

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

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2019



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**Brooklyn
Community District 16**

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 Brooklyn Community Board 16's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019*. 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 2017.

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:

a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY19 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.

Disclaimer

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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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DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 2800 -d(1) of the New York City Charter, Community Board #16 hereby submits its Annual Statement of Community District Needs and Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2019.

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1. Community Board Information

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2. Community District Profile

Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>

Brooklyn Community District 16



Neighborhoods¹: Broadway Junction, Brownsville, Ocean Hill

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 ²	2010 ³	2000-2010
85,343	86,468	+1%
2011-2015 Estimate ⁴		125,747
Square Miles		1.9
Population Density		45,509/sq mi



COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

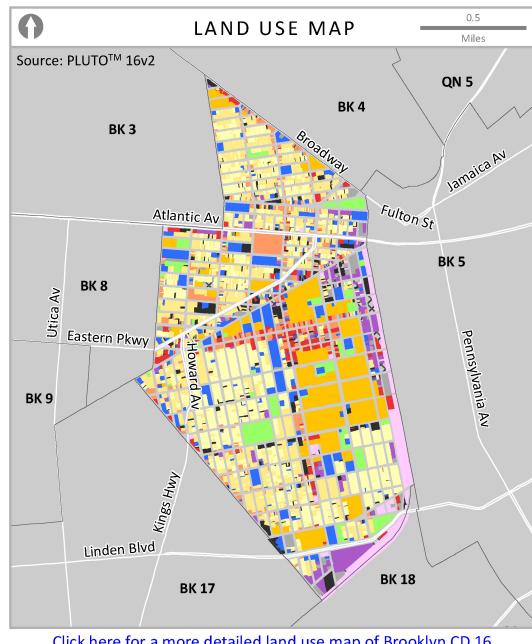
Top 3 pressing issues identified by Brooklyn Community Board 16 in 2017:

1. Affordable housing
2. Crime
3. Health care services

To learn more, please read [Brooklyn CD 16's Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2018](#).

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Land Use Category	# Lots	% Lot Area
1 & 2 Family Bldgs	3,749	22%
Multifamily Walk-up	2,356	20%
Multifamily Elevator	64	16%
Mixed Use	606	6%
Commercial	224	4%
Industrial	146	5%
Transportation/Utility	77	4%
Public/Institutional	211	9%
Open Space	62	5%
Parking	189	3%
Vacant	455	5%
Other	67	1%



[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Brooklyn CD 16](#)

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS ⁵	
Public Schools	55
Public Libraries	3
Hospitals and Clinics	7
Parks	23
Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer	

RENT BURDEN ^{4, 6}	
Brooklyn CD 16	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	

ACCESS TO PARKS ⁷	
Brooklyn CD 16	99%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}	
Brooklyn CD 16	47 minutes
Brooklyn	42 minutes

NYC 40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴	
Brooklyn CD 16	10%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	

CRIME RATE ⁹	
Brooklyn CD 16	12.6
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	

Brooklyn 11.2
NYC 11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 16	12%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	

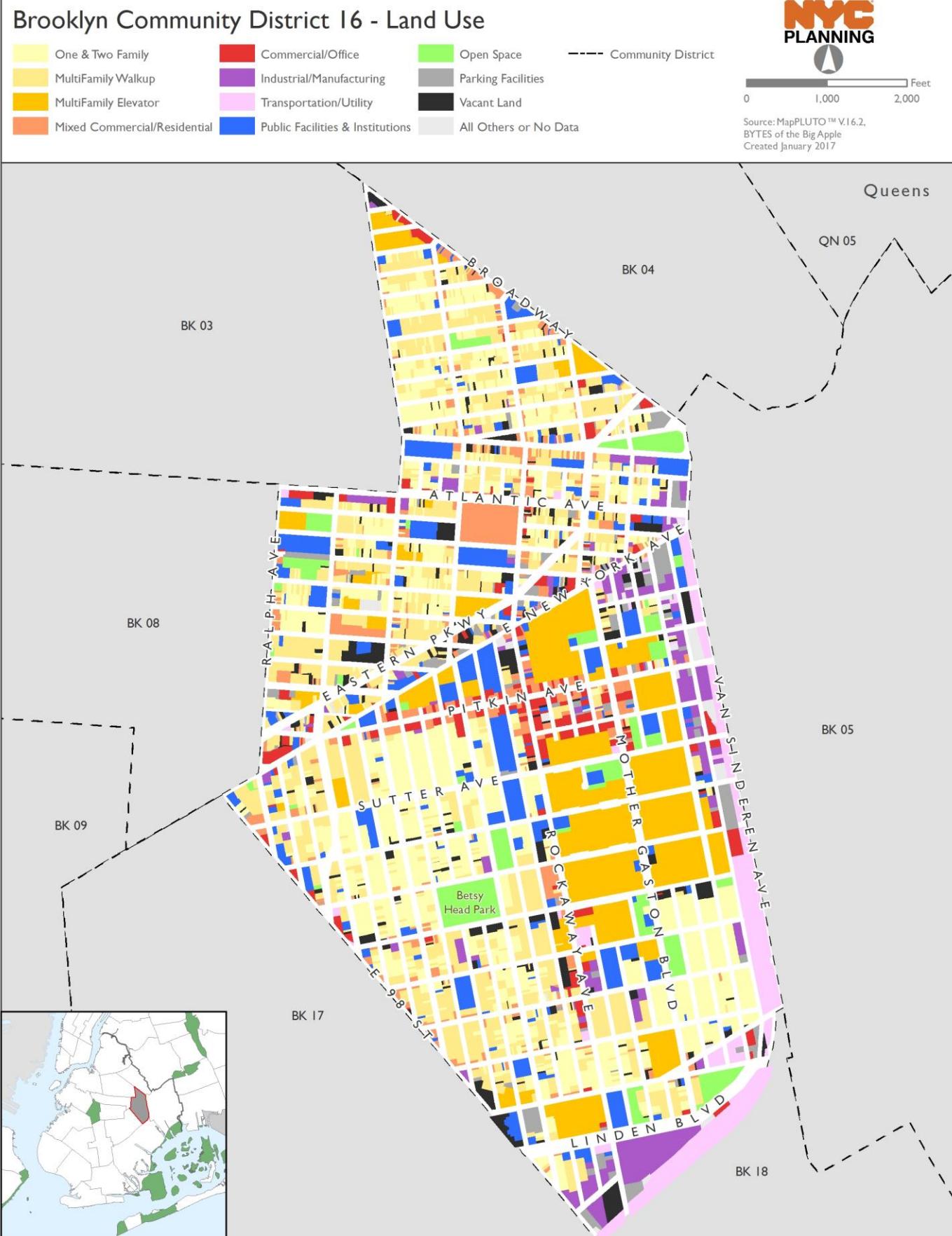
UNEMPLOYMENT ^{4, 10}	
Brooklyn CD 16	14.8%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE ¹¹	
Brooklyn CD 16	29%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the federal poverty rate here.	

