



**Statements of Community  
District Needs  
*and*  
Community Board  
Budget Requests  
*for*  
Bronx Community District 7  
Fiscal Year 2019**

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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 Bronx Community Board 7'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.

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

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

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

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## 1. Community Board Information

### Bronx Community Board 7

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## 2. Community District Profile

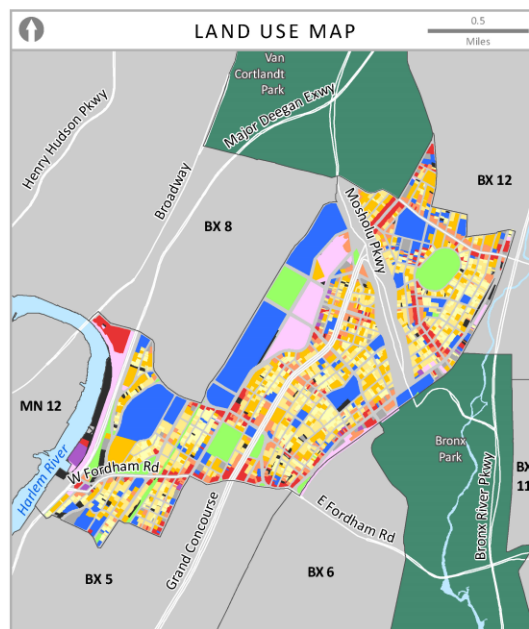
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# Bronx Community District 7



**Neighborhoods<sup>1</sup>:** Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, University Heights

POPULATION & DENSITY		
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2010 <sup>3</sup>	2000-2010
141,411	139,286	-2%
2011-2015 Estimate <sup>4</sup>		128,610
Square Miles		1.9
Population Density		73,308/sq mi



### COMMUNITY BOARD PERSPECTIVES

Top 3 pressing issues identified by Bronx Community Board 7 in 2017:

1. Commercial development
2. Schools
3. Other (see Statement of Needs)

To learn more, please read [Bronx CD 7'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	1,279	10%
Multifamily Walk-up	977	15%
Multifamily Elevator	354	15%
Mixed Use	312	8%
Commercial	245	7%
Industrial	24	1%
Transportation/Utility	38	3%
Public/Institutional	160	24%
Open Space	30	8%
Parking	105	3%
Vacant	128	6%
Other	13	<1%

[Click here for a more detailed land use map of Bronx CD 7](#)

## A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS <sup>5</sup>	
Public Schools	46
Public Libraries	4
Hospitals and Clinics	20
Parks	16
<a href="#">Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer</a>	

RENT BURDEN <sup>4, 6</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>56%</b>	51%
of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent	NYC
	45%

ACCESS TO PARKS <sup>7</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Citywide Target
<b>98%</b>	85%
of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	

MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK <sup>4, 8</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>43</b>	43 minutes
minutes	NYC
	40 minutes

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY <sup>4</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>35%</b>	26%
of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC
	23%

CRIME RATE <sup>9</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>15.8</b>	14.3
major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC
	11.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>18%</b>	19%
of residents 25 years or older have earned a bachelor's degree or higher	NYC
	36%

