and pantries within Community Board 7 and also funding to advertise Food Help NYC so that residents can be better informed of the assistance available and refer neighbors.</i>
Other educational programs requests	10 / 42 DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented (G&T) program as well as a preparatory course for the G&T Test in a school within Community District 7.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and	11 / 42 DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and	<i>Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping children/young adults off the</i>

Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)		Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.</i>
Improve trash removal and cleanliness	12 / 42 DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	13 / 42 HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	<i>Provide additional personnel for HPD to enforce the housing maintenance code.</i>
Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	14 / 42 DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	<i>There is a need to increase sanitation enforcement personnel to address the trash along our commercial corridors that include, but not limited to, Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, East 198th Street, East 204th, Bainbridge Avenue, and Webster Avenue. In addition, the additional personnel could also focus on the dirty sidewalks along our residential streets. An increase in enforcement in tandem with public education would be helpful in tackling the problems of littering, trash maintenance, and the proper way to keep sidewalks and streets clean on our neighborhood streets.</i>
Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	15 / 42 DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues.</i>
Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	16 / 42 NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	<i>Provide personnel to maintain the common spaces and sidewalks around the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean environment.</i>
Improve subway station or train	17 / 42 NYCTA	Improve subway station or train	<i>Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the B, D and 4 subway lines</i>

cleanliness, safety and maintenance		cleanliness, safety and maintenance	<i>within District 7.</i>
Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	18 / 42 NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	<i>Major cleaning is needed on buses that begin and end within District 7. We have witnessed buses BX1, BX2, BX3, BX9, BX12, BX28, and BX34 with unsanitary conditions, such as food left over on the floors, behind the seats and inside the vents. These conditions are unsanitary and can lead to infestation of pests; roaches have been spotted and reported through 511. Fulfilling this request will make a difference in a cleaner and safer ride for bus riders.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs	19 / 42 HPD	Provide, expand, or enhance rental subsidies programs	<i>The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>
Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	20 / 42 HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs/vouchers for permanent housing	<i>To prevent homeless, additional funding is needed to maintain people living in their homes with rent assistance our vouchers</i>
Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	21 / 42 NYPD	Hire additional traffic enforcement agents	<i>During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules to and from the University Heights Metro North train station. The presence of traffic agents will discourage motorists from violating traffic rules.</i>
Other park maintenance and safety requests	22 / 42 DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	<i>Provide a full time Gardener and Maintenance personnel for Mosholu Parkway, St. James Park and Devoe Park which have very large green spaces and require additional maintenance.</i>
Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	23 / 42 NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	<i>Add a new Select Bus Service line from the Fordham Road area to LaGuardia Airport. This bus line was once proposed by the MTA, but funding never materialized and never implemented. The Board continues to believe that this</i>

			<i>vital bus line will provide an easier connection to the airport for all Bronxites.</i>
Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	24 / 42 DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Devoe Park is in need of a Playground Associate to provide activities for the children.</i>
Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	25 / 42 EDC	Invest in financial incentives and low cost financing for job creation and retention	<i>With our community still experiencing an 8% unemployment rate as of August 2024, funding for Job Readiness and Empowerment Programs that focus on developing skills in job searching, interviewing and job retention are vital to the community.</i>
Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	26 / 42 SBS	Support local CBO's efforts to provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	<i>Our community businesses need help now more than ever. The current climate has put a huge economic strain on local businesses; they need assistance.</i>
Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	27 / 42 DOHMH	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations	<i>The COVID-19 pandemic exponentially increased the volume of rats and other vermin in the communities within Community Board 7. We request funding to provide additional and improved methods of animal and pest control to address the unsanitary conditions in our buildings, streets, and communities. We would also like the department to address the lantern fly infestation. We also request funding to continue virtual and in-person education sessions through programs like the Rat Academy.</i>
Clean catch basins	28 / 42 DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>Catch basins throughout the community board need servicing more frequently. Following rainstorms and or when hydrants are opened, streets are flooded and overflow onto sidewalks. Areas of concern include Mosholu Parkway, North and South sides, the commercial corridor of East 204th Street from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues, Parkside Place near East 205th Street and in front of 3300 Webster Avenue.</i>
Expand subway service frequency or hours of	29 / 42 NYCTA	Expand subway service frequency or hours of	<i>The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the B and D train</i>