Brooklyn 21%
NYC 21%

¹ Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ² 2000 US Census; ³ 2010 US Census; ⁴ American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). ⁵ NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶ Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷ NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers walking distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸ Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁹ NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰ Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹ 2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Bordered on the north by Broadway, on the east by Van Sinderen Avenue, on the south by L.I.R.R. and on the west by East 98th Street, East New York Avenue, Ralph Avenue, Atlantic Avenue and Saratoga Avenue, Community District #16 is located in East Brooklyn and encompasses the neighborhoods of Ocean Hill and Brownsville.

According to the American Community Survey, Ocean Hill-Brownsville has a population of 125,747 which is an increase from the 2010 census that recorded the population at 86,468. Approximately 74.5% of the population is Black/African American, 21.1% of Hispanic Origin, 1.9% White, 1.3% Asian, and 1.2% other.

There are 29.1% of households with children under 18 years old, and 9.6% of the population is age 65 years and older.

Many of our residents are disadvantaged from an early age, due to a lack of support and resources in our local schools. Our students have some of the lowest attendance rates in the City and the overwhelming majority are not proficient in reading and math. This translates into low graduation rates, leaving many residents in our community unprepared for the job market. More than half of the population receives income support.

Unemployment is an acute problem in our community where 14.8% of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015. The issue is severely impacting our young people, with unemployment rates for 20 to 24 years old at 28 percent, compared with 20 percent for Brooklyn. Males are experiencing higher unemployment rates in the district than females, with rates of 19 and 11 percent respectively. Job training and placement programs are needed to combat this problem.

High poverty creates a host of other issues related to affordable housing, health, childcare and crime.

As we move forward to address the issue of homelessness, permanent housing is needed, not homeless shelters. The housing must be affordable to residents of the community where the median household income is \$27,512.

According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, residents of Ocean Hill-Brownsville experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor.

Many of our residents are not eating healthy meals because they lack the income and access to healthy foods. Heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, asthma, HIV and AIDS are prevalent in our community.

Gun violence involving young adults is an increasing problem in our community. Unreported crimes and injuries from street justice continue to negatively impact on our district.

Many of the obstacles our community face are interrelated and cannot be solved in isolation.

We need collaboration of both the public and private sectors to address the many issues our community residents have.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 16 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Commercial development (retail mix, small business and MBWE support, etc.)*
- *Health care services*

Our three most important issues are affordable housing, health care services, and commercial development.

Permanent and affordable housing, not homeless shelters, are needed to meet the increasing needs of our senior citizens, families, and single adults with minimum wage jobs. We also need permanent and affordable housing for young adults whose income is below or above a certain income threshold - too much for subsidized housing but not enough for market rate housing.

The price of a house is still unaffordable to many of our residents. Even with government subsidies, many of our hardworking families find it difficult to attain the American dream of owning their own home because their income has not advanced with the cost of living. Rental housing costs are also skyrocketing, thus making it difficult for families and single adults to maintain permanent housing.

Ocean Hill-Brownsville is part of the Central Brooklyn community where, according to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its residents experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor.

We need the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue its partnership with the various community-based agencies to stem the tide of maladies that are consuming our community and expand obstetric, pediatric, geriatric, mental health, HIV and AIDS services.

Ocean Hill-Brownsville once thrived with a variety of retail outlets that offered fresh food, furniture, clothing, family attractions ,i.e., theatres and other services offered by businesses that were household names which contributed to the bustling commercial activity along its shopping corridors. Inherently, these businesses provided local employment opportunities for residents.

Since the early 1970s, the neighborhood has experienced extreme disinvestment which is attributable to changes in the neighborhood demographics, relocation of brand name stores, and displeasure with remaining retail outlets offering goods and services. The current population is comprised of a majority of economically disadvantaged groups of African-Americans, Caribbean-Americans, Hispanics and Asians who, in addition to racial barriers, are also hindered by lack of access to local banking options, limited financial capital, and no local provisions for accessing small business resources. Thus, these groups are left vulnerable to predatory business practices that make the cost of operating a business within the local community more expensive than in other New York City communities. The longstanding impact of these challenges has resulted in a lack of small business variety, i.e., specialty stores and attractions, which contributes to the oversaturation of the commercial corridors with duplicate businesses that are considered more sustainable. The combination of racial barriers, lack of access and variety of businesses contribute to the community's ongoing challenges to re-establishing the neighborhood as a New York City destination which offers an experience complete with neighborhood attractions and quality goods and services, thus contributing to decades of high unemployment rates which beget criminal behavior, subpar housing conditions, and compromise the health and wellness of the residents of Community District #16.

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers*

Poverty is a severe issue facing our community that impacts health and a host of other quality of life measures. About a third of the families in the district are facing poverty, 60 percent higher than Brooklyn as a whole. (Source: 2011-2015 ACS) Poverty rates in Community District #16 are particularly severe among families with children where 43.5 percent are living in poverty. These rates rise even further for single mothers with children where poverty rates are 51.7 percent. It is important to note that this family type accounts for nearly 60 percent of the families within the district. (Source: 2011-2015 ACS). It is imperative that these families receive the much needed income support services such as cash assistance, medicaid and SNAP benefits; as well as job training and job placement.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Ocean Hill-Brownsville is part of the Central Brooklyn community where, according to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its residents experience more barriers to health care access than those in New York City overall, with nearly 3 in 10 without a regular doctor. We need the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue its partnership with the various community-based organizations to expand obstetric, pediatric, geriatric, mental health, HIV and AIDS services. Many of our residents are uninsured or underinsured. We need health insurance companies to continue their outreach in the community to enroll individuals and families in health plans. We need assistance for adults who are experiencing financial hardship due to escalating costs of prescription medication. Our senior citizens, in particular, are finding it most difficult to pay out-of-pocket costs for prescriptions. A healthy diet is paramount to the well-being of an individual. We need nutrition education outreach in the community to identify and assist persons who are not eating properly and are at-risk of becoming obese and developing circulatory and respiratory conditions. Asthma and diabetes are on the rise in our community and we need services to combat these health challenges. Teenage pregnancy continues to be a major concern to us. We need programs to outreach to our adolescents and educate them about the consequences of engaging in premarital sex. We also need resources to identify and assist those in need of prenatal care. Infant mortality is one of the leading causes of death in our community.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