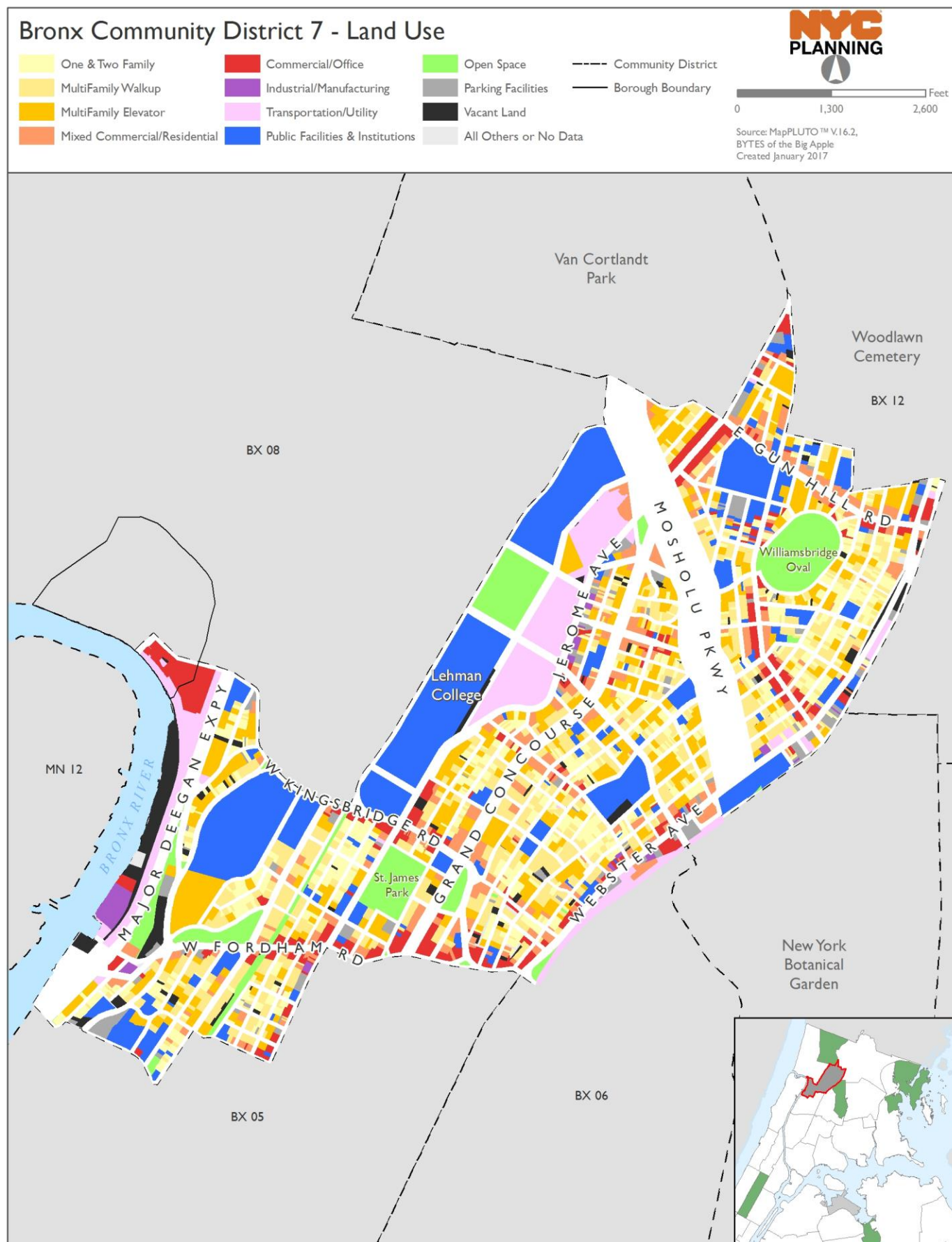
UNEMPLOYMENT <sup>4, 10</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>15.4%</b>	14%
of the civilian labor force was unemployed on average from 2011 to 2015	NYC
	9.5%

NYCgov POVERTY MEASURE <sup>11</sup>	
Bronx CD 7	Bronx
<b>28%</b>	28%
of residents have incomes below the NYCgov poverty threshold. See the <a href="#">federal poverty rate here</a> .	NYC
	21%

<sup>1</sup>Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. <sup>2</sup>2000 US Census; <sup>3</sup>2010 US Census; <sup>4</sup>American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. <sup>5</sup>NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); <sup>6</sup>Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. <sup>9</sup>NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); <sup>10</sup>Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. <sup>11</sup>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

Bronx Community Board 7 is located in the northwest section of the borough and is comprised of all or part of the neighborhoods of Bedford Park, Fordham, Jerome Park, Kingsbridge Heights, Mosholu, Norwood, University Heights, and a portion of the Marble Hill section of Manhattan. We are bordered by Webster Avenue to the east, Woodlawn Cemetery and Van Cortland Park to the north, Goulden Avenue to the northwest, the Harlem River to the southwest, Hall of Fame Terrace to the south, and Fordham Road to the southeast.

There are many attractions in or near the district that make it desirable to live, shop and visit including the New York Botanical Garden, Van Cortland Park, the Bronx Library Center, the Kingsbridge Armory, the Lehman Center for Performing Arts and the Lehman Art Gallery, the Bronx's Education Mile, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, Bronx Historical Society, Montefiore Medical Center, and Bronx High School of Science. The district is home to many post-secondary educational facilities such as Lehman College and Monroe College and adjacent to other institutions such as Fordham University and Bronx Community College. The district is also centrally located to major highways and roads, as well as crucial public transportation connections such as both NYCT and Westchester bus lines, trains, and several Metro North Railroad lines.