operations		operations	<i>lines. Extend express service during evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Faster service will avoid overcrowding.</i>
Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	30 / 42 NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	<i>The neighborhoods in our district are experiencing a substantial increase of residential units. Therefore, frequency in service is a priority on the buses that begin and end within our district. Extend express service during evening rush hours from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. More frequent service will avoid overcrowding.</i>
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	31 / 42 DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>During peak and non-peak hours, traffic from the highway at the 207 Street Bridge can be difficult and unsafe to navigate. The intersection remains unsafe to navigate when vehicles speed through the lights while pedestrians try to cross to and from the bridge and to and from the University Heights Metro North train station.</i>
Address traffic congestion	32 / 42 DOT	Address traffic congestion	<i>Location: Gun Hill Rd and Kingsbridge Rd As housing development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever-increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Jerome Avenue, Gun Hill Road, Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road.</i>
Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	33 / 42 DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	<i>The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in public education and infrastructure (such as bags) along parks and sidewalks would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.</i>
Other community board facilities and staff requests	34 / 42 OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide additional funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandate responsibilities. We are requesting that the city increase the community board's budget to \$350,000 to properly serve the district's growing population of 146,813 constituents. With the additional funding, the board could afford to host hybrid meetings to increase community engagement.</i>
Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location	35 / 42 DEP	Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location	<i>The community would like to request fire hydrant tamper proof valves for all hydrants throughout the district to</i>

and repair or replace as needed	and repair or replace as needed	<i>prevent illegal use.</i>
Expand code enforcement	36 / 42 DOB	Expand code enforcement <i>Provide additional personnel for the Department of Buildings (DOB) to enforce code violations and maintenance to prevent further deterioration of our housing stock.</i>
Hire additional school safety agents	37 / 42 NYPD	Hire additional school safety agents <i>There is a shortage of public safety officers within our district, and Parent Associations and school administrations have expressed interest in additional safety measures for the schools. Whenever new public safety officers come in, others currently in the position either retire, quit, or get promoted to a higher paying position in another division outside of the School Safety division. Many schools like PS 86, PS 8, and others have between 2 and 3 officers on staff, yet some schools have multiple buildings, and all schools have many entrances that remain unguarded due to low numbers of officers.</i>
Increase home delivered meals capacity	38 / 42 DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity <i>Currently there are only 15 providers, citywide, serving home delivered meals in 22 catchment areas. We need to increase the number of providers and catchment areas to better serve seniors including those residing in Community Board 7.</i>
Plant new street trees	39 / 42 DPR	Plant new street trees <i>Remove dead trees and plant new trees in the empty pits throughout Community Board #7.</i>
Other expense budget request for DCLA	40 / 42 DCLA	Other expense budget request for DCLA <i>The Bronx County Historical Society needs additional funding to hire additional staff, such as a Librarian Archivist to coordinate and execute programming, and maintenance and operations staff to keep the building and grounds at optimal conditions for the public and entire CB7 Community.</i>
Other expense budget request for NYPL	41 / 42 NYPL	Other expense budget request for NYPL <i>As detailed in the attached support letter, additional funding is needed by NYPL to increase programming for youth, adult, and senior in libraries in CB7.</i>
Provide additional patrol	42 / 42 NYPD	Provide additional patrol <i>NYPD to acquire additional heavy duty tow trucks in the Bronx. Currently, the</i>

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Bronx tow pound collects trucks and other oversized vehicles with the use of two heavy duty tow trucks. Oftentimes, NYPD may have to request to borrow a heavy duty tow truck from another agency. NYPD needs additional heavy duty tow trucks in order to increase its enforcement capacity on trucks and other oversized vehicles with no license plates, with obstructed VINs and/or with other violations requiring a tow.



OFFICE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

New York Public Library Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Priorities

Bronx Community Board 7

Expense

The New York Public Library (NYPL) provides access to free education, knowledge, and books for all New Yorkers. A hub for communities across the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island, the Library is focused on expanding access to information and enrichment programs for children, teens, and adults. In FY24, the Library celebrated the opening of its 21 teen centers across the three boroughs, expanded access to after school tutoring programs for school-age children, launched a pilot program for beginner level English classes, and diversified career and tech resources for adults. Looking ahead to FY26, the Library's goal is to deepen the impact of education programs while nurturing the learning of young patrons through engagement outside of school, expanding services to teens, scholars, and educators, and providing best-in-class skill-building and social connection opportunities for adults, especially multilingual learners and older adults. Expense funding is an integral part of the Library's ability to provide access to diverse programs and maintain world class collections. With this in mind, we urge the community board to support increased expense funding for libraries in the coming fiscal year.

Capital

NYPL is seeking capital funding to ensure that our branches continue to be welcoming, modern, and well equipped spaces for the communities they serve. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including:

- Heating and cooling system updates
- Sidewalk and vault work
- Exterior rehabilitation
- New roofs, windows, and doors
- Fire alarm, security, and technology upgrades
- ADA compliance
- Elevator replacement

Priority Capital Project in Community Board 7:

- Moshulu Library
 - New windows, façade and site work: \$5,000,000

Thank you for supporting NYPL's FY 26 expense and capital request.

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