According to the American Community Survey, approximately 12% of our population is over the age of 62. A large number of our seniors are low-income, live alone, and reside in public housing for the elderly. For older persons at risk of losing self-sufficiency, senior centers are an entry point to an array of services that will assist them as they age in place. We need continued funding of our senior centers to enable them to offer a wide range of health, education, recreation, volunteer and other social interaction opportunities for their participants that enhance dignity, support independence, and encourage community involvement. Most importantly, the centers provide a social environment conducive to the development of a social support system reducing loneliness and depression. Expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels Program is needed for many of our seniors who live alone and whose income is insufficient to purchase ingredients for nutritional meals. Many of our elderly and infirm adults who live alone need escort services to accompany them to medical appointments and grocery shopping. They also need assistance with personal care, housekeeping, and financial management as they strive to live independently in their own homes.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Community District #16 is over saturated with homeless housing. There are 12 homeless shelters funded by the Department of Homeless Services, several shelters for victims of domestic violence, and a number of three quarter houses. In addition, rooms are being rented in 4 hotels in the district to temporarily house homeless individuals and families. Families and individuals become homeless due to a variety of circumstances, including loss of job, instances of substance abuse, domestic violence, eviction, or unsafe building conditions. Because the shelter system should never be considered a home, programs such as LINC and CITYFEPS are needed to assist this population to move into permanent housing. Homeless prevention programs such as Homebase are also needed to assist those at risk of losing affordable permanent housing by providing monetary assistance and linking them to needed resources such as job training, childcare, and substance abuse programs. Community-based social service agencies must receive sufficient funding to give individuals and families the long term support that they need.

Community District Needs Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

According to our district profile published by the Department of City Planning, 29% of our residents have incomes below the NYC government poverty threshold. Our low-income and vulnerable residents have less assets and often face major challenges meeting daily living expenses for housing, food, clothing, and health care. It is imperative that resources be provided to this group to enhance their quality of life. Low-income families experience severe hardships whether they rely on cash assistance, work or a combination of both. These families need institutional support in the form of education, job training, child care, higher minimum wage, and health care.



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
14/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	<i>Gun violence is very prevalent in our community. When gun violence ends a life, it also impacts the lives of survivors (families and friends) who struggle to cope with the loss of a loved one. Preventive and treatment programs are needed for all ages.</i>	Community Wide
15/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	<i>Eating well is important for good health. A healthy diet helps prevent many chronic diseases and conditions, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, some cancers, and heart disease. Expansion of outreach and educational programs such as Healthy Living is needed to improve nutrition and physical activity for all ages. In addition, programs such as Shop Healthy NYC are needed to increase access to healthy foods in the neighborhood retailers. Outreach programs such as the Newborn Visiting Program provides vital resources to the community and needs expansion.</i>	Community Wide
18/29	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>Many of our elderly and homebound residents live alone. Without this service, they would not be able to get to their medical appointments and shop for groceries.</i>	Community Wide
19/29	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Many of our seniors live alone and are in need of assistance to perform activities of daily living in their home such as bathing, feeding, and or housekeeping.</i>	Community Wide
20/29	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>According to the American Community Survey, about a third of families in Community District #16 are facing poverty. Many of these families are at risk of losing affordable housing for a variety of reasons, such as minimum wage jobs, temporary unemployed due to illness, and lost of job. Programs such as Homebase are needed to provide families with monetary assistance and resources to remain in permanent housing.</i>	Community Wide
21/29	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Many of our low-income elderly residents who live alone do not have sufficient income to shop for groceries and prepare daily nutritional meals. An expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels program will enable this population to eat more healthy and frequently.</i>	Community Wide
27/29	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	<i>In zip code 11212, the number of persons 25 years of age and older is 51,370. Of this number, 24.8% do not have a high school diploma or GED (Source: ACS 2013). Educational programs are needed for residents who do not have a high school diploma or GED</i>	Community Wide
29/29	HRA	Enhance cash assistance programs	<i>Unforeseen circumstances such as illness and temporary unemployment impact greatly upon a low income family's ability to meet daily living expenses such as housing. When this occurs, families may need rental assistance to prevent eviction.</i>	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Workforce development and Summer Youth Employment programs are important to the Ocean Hill-Brownsville community where poverty is prevalent. Workforce development programs help to build knowledge, skills, and attitudes that our youth need to obtain and participate in productive work. By developing good work habits and skills at an early age, our youth are more likely to continue this trend. Summer Youth Employment Programs are early introductions to the world of work and help to build skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment. It places them in an environment where they can obtain a wealth of knowledge and wisdom to mature into responsible adults.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

School District #23 has the third lowest attendance record in the city at 87 percent. We are requesting that the Department of Education provide additional resources to address this truancy problem. The Department of Education should work with community members to determine the root causes of truancy in the district and develop innovative solutions that serve our students before they become truant. During the 2016 testing period, results on the New York State ELA test reveal that 42.5% of all students in District #23 were on Level 1, 38.4% on Level 2, 15.1% on Level 3 and 4% on Level 4. Results of the Math test reveal that 32.5% of all students in District #23 were on Level 1, 21.3% on Level 2, 17.5% on Level 3 and 28.7% on Level 4. Nearly a third of the district's young people (18 to 24 years old) lack a high school diploma or equivalency, 50 percent more than Brooklyn as a whole. Another third have obtained a high school diploma or GED. Only five percent have completed a four year college degree. As New York City's economy becomes increasingly specialized, it is crucial for our residents to be prepared to compete for quality jobs. We are requesting that the Department of Education further its investment in college readiness programs. Our schools will require additional guidance counselors and curriculums that place students on a college bound educational path.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Approximately 16 percent of the district's population are children. Day care and headstart programs play a crucial role in supporting young children's development, learning and preparation for both school and life success. Early care and education programs foster children's healthy and positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional development. Early childhood education programs are also critical to parental employment stability. A number of grandparents and other relatives find themselves serving as parents for children whose own parents are unable to care for them because of substance abuse or incarceration. Many of these relatives need financial support to provide food, shelter and clothing to these children. Poverty, parental alcoholism, family instability, overcrowding and abusive conditions in the home, incarceration of a parent, or death of a parent render many of our children at-risk of juvenile delinquency. Juvenile justice programs and preventive services are needed to address this growing community concern.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

If it weren't for afterschool programs, many of our children would go home to an empty house and many others would hang out on the streets until their parents return home from work. Children left unsupervised after school often fall prey to deviant behavior that is harmful to them, to their school and to the community. Afterschool programs provide a safe place for our children, academic support for help with homework, exploring new ways to learn and enhance motivation for learning and tutoring to help "catch up". For our youth, afterschool programs provide a rich array of opportunities for social contacts and enrichment activities, especially related to sports, arts and student directed projects. For families, afterschool programs provide low or no cost care for children and youth. They also provide enrichment opportunities for families who might not be able to afford them otherwise. For the community, afterschool programs provide opportunities to integrate community resources and programs with the school during non peak hours when space and students are more accessible. They also provide safe and supervised recreation and enrichment opportunities to reduce juvenile crime and victimization of unsupervised children and youth.



Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/33	SCA	<i>Renovate interior building component</i>	<i>During hot weather, there is little or no air circulation in the classrooms which affect the learning ability of students. Air condition units are needed in all schools in District #23 to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
5/33	SCA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Air circulation in the auditorium at Mott Hall Bridges Academy is poor and it is extremely uncomfortable during warm weather. Installation of an air condition unit in the auditorium is much needed to improve air circulation.</i>	<i>Mott Hall Bridges Academy 210 Chester Street</i>
6/33	SCA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Upgrade student bathrooms, library and auditorium (curtains, sound system and air condition) to provide a safe and health environment for students and staff at Kappa V.</i>	<i>Kappa V 985 Rockaway Avenue</i>



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Summer youth employment programs are early introductions to the world of work and help to build skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment.</i>	Community Wide
7/29	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	<i>Early care and education programs provided by day care and headstart centers are important to working parents and parents attending school and job training programs. These programs foster children's healthy and positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional development.</i>	Community Wide
8/29	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>For various reasons, not every student is prepared to attend college. Therefore, they should have the option to learn a skilled trade while in high school that will equip them to compete in the job market. Career and Technical Education Programs will prepare our high school students for entry level employment in a specific occupation and is aligned with business/industry standards.</i>	Community Wide
9/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	<i>Many of our impoverished families lack financial resources to provide structured activities for their children. We need continued funding of our Cornerstone and Beacon programs which provide a range of free educational, cultural and recreational resources to our children and youth.</i>	Community Wide
10/29	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	<i>Many of our schools are in need of additional teaching staff to reduce classroom sizes and provide instruction in subjects such as math and science.</i>	Community Wide
13/29	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	<i>To bridge the digital divide and provide current and relevant resources to the students at Brooklyn Collegiate High School, we request funding to outfit their library and classrooms with computers, equipment and books. Many students do not have computer accessibility at home and library books are often limited in quantity, outdated or not relevant to the lives of the students.</i>	2021 Bergen Street
26/29	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	<i>Many of our households are in need of preventive services such as counseling, parenting skills training, and substance abuse treatment to ensure that children remain safe in the home and to prevent children from entering foster care.</i>	Community Wide
28/29	ACS	Expand options for kinship foster care services	<i>Many grandparents and other relatives who are caring for children at risk of entering the foster care system need financial support and other resources for these children.</i>	Community Wide



Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Youth crime

Youth violence is a growing concern in our community where poverty, family instability and unemployment provide fertile ground for its growth. Gangs are perpetuating youth on youth violence that result in injury and death. Far too many young lives are lost from street justice. Collateral damage inflicted by gun violence impacts the victim's family, friends and community.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

Even though reported crimes are decreasing in the 73rd Precinct, we continue to need police presence in our community. According to the most recent data from the New York City Police Department's CompStat Report (10/23/17 to 10/29/17), crimes in the 7 major categories in Ocean Hill-Brownsville decreased by 37.5 percent over the same period in 2016. Unreported crimes and injuries from street justice continue to negatively impact on our community. We need police presence on our streets, in subways, and in our New York City Housing Authority buildings to combat crimes. Oftentimes, law-abiding citizens are reluctant to report crimes because they are distrustful of the police and their ability to reduce crimes. This tension between community residents and police is fueled by police misconduct or incidents where police actions are called into question. Stop and Frisk continues to be an issue in our community. It is imperative that the Police Department connect with the community and build relationships. Community policing has been proven to be very effective at reducing crime and improving the relationships between police and low income communities.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Community District #16 has a large concentration of New York City Housing Authority buildings as well as privately-owned elevated buildings which house many families in close proximity to each other. It is imperative that an adequate number of well trained firefighters are assigned to the firehouses in Community District #16 and they be provided with the necessary firefighting equipment to respond to fires, medical and other emergencies.

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/29	FDNY	<i>Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>A Forcible Entry Door is requested for Battalion 44 which will enable ongoing training of firefighters in the method of opening locked doors in the event of a fire, especially in multiple dwelling buildings.</i>	<i>FDNY EMS STATION 44</i>
16/29	NYPD	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>According to the most recent Compstat data, crimes in 7 major categories are declining. To continue this trend, we need more uniform officers to patrol our streets. The presence of uniform officers help to deter crime and gives the community a sense of security.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
17/29	NYPD	<i>Assign additional housing police officers</i>	<i>Ocean Hill-Brownsville has a high concentration of public housing where most violent crimes occur. We are requesting additional police officers to regularly patrol the interior and exterior of the buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency*Cleanliness/trash collection*

Ongoing housing construction is bringing new families to the community. We need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets. Because of limited onsite storage, garbage from several of our schools and New York City Housing Authority buildings is placed on the sidewalks daily. We need daily pick up of this garbage which is unsightly and attracts rodents. Community District #16 continues to remain at the bottom for recycling. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

During heavy rainfall, flooding and ponding conditions are common at a number of heavily trafficked locations throughout the district. We need regular maintenance of our catch basins to remove obstructions and insure that water continues to flow freely and not create ponding conditions. There's ongoing housing construction throughout the district. Like so many neighborhoods in the City, Community District #16 has very old sewer pipes that break and result in backups. Funds are needed to make timely repairs.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

As new housing construction bring new families to the community, we need more Sanitation personnel to pick up garbage and clean our streets. The most recent scorecard ratings state that our streets are 86% acceptably clean. However, areas in the vicinity of New York City Housing Authority buildings and schools continue to be problematic because garbage is placed on the sidewalks on a daily basis after the collection truck makes its regular pick up. When this occurs, litter is strewn about the sidewalk and streets. Illegal dumping in vacant lots and on sidewalks in front of vacant buildings create unsightly, unhealthy and hazardous conditions. We need regular Sanitation patrol of chronic dumping locations to apprehend violators. According to the Department of Sanitation, recycling of metal, glass and plastic was at 9.3% in August 2017 in Community District #16. This was the lowest in Brooklyn. We need ongoing community outreach to educate our residents about the benefits of recycling.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
11/29	DEP	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Windblown litter as well as household electronics and furniture are deposited in our many rain gardens on a daily basis. Additional manpower is needed to clean the rain gardens more frequently.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
24/29	DEP	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	<i>When litter and debris clog our catch basins, flooding and ponding occur during heavy rainfall at heavily trafficked locations which makes it difficult and unsafe for pedestrian crossing. Periodic cleaning of our catch basins is required.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development*Affordable housing programs*