As per the 2010 census, the district has a population of just under 140,000 persons. With a total land area of 1.9 square miles, the CD 7 is one of the most densely populated community districts in the borough (over 73,600 people per square mile), which is more than double the borough's average population density. As a result of the growing population, multi-story housing development, and limited economic opportunities, these conditions have created a variety of quality of life issues for residents, including overcrowded schools (the district is within School District 10, the most overcrowded district in the Bronx and the 3rd most overcrowded school district in the city), a lack of affordable housing, and overburdened municipal services, to name a few.



#### 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 7 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)*
- *Schools*

The quality of local schools continues to be a major issue of concern for local residents. The number of schools seats available in our community has not kept pace with our growing youth population and most of our schools are already experiencing overcrowding. As additional development occurs in the district, the problem will only continue to grow more serious. Additionally, our district is home to many immigrant communities which has further strained the ability of our schools to function properly.

Housing affordability continues to be one of the primary issues facing residents of our district. 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 far quicker than new affordable housing units can be constructed. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents who have been priced out of their own neighborhoods in New York City, increasing competition for the affordable units available in the district.

The Bronx has taken on more city-financed supportive housing in the past decade than any other borough and there is a prevailing feeling in our district that we have received a disproportionate share of these developments. In addition to supportive housing facilities, the district is also home to numerous homeless shelters, half-way houses and other special needs housing. While we recognize that these developments provide needed services for special needs population, they are often loosely governed and the source of many quality of life issues in the district.



## Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services*Mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention programs*

According to the 2010 census, nearly 71,000 residents, or over fifty percent of the total population, receive some kind of government assistance. Even with existing assistance programs, many of these residents struggle to make ends meet. There is a real need to find additional means of assistance to help improve the quality of life of these residents.

**Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/23	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	There is a need for a full-service, full-time animal shelter in the Bronx. Presently, the Bronx has only a part-time service which is insufficient for meeting the needs of the borough.	Community Wide

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Health Care and Human Services

#### Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/37	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Provide Additional funding for our Neighborhood Senior Centers. Senior Centers operate on minimal budgets are highly dependent on additional funding from elected officials and other sources. As these funding sources dry up due to the weakened economy, centers are finding it extremely difficult to maintain basic operations. We request that DFTA increase the base budgets for senior centers without forcing them to turn to RFP's and other external grants. These programs should include a telephone reassurance program and outreach program.	Community Wide
12/37	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	The Bronx continues to have one of the highest rates of mental illness, HIV/AIDS infections and death in New York City. Additional services targeted at education and treatment in the borough would help to address this long-standing issue.	Community Wide
13/37	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	According to the most recent Community Health Survey, many residents are either overweight or obese and suffer disproportionately from related diseases such as diabetes. The Department of Health needs to partner with other agencies such as the Department of Education to ensure that nutrition and physical education programs are included in our schools. Additionally, the DOH should conduct targeted nutritional education programs to at-risk populations in the community.	Community Wide
22/37	DHS	Expand street outreach	While New York City as a whole has continued to see an increase in street homeless, the problem has become serious in the Mosholu Parkway area. Residents have long complained that benches and secluded areas of the Parkway have become home to increasing number of street homeless who make camp in the area.	Mosholu Parkway Van Cortlandt Avenue Webster Avenue
25/37	DOHMH	Promote Quit Smoking Programs	According to the New York City Department of Health, our neighborhoods have some of the highest percentages of smokers in the entire city. The city should make a concerted effort at targeting smokers in our neighborhood with a particular focus on multi-lingual outreach to target specific communities.	Community Wide
27/37	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	The current availability of programs such as the one shot deal help to keep New Yorkers in their homes. However, far too many residents are still falling through the cracks and ending up in shelters across the city. There is a pressing need to provide additional resources for rental assistance programs that can help stem the growing tide of homelessness in the city.	Community Wide
29/37	HRA	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers	In our experience, many of the housing facilities for special needs population do not provide the case management services that these populations need. Three-quarter housing continues to be a particular issue of concern as these facilities bring mentally ill and recovering addicts into the community without providing the resources to help these populations thrive.	Community Wide



## Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
30/37	HRA	<i>Other homelessness prevention program request</i>	<i>The growing homeless population has forced the Department of Homeless Services to develop new shelters with a disproportionate share being sited in or around Community Board 7. In order to better serve the homeless and to prevent the proliferation of new shelters, the city must do more to provide rental assistance and vouchers to help the homeless transition to permanent housing.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



### Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

#### *School and educational facilities (Capacity)*

CEC 10, which includes all of our district, is the most overcrowded district in the Bronx and is among the most overcrowded districts citywide. As a result, students find themselves trying to learn while jammed into spaces never intended as classrooms, such as libraries, gymnasiums, laboratories, lunchrooms, and even closets. There is substantial evidence that overcrowding, particularly in high-poverty districts such as ours, can have an adverse impact on learning.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/23	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Currently, eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are operating overcapacity, with several of these schools severely overcapacity. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with hundreds of planned housing units across the district. As a result of these new developments, school overcrowding will continue become a larger issue unless new grade schools are built immediately.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</i>	<i>Replace trailers at PS 56 and construct a Munti-story Building with a Ground floor Gym adjacent to current school. This school has been identified as one of the handfull of schools in CD 7 that is operating at 200% of capacity. There is no additional space, despaithe the fact that there are several temporary sheds serving as classrooms where there was once a playyard. Additionally, the new PS 56 anex on 361 East Gun Hill Road is a former PS 94 annex. We request that DOE/SCA conduct a study and design of a new building at this site and allocate funds for construction of the school.</i>	<i>3177 Webster Avenue</i>



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/37	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services</i>	<i>The Summer Youth Employment Program has been an invaluable tool in equipping youth with valuable job skills while keeping them engaged and out of trouble. We urge that additional slots be allocated for summer jobs. However, there is currently no youth employment program during the school year. The department should explore opportunities for youth employment programs to after-school or weekends during the school year. In doing so, we can ensure that youth can continue to build their job readiness skills while earning money and staying off the streets.</i>	Community Wide
5/37	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>After-school programs are a critical tool in improving education and keeping kids off the 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>	Community Wide
11/37	DOE	<i>Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services</i>	<i>School aides provide a vital service in assisting teachers and principals with many issues in our public schools. The department should increase funding for aides and other non-teaching staff to improve education outcomes and to proactively address social, health and other issues that affect students and the school environment.</i>	Community Wide
28/37	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>There is an acute need for physical education programs in neighborhood schools, both to assist in combating childhood obesity and in creating a more stimulating learning environment.</i>	Community Wide
35/37	DOE	<i>Improve school safety</i>	<i>The NYPD School Safety Report for this location is incomplete. However, there has been plenty of anecdotal evidence to support the need for additional school safety resources at this location.</i>	149 E Mosholu Pkwy N
37/37	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7.</i>	Community Wide





## Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*General crime*

Although crime is down overall this year, there are several categories which have experienced increases including shooting incidents and armed robbery. The NYPD has worked hard to address these increases in our area through programs like Summer All Out and the Impact Zones, but it is clear that more officers are needed on a permanent basis to continue downward trajectories in crime. The priorities from last year's Public Safety District needs assessment still remain important to the Community board, however, the need for all 52nd Precinct officers to have body cameras and their patrol cars goes well with improve community relationship. In addition, increase anti-gang prevention activities and combating gang activities is equally important. All youth programs, whether they are after school and/or summer programs are public safety needs.

**Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	NYPD	<i>Provide shotspotters</i>	<i>The 52nd Precinct is among the pilot locations for the Shotspotter system, but the system currently does not cover the most problematic areas in the precinct. An expansion of the system to the whole precinct would be an invaluable tool in helping out precinct address rising gun violence in our community.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	NYPD	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>The 52nd Precinct House is a historic landmark with its trademark Tower Clock, which is not currently operational. The board requests that the Tower Clock needs to be repaired.</i>	<i>3016 Webster Avenue</i>
CS	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

## Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/37	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 52nd Precinct has a large coverage area which requires additional patrol cars. Areas in the northern half of the precinct often do not receive patrols due to a combination of high crime rates in the south and a lack of available equipment. The purchase of additional patrol cars would ensure that all areas of the precinct receive much-needed attention.	Community Wide
19/37	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Increase Fire Prevention Prevention and Education Programs. Due to an increase in new construction and renovation of buildings throughout the district as well as an older housing stock, we believe that there is a need to highlight the importance and distribution of Carbon Monoxide and smoke detectors throughout the district.	Community Wide
21/37	NYPD	Assign additional transit police officers	The district is home to three subway lines and there are nine stations in the district. The large number of stations and lines has strained the ability of transit officers to address ongoing issues in the subway. Common complaints include panhandling, card swiping and vandalism. Additional officers would allow these complaints to be addressed quicker and more efficiently.	Community Wide
24/37	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	Community Board 7 has a high number of schools compared to neighboring districts, particularly in the number of high schools in the community. Additional school safety officers are needed to ensure the safety of students at these facilities, particularly as new residents move in and increase school populations.	Community Wide

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

#### Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

##### *Environmental concerns affecting citizens*

The office receives a high volume of complaints related to the cleanliness of the district. Specifically, there are a high volume of complaints related to dog waste and illegal dumping.