Households that pay more than 30% of their income for housing, including utilities are considered cost burdened because they may have difficulty paying non-housing needs such as food, clothing, transportation, child care and medical care. According to the American Community Survey 2011-2015 five year estimates, 51% of households in Community District #16 spend 35% or more of their income on rent. Decent housing that is affordable to working and low income families and seniors is in short supply in our community. As the cost of housing continues to soar and income remains stagnant, residents are being pushed out of their homes and onto the streets. We need affordable housing to provide stability for this vulnerable population.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Permanent and affordable housing , not homeless shelters, continues to be a high priority for our community to meet the increasing needs of senior citizens, families, and single adults with minimum wage jobs. We also need permanent and affordable housing for young adults whose income is below or above certain thresholds - too much for subsidized housing but not enough for market rate housing. The price of a house is still unaffordable for many of our residents. Even with government subsidies, many of our hardworking families find it difficult to attain the American dream of owning their own home because their income has not increased with the cost of living. Rental housing costs are also skyrocketing, thus making it difficult for families and single adults to maintain permanent housing. We appeal to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development to continue with plans to build affordable and permanent housing on the remaining City-owned vacant lots in Community District #16 and provide subsidies to truly make the units affordable to our residents.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Since the early 1970s, Ocean Hill-Brownsville has experienced extreme disinvestment along its commercial corridors of Pitkin Avenue, Mother Gaston Boulevard, Saratoga Avenue, Fulton Street, Rockaway Avenue, and Belmont Avenue. The most glaring impact is along Belmont Avenue where there are a number of vacant storefronts or marginal month-to-month tenants. We need both private and public investments in these commercial corridors where our local residents can purchase healthy foods, clothing, furniture, dine out, and engage in cultural enrichment activities. We appeal to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and the New York City Economic Development Corporation to market City-owned parcels and work with private owners who are in need of financial assistance to develop their properties. Unemployment is an acute problem facing Community District #16, with unemployment rates across all demographics. The issue is severely impacting our young people, with unemployment rates for 20-24 years old at 28 percent, compared with 20 percent for Brooklyn. Males within the district are experiencing higher unemployment rates in the district than females, with rates at 19 and 11 percent respectively. The City must implement and expand job training and placement programs in order to combat high unemployment rates. Making improvement to the district's schools will also help to address this problem by insuring that our young people are prepared for the job market.



Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/33	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Residents of Howard Houses have reported that crimes in the buildings and on the grounds have been increasing in recent years. Installation of CCTV cameras will help to deter crime and enhance the quality of life for its residents.</i>	<i>Howard Houses</i>
29/33	NYCHA	<i>Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments</i>	<i>NYCHA developments in Community District #16 generate a large volume of recyclables. However, these developments are not properly recycling their waste. We request that NYCHA install recycling facilities on their properties and educate their tenants on the benefits of recycling.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/29	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>The supply of decent affordable housing for extremely low and low income households is decreasing. As a result, many reside in substandard housing that impacts their health. Others are forced into homeless shelters.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
2/29	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>Maintaining permanent housing is becoming more difficult for low wage working individuals and families. Medium income housing will enable them to become less rent burden and remain in the community</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
4/29	SBS	<i>Other workforce development requests</i>	<i>A comprehensive one stop career center is needed to provide job search, career counseling, case management, re-employment services, job placement, training referrals, labor market information, and business services to unemployed and underemployed residents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
5/29	EDC	<i>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</i>	<i>MWBE resources and technical assistance are needed within the district for small business owners who are struggling to compete with more established businesses in the City of New York.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
6/29	HPD	<i>Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings</i>	<i>Many of our multi family housing stock are in need of roof replacement, heating and electrical upgrades. Financing programs such as the Participation Loan Program and Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program are needed to facilitate the physical and financial sustainability and affordability of privately-owned multifamily buildings.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
22/29	SBS	<i>Support storefront / facade improvements</i>	<i>There are a number of vacant storefronts along our commercial corridors where property owners need financial support to renovate.</i>	<i>Belmont Ave Rockaway Ave Mother Gaston Blvd</i>
23/29	SBS	<i>Support storefront / facade improvements</i>	<i>There are a number of stores that need facade improvement and property owners are in need of financial assistance.</i>	<i>Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd</i>



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic safety

We need safer streets, especially in the area bounded by Livonia Avenue, Junius Street, East New York Avenue and Rockaway Avenue where there is a large concentration of New York City Housing Authority buildings that house thousands of residents, schools, day cares, and senior citizen centers. The streets are unsafe for pedestrians, especially for our senior citizens and children. Our streets are becoming virtual speedways for cars, delivery trucks, and motorcycles. We need speed humps, traffic lights, all-way stop signs and other traffic calming devices to slow traffic.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Potholes and depressions continue to imperil traffic in Community District #16. The Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection need to jointly inspect locations that frequently depress and eventually cave-in to identify the origin of the roadway condition and repair them in a timely fashion. A number of our streets are dimly lit and create an atmosphere conducive to criminal activities. The intensity of street lights need upgrading, especially underneath the elevated train lines along Broadway and Livonia Avenue, and along the bus routes. Truck traffic is increasing throughout the district. Residential blocks, instead of designated truck routes, are being used by 18-wheelers which are destroying our streets and creating congestion. More designated truck route signs are needed. With new housing construction, the volume of traffic is increasing. It is imperative that the Department of Transportation conduct a districtwide survey to determine locations for new traffic lights and stop signs.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

There are no accessible subway stations for persons with physical disabilities in the district. The Broadway Junction station on the "IND" line, the Sutter Avenue, Livonia Avenue, and New Lots Avenue stations on the "L" line, and the Sutter Avenue-Rutland Road, Saratoga Avenue, Rockaway Avenue, and Junius Street stations on the "IRT" line are elevated structures and are not accessible to the physically challenged. We call upon the Metropolitan Transit Authority to appropriate needed funds to construct a connecting passageway between the "L" line and the "IRT" line at Junius Street and Livonia Avenue to enable commuters to freely transfer between stations. The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of traffic because of its connections to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of steps that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We urge the Transit Authority to make the station handicap accessible. The East New York Avenue station on the Long Island Railroad is in need of updating. Cameras are in place on the platforms and should also be placed in the tunnel connecting the stairwells leading to the service roads of Atlantic Avenue. Presently, there is no wheelchair access on the westbound platform. We are requesting that a permanent ramp be installed to provide access for wheelchair bound passengers who now must travel to the Atlantic Avenue terminal to disembark.



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/33	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Due to heavy traffic, salting of our roadways, and ongoing excavations to repair our infrastructure and install utility lines, numerous potholes and cave-ins result which creates hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Ongoing repairs are needed on streets throughout the district.</i>	Community Wide
11/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Rockaway Ave station
12/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Sutter-Rutland Road station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Sutter-Rutland Road station
13/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Saratoga Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Saratoga Ave station
14/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Sutter Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Sutter Ave Station
15/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The New Lots Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i>	New Lots Ave station
16/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Livonia Ave Station



Transportation

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

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17/33	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Junius Street station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station. We're also requesting the construction of a passageway between the "Junius Street" station on the IRT-3 and the "Livonia Avenue" station on the IND-L to enable commuters to transfer between stations without descending to the street to re-enter the transit system.</i>	<i>Junius St station</i>
18/33	DOT	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>The IRT subway line runs along Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and East 98th Street. Additional lights are needed along Livonia Avenue to brighten the street and make it less conducive to criminal activities.</i>	<i>Livonia Ave Junius St East 98th St</i>
19/33	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of pedestrian traffic because of its connection to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of stairs that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We are requesting that the station be made handicap accessible.</i>	<i>Broadway Junction station</i>
20/33	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Atlantic Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walkup the stairway to use the station.</i>	<i>Atlantic Ave station</i>
24/33	DOT	<i>Install streetscape improvements</i>	<i>Broken sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair, as well as pedestrian ramps.</i>	<i>Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd</i>
25/33	DOT	<i>Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps</i>	<i>Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along our commerical strip.</i>	<i>Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd</i>

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities*Park care and maintenance*

Our playgrounds and parks provide the only recreation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and are unable to travel outside of the community. Several of these parks are located adjacent to public schools where hundreds of children use them on a daily basis during school hours. We need regular maintenance to keep them clean and prevent their deterioration from normal wear and tear. The Brownsville Recreation Center is an indoor facility that is used on a daily basis by hundreds of patrons. Additional maintenance staff is needed to keep the facility clean.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Our playgrounds and parks provide the only recreation for many of our residents who are economically disadvantaged and lack the resources to travel outside of the community to recreation facilities. When people have access to parks, they exercise more. Regular physical activity has been shown to increase health and reduce the risk of a wide range of diseases, including heart disease, hypertension and diabetes which are prevalent in our community. Parks also produce important social and community development benefits. They make inner city neighborhoods like Ocean Hill-Brownsville more livable, and offer recreation opportunities for at-risk youths, low-income children and families. Access to public parks and recreation facilities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and in particular to reduce juvenile delinquency. Our parks and playgrounds are used by hundreds of children and adults on a daily basis, therefore we need regular maintenance to keep them clean and make repairs to prevent their deterioration from normal wear and tear. Playground Assistants are needed during the summer months to provide structured activities in our parks. The Brownsville Recreation Center is heavily used and is in need renovation as well as additional recreation and maintenance staff.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The Saratoga Library Branch and the Stone Avenue Library Branch are in need of interior and exterior repairs to improve the environment for their patrons and staff. The heating and cooling system at the Saratoga Library branch needs upgrading, safety and security enhancements are needed, in addition to new furniture and equipment to better serve the needs of the patrons. New windows, doors, repointing and rehab of the limestone, roof and side entry steps are needed at the Stone Avenue branch library.



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruction of Floyd Paterson Field with synthetic turf for multi purpose use such as baseball, football, soccer, and cricket will improve the condition of the field and make it more conducive for recreational activities for all ages.</i>	Floyd Paterson Field
3/33	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>A comfort station is needed at Powell Street Playground. Construction of a comfort station will also service users of Houston Playground which is located across the street.</i>	Powell Street Playground
7/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Rehabilitate Osborn Playground to include new play equipment and safety surface. The comfort station is also in need of renovation.</i>	Osborn Playground
9/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>The Brownsville Recreation Center needs a new roof. Leaks in the roof of the Brownsville Recreation Center are causing structural damage to the building and making much needed recreation space unusable.</i>	Brownsville Recreation Center
21/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Years of use without adequate maintenance has taken its toll on this major recreation facility. The running track is badly deteriorated and is subject to trip hazards. The ball field is more sand than grass. The handball courts and basketball courts need resurfacing. The comfort station also needs renovation.</i>	Betsy Head Park
22/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Newport Playground is located adjacent to PS 41 and three housing developments where hundreds of children live. Resurfacing of the basketball court and reconstruction of the multi purpose play area will remove hazardous conditions and provide a more user friendly environment.</i>	Newport Playground
23/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Chester Playground is located adjacent to PS/IS 327. Rehabilitation of the playground equipment and basketball courts are needed.</i>	Chester Playground
26/33	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field are located diagonally from each other. Construction of a comfort station at Nehemiah Park will service both Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field which are heavily used by residents of neighboring housing developments.</i>	Nehemiah Park
27/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Livonia Park is adjacent to a senior citizen complex. New benches, checkers and chess tables are needed.</i>	Livonia Park



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
28/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>New and updated play equipment is needed at Fish Playground to provide recreation for children in the adjacent school as well as the community.</i>	<i>Fish Playground</i>
30/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Dr. Richard Greene Playground is adjacent to a public school and several NYCHA buildings which is the only source of recreation for hundreds of children. The play equipment needs upgrading as well as the comfort station.</i>	<i>Dr Richard Green Playground</i>
31/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>P.S. 125 Playground is located adjacent to Brownsville Houses which is a NYCHA development that houses hundreds of small children. Due to wear and tear, the play equipment in this playground needs replacement.</i>	<i>P.S. 125 Playground</i>
32/33	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Renovation of the interior of the Saratoga Library Branch is needed to include the heating and cooling system and safety and security enhancements.</i>	<i>Saratoga Library Branch</i>
33/33	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	<i>Repointing and rehabilitation of the limestone are needed to prevent further deterioration of exterior of the Stone Avenue Library Branch which is also in need of a new roof and side entry steps. In addition, new windows and doors are also needed.</i>	<i>Stone Ave Branch Library</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
25/29	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Street trees throughout the district are in need of pruning. Tree limbs are covering streetlights and creating a condition conducive to criminal activities.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/33	HRA	<i>Renovate the Brownsville Multi Service Center</i>	<i>The Brownsville Multi Service Center is a city-owned building, located at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street. Since its construction in the early 1970s, there has been no major renovation of this facility. The bathrooms, elevators, heating and ventilation system, electrical wiring and lighting need upgrading to better service the needs of its occupant agencies that provide an array of services to residents of Community District #16. In addition, the concrete walkways in the front and rear of the building are cracked and present trip hazards. Complete replacement of the concrete walkways are needed.</i>	<i>Brownsville Multi Service Center 444 Thomas S. Boyland St</i>