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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/23	DEP	Other water supply system maintenance requests	Create a jogging path around the Jerome Park Reservoir with an entranceway on Goulden Avenue which would provide easier access to residents in the district. The current plans for the jogging path do not encircle the reservoir and the board has implored the Parks Department and DEP to reopen portions of the reservoir so the Cb#7 residents have easier access to this community amenity.	Jerome Park Reservoir
13/23	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	In addition to repairing catch basins, the board believes that the flooding issue on Mosholu Parkway could be addressed by the construction of green infrastructure such as bio swales along the Parkway.	Mosholu Parkway

#### Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/37	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement activity would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.	Community Wide
9/37	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	The office receives many complaints about infrequent or inconsistent pickup of litter baskets across the district. Additional personnel and more frequent pickup would be helpful in addressing this ongoing issue.	Community Wide
10/37	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	While certain areas of the district have many on-street trash cans, there are also large portions of the district in which none are available. Providing additional on-street trash cans and recycling containers would help to keep our streets cleaner.	Community Wide
17/37	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	Increase the number of Sanitation Field Workers. With an increase in new housing construction and the overall population of Community Board #7, there is a need for additional sanitation workers to provide regular garbage, recycling and snow removal operations.	Community Wide

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



#### Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

##### *Zoning review and enforcement*

The oversaturation of special needs housing has many impacts on our community. For starters, the construction and/or conversion of these units has often come at the cost of market or affordable housing that would be more helpful in addressing the needs of our residents. More importantly, the residents of these developments are often unable to work and make a positive economic contribution to their neighborhood. The areas with the highest proportions of these units struggle to maintain retail with the limited purchasing power of these individuals which continues to send the neighborhood on a negative trajectory.

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

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Location</b>
2/23	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Create Alternative Uses for the Kingsbridge Armory The proposal to redevelop the Kingsbridge Armory as a the Kingsbridge National Ice Center has been approved by the Community Board. We ask that the city continue to work towards the creation of this ice center and provide any needed infrastructure improvements.</i>	<i>29 W Kingsbridge Rd</i>
16/23	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. However, there has been a severe shortage in the availability of affordable units for middle income residents. The lack of affordable housing has forced many of these residents to leave the area, further depressing the local economy as they are replaced with low-income or special needs populations.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

### Land Use, Housing and Economic Development



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

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/37	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase the number of building inspectors for new construction, renovations and elevator inspections. The Bronx in general and CD #7 specifically has seen a rise in new building construction, major capital improvements and other DOB related repairs. In light of the rise in the number of incidents and complaints about unscrupulous owners and contractors, the board is imploring the DOB to increase the number of inspectors in the Borough to meet current and projected demand.	Community Wide
15/37	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Provide additional Personnel for HPD Inspections. There are many community residents who do not live in quality housing because of non-compliance with housing regulations. The primary cause is not that complaints are not recorded by HPD but the heavy reliance of self-certification for determining compliance. We request that HPD move away from relying heavily on self certification and hire additional enforcement personnel to deal with the large number of outstanding violations.	Community Wide
23/37	SBS	Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	Several years ago, the Community Board and other stakeholders collaborated to create the Webster Avenue Vision plan which sought to transform Webster Avenue into a vibrant mixed-use district that serves the needs of culturally diverse neighborhoods and world class institutions. Since the passage of this plan, the city has made little effort to attract the types of retail establishments that would support this vision plan. The city needs to reengage with the board to create a marketing and business attraction plan for the area.	Webster Avenue Fordham Road Gun Hill Road
26/37	EDC	Expand graffiti removal services on private sites	The average wait-time for graffiti removal is far too long and many residents no longer bother to report graffiti under the mistaken belief that it will not be addressed. It is clear additional resources are needed to cut-down wait times and allow for proactive graffiti removal.	Community Wide
32/37	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	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. While the construction of new affordable housing would most precisely address this issue, additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.	Community Wide



### Transportation

#### Main Issue Related to Transportation

##### *Subway crowding and quality issues*

Due to increasing housing, business and service concerns (hospital) , CB7 is in the need of additional transportation options for the community. Residents and people employed in the community are finding parking more and more difficult within the area. Ridership on the #D and #4 subway lines is increasing as well as use on the areas buses. A study is need to see when addition services can be provided ie. ferry services on Harlem River. Promoting of car pools and bike use could be useful. The high population density of the district and ever-increasing development has made traffic congestion an issue of paramount concern in the district.