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 16 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 16 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/33	SCA	<i>Renovate interior building component</i>	<i>During hot weather, there is little or no air circulation in the classrooms which affect the learning ability of students. Air condition units are needed in all schools in District #23 to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.</i>	Community Wide	
2/33	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Reconstruction of Floyd Paterson Field with synthetic turf for multi purpose use such as baseball, football, soccer, and cricket will improve the condition of the field and make it more conducive for recreational activities for all ages.</i>	Floyd Paterson Field	
3/33	DPR	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>A comfort station is needed at Powell Street Playground. Construction of a comfort station will also service users of Houston Playground which is located across the street.</i>	Powell Street Playground	
4/33	NYCHA	<i>Install security cameras or make other safety upgrades</i>	<i>Residents of Howard Houses have reported that crimes in the buildings and on the grounds have been increasing in recent years. Installation of CCTV cameras will help to deter crime and enhance the quality of life for its residents.</i>	Howard Houses	
5/33	SCA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Air circulation in the auditorium at Mott Hall Bridges Academy is poor and it is extremely uncomfortable during warm weather. Installation of an air condition unit in the auditorium is much needed to improve air circulation.</i>	Mott Hall Bridges Academy 210 Chester Street	
6/33	SCA	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>Upgrade student bathrooms, library and auditorium (curtains, sound system and air condition) to provide a safe and health environment for students and staff at Kappa V.</i>	Kappa V 985 Rockaway Avenue	
7/33	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Rehabilitate Osborn Playground to include new play equipment and safety surface. The comfort station is also in need of renovation.</i>	Osborn Playground	
8/33	HRA	<i>Renovate the Brownsville Multi Service Center</i>	<i>The Brownsville Multi Service Center is a city-owned building, located at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street. Since its construction in the early 1970s, there has been no major renovation of this facility. The bathrooms, elevators, heating and ventilation system, electrical wiring and lighting need upgrading to better service the needs of its occupant agencies that provide an array of services to residents of Community District #16. In addition, the concrete walkways in the front and rear of the building are cracked and present trip hazards. Complete replacement of the concrete walkways are needed.</i>	Brownsville Multi Service Center 444 Thomas S. Boyland St	

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10/33	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	<i>Due to heavy traffic, salting of our roadways, and ongoing excavations to repair our infrastructure and install utility lines, numerous potholes and cave-ins result which creates hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Ongoing repairs are needed on streets throughout the district.</i>	Community Wide	
11/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Rockaway Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Rockaway Ave station	
12/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Sutter-Rutland Road station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Sutter-Rutland Road station	
13/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Saratoga Avenue station on the IRT line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Saratoga Ave station	
14/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Sutter Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Sutter Ave Station	
15/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The New Lots Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station</i>	New Lots Ave station	
16/33	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The Livonia Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walk up the stairway to use the station.</i>	Livonia Ave Station	

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18/33	DOT	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>The IRT subway line runs along Livonia Avenue between Junius Street and East 98th Street. Additional lights are needed along Livonia Avenue to brighten the street and make it less conducive to criminal activities.</i>		<i>Livonia Ave Junius St East 98th St</i>
19/33	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Broadway Junction station has a very high volume of pedestrian traffic because of its connection to 3 train lines and 5 bus lines. The station has a series of stairs that prevent the physically challenged from using this facility. We are requesting that the station be made handicap accessible.</i>		<i>Broadway Junction station</i>
20/33	NYCTA	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>The Atlantic Avenue station on the "L" line is an elevated structure and is not handicap accessible. An elevator or escalator is needed to enable persons who cannot walkup the stairway to use the station.</i>		<i>Atlantic Ave station</i>
21/33	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Years of use without adequate maintenance has taken its toll on this major recreation facility. The running track is badly deteriorated and is subject to trip hazards. The ball field is more sand than grass. The handball courts and basketball courts need resurfacing. The comfort station also needs renovation.</i>		<i>Betsy Head Park</i>
22/33	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Newport Playground is located adjacent to PS 41 and three housing developments where hundreds of children live. Resurfacing of the basketball court and reconstruction of the multi purpose play area will remove hazardous conditions and provide a more user friendly environment.</i>		<i>Newport Playground</i>
23/33	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Chester Playground is located adjacent to PS/IS 327. Rehabilitation of the playground equipment and basketball courts are needed.</i>		<i>Chester Playground</i>

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24/33	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Broken sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair, as well as pedestrian ramps.	Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd	Pitkin Avenue Management Association
25/33	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	Broken sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps are in need of repair along our commerical strip.	Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd	
26/33	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field are located diagonally from each other. Construction of a comfort station at Nehemiah Park will service both Nehemiah Park and Floyd Paterson Field which are heavily used by residents of neighboring housing developments.		Nehemiah Park
27/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Livonia Park is adjacent to a senior citizen complex. New benches, checkers and chess tables are needed.		Livonia Park
28/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	New and updated play equipment is needed at Fish Playground to provide recreation for children in the adjacent school as well as the community.		Fish Playground
29/33	NYCHA	Install recycling facilities at NYCHA developments	NYCHA developments in Community District #16 generate a large volume of recyclables. However, these developments are not properly recycling their waste. We request that NYCHA install recycling facilities on their properties and educate their tenants on the benefits of recycling.		Community Wide
30/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Dr. Richard Greene Playground is adjacent to a public school and several NYCHA buildings which is the only source of recreation for hundreds of children. The play equipment needs upgrading as well as the comfort station.		Dr Richard Green Playground
31/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	P.S. 125 Playground is located adjacent to Brownsville Houses which is a NYCHA development that houses hundreds of small children. Due to wear and tear, the play equipment in this playground needs replacement.		P.S. 125 Playground
32/33	BPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Renovation of the interior of the Saratoga Library Branch is needed to include the heating and cooling system and safety and security enhancements.		Saratoga Library Branch

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33/33	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Repointing and rehabilitation of the limestone are needed to prevent further deterioration of exterior of the Stone Avenue Library Branch which is also in need of a new roof and side entry steps. In addition, new windows and doors are also needed.</i>	Stone Ave Branch Library	

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1/29	HPD	Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households	<i>The supply of decent affordable housing for extremely low and low income households is decreasing. As a result, many reside in substandard housing that impacts their health. Others are forced into homeless shelters.</i>	Community Wide	
2/29	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	<i>Maintaining permanent housing is becoming more difficult for low wage working individuals and families. Medium income housing will enable them to become less rent burden and remain in the community</i>	Community Wide	
3/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	<i>Summer youth employment programs are early introductions to the world of work and help to build skills that our youth need to develop good work habits and sustain employment.</i>	Community Wide	
4/29	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>A comprehensive one stop career center is needed to provide job search, career counseling, case management, re-employment services, job placement, training referrals, labor market information, and business services to unemployed and underemployed residents.</i>	Community Wide	
5/29	EDC	Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs	<i>MWBE resources and technical assistance are needed within the district for small business owners who are struggling to compete with more established businesses in the City of New York.</i>	Community Wide	
6/29	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	<i>Many of our multi family housing stock are in need of roof replacement, heating and electrical upgrades. Financing programs such as the Participation Loan Program and Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Program are needed to facilitate the physical and financial sustainability and affordability of privately-owned multifamily buildings.</i>	Community Wide	
7/29	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	<i>Early care and education programs provided by day care and headstart centers are important to working parents and parents attending school and job training programs. These programs foster children's healthy and positive cognitive, physical, social and emotional development.</i>	Community Wide	
8/29	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>For various reasons, not every student is prepared to attend college. Therefore, they should have the option to learn a skilled trade while in high school that will equip them to compete in the job market. Career and Technical Education Programs will prepare our high school students for entry level employment in a specific occupation and is aligned with business/industry standards.</i>	Community Wide	

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9/29	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Many of our impoverished families lack financial resources to provide structured activities for their children. We need continued funding of our Cornerstone and Beacon programs which provide a range of free educational, cultural and recreational resources to our children and youth.	Community Wide	
10/29	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	Many of our schools are in need of additional teaching staff to reduce classroom sizes and provide instruction in subjects such as math and science.	Community Wide	
11/29	DEP	Other sewer maintenance requests	Windblown litter as well as household electronics and furniture are deposited in our many rain gardens on a daily basis. Additional manpower is needed to clean the rain gardens more frequently.	Community Wide	
12/29	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	A Forcible Entry Door is requested for Battalion 44 which will enable ongoing training of firefighters in the method of opening locked doors in the event of a fire, especially in multiple dwelling buildings.	FDNY EMS STATION 44	
13/29	SCA	Provide technology upgrade	To bridge the digital divide and provide current and relevant resources to the students at Brooklyn Collegiate High School, we request funding to outfit their library and classrooms with computers, equipment and books. Many students do not have computer accessibility at home and library books are often limited in quantity, outdated or not relevant to the lives of the students.	2021 Bergen Street	
14/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	Gun violence is very prevalent in our community. When gun violence ends a life, it also impacts the lives of survivors (families and friends) who struggle to cope with the loss of a loved one. Preventive and treatment programs are needed for all ages.	Community Wide	
15/29	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	Eating well is important for good health. A healthy diet helps prevent many chronic diseases and conditions, such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke, some cancers, and heart disease. Expansion of outreach and educational programs such as Healthy Living is needed to improve nutrition and physical activity for all ages. In addition, programs such as Shop Healthy NYC are needed to increase access to healthy foods in the neighborhood retailers. Outreach programs such as the Newborn Visiting Program provides vital resources to the community and needs expansion.	Community Wide	
16/29	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	According to the most recent Compstat data, crimes in 7 major categories are declining. To continue this trend, we need more uniform officers to patrol our streets. The presence of uniform officers help to deter crime and gives the community a sense of security.	Community Wide	

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17/29	NYPD	Assign additional housing police officers	<i>Ocean Hill-Brownsville has a high concentration of public housing where most violent crimes occur. We are requesting additional police officers to regularly patrol the interior and exterior of the buildings.</i>	Community Wide	
18/29	DFTA	Increase transportation services capacity	<i>Many of our elderly and homebound residents live alone. Without this service, they would not be able to get to their medical appointments and shop for groceries.</i>	Community Wide	
19/29	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Many of our seniors live alone and are in need of assistance to perform activities of daily living in their home such as bathing, feeding, and or housekeeping.</i>	Community Wide	
20/29	HRA	Other homelessness prevention program request	<i>According to the American Community Survey, about a third of families in Community District #16 are facing poverty. Many of these families are at risk of losing affordable housing for a variety of reasons, such as minimum wage jobs, temporary unemployed due to illness, and lost of job. Programs such as Homebase are needed to provide families with monetary assistance and resources to remain in permanent housing.</i>	Community Wide	
21/29	DFTA	Increase home delivered meals capacity	<i>Many of our low-income elderly residents who live alone do not have sufficient income to shop for groceries and prepare daily nutritional meals. An expansion of the Meals-on-Wheels program will enable this population to eat more healthy and frequently.</i>	Community Wide	
22/29	SBS	Support storefront / facade improvements	<i>There are a number of vacant storefronts along our commercial corridors where property owners need financial support to renovate.</i>	Belmont Ave Rockaway Ave Mother Gaston Blvd	
23/29	SBS	Support storefront / facade improvements	<i>There are a number of stores that need facade improvement and property owners are in need of financial assistance.</i>	Pitkin Ave Howard Ave Mother Gaston Blvd	Pitkin Avenue Management Association.
24/29	DEP	Clean catch basins	<i>When litter and debris clog our catch basins, flooding and ponding occur during heavy rainfall at heavily trafficked locations which makes it difficult and unsafe for pedestrian crossing. Periodic cleaning of our catch basins is required.</i>	Community Wide	
25/29	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	<i>Street trees throughout the district are in need of pruning. Tree limbs are covering streetlights and creating a condition conducive to criminal activities.</i>	Community Wide	
26/29	ACS	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	<i>Many of our households are in need of preventive services such as counseling, parenting skills training, and substance abuse treatment to ensure that children remain safe in the home and to prevent children from entering foster care.</i>	Community Wide	

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27/29	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	<i>In zip code 11212, the number of persons 25 years of age and older is 51,370. Of this number, 24.8% do not have a high school diploma or GED (Source: ACS 2013). Educational programs are needed for residents who do not have a high school diploma or GED</i>	Community Wide	
28/29	ACS	<i>Expand options for kinship foster care services</i>	<i>Many grandparents and other relatives who are caring for children at risk of entering the foster care system need financial support and other resources for these children.</i>	Community Wide	
29/29	HRA	<i>Enhance cash assistance programs</i>	<i>Unforeseen circumstances such as illness and temporary unemployment impact greatly upon a low income family's ability to meet daily living expenses such as housing. When this occurs, families may need rental assistance to prevent eviction.</i>	Community Wide	