## Transportation

## Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/23	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Last year, a new elevator opened at the Kingsbridge Road B/D station making it the first station in the district that is fully accessible. While we are very thankful for the addition of this elevator, the MTA and other stakeholders must work together to ensure that every station is accessible in the future.	Community Wide
10/23	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide additional capital funds to support the Vision Zero Program for problematic locations with in CB #7, such as Webster Avenue and East Gun Hill Road.	Community Wide
19/23	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Build a Municipal Parking Garage for overnight use, merchants, shoppers and residents of Community Board #7. there is a major need for resident and merchant parking in the community.	Community Wide
20/23	DOT	Improve parking operations	DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at East Gunhill Road and Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability.	Jerome Avenue East Gunhill Road East 212th Street
23/23	DOT	Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)	Sedgwick Avenue and East 198th Street needs to be resurfaced with asphalt. Presently, the street has a concrete base with no asphalt surface.	Sedgwick Ave and East 198th St.
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund Coles Lane as a Pedestrian Street with ADA accessibility. Coles Lane is a deteriorated street with uneven steps , broken pedestrian pavement and poor drainage. It is not accessible to wheel chair bound residents who are trying to access the Bronx Library Center from Bainbridge Avenue. Instead they must traverse Fordham Road to get to the library. additionally, Coles Lanes does not have any lighting and is an unwelcoming area after sunset. We request that DOT repair the pavement, convert the steps so that it is ADA accessible and provide upgraded street lighting.	Coles Lane Bainbridge Avenues
CS	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Fund creation of commercial real estate spaces in the east Fordham Road D Train Station. These station hallways are vastly underutilized and are in the heart of the major business corridor in our district. Creating retail space in these stations will produce new businesses, job opportunities and provide services to commuters that do not typically exist in the Bronx but are found throughout other stations in the transit system. Additionally, creating more uses in this space can lead to collaboration between businesses and the MTA to renovate this station.	Fordham Station
CS	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Improved streetscapes can be a vital tool in helping to attract and retain quality businesses and improve public safety. Streetscape investment would be particularly useful in the Webster Avenue area to support the types of development envisioned in the Webster Avenue Vision Plan.	Webster Avenue East Mosholu Parkway North East Fordham Road



## Transportation

## Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
20/37	DOT	Address traffic congestion	As 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 across the district.	Community Wide
33/37	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	The Bx41 currently services Webster Avenue, but the service does not extend north of Gun Hill Road. In recent years, the area north of Gun Hill Road has experienced tremendous development with the addition of hundreds of new units of housing. The Bx41 service should be extended to ensure these new residents have access to transit and are connect to the lower portions of Webster Avenue.	Webster Avenue Gun Hill Road East 233rd Street
34/37	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never fully implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help connect the Bronx and Queens and provide a major link for local residents to connect to the many jobs available at the airport.	Community Wide
36/37	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	DOT should study the vacancy rate in the municipal parking garage located at East Gunhill Road and Jerome Avenue to explore the possibility of installing muni-meters in some or all of the parking spaces to allow for more turnover. As part of the parking survey study, DOT should do more outreach to inform the community of the availability of these parking spaces and post the application list online so it is more accessible.	Jerome Avenue East Gunhill Road E 212st Street



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

### Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### *Park care and maintenance*

The district is home to a large number of parks and parkways, making it one of the greenest districts in the city. However, the large amount of parks space has made it very 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.

### Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

According to NYPL statistics (below), in Fiscal Year 2016 the libraries in CB 7 had 908,316 visits.

Branch	Visits	Program Attendance	Bronx Library Center	730,404	95,088	Mosholu
Branch	177,912	19,174	Totals	908,316	114,262	

The NYPL libraries within BX CB 7 are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation. We will provide a more detailed list of priority capital needs for the libraries in the district in the coming weeks

#### Supporting Materials:

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) found in the Appendix into a browser.

[BX CB7 FY18 one pager](#)



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Kossuth Playground is in need of repair and renovation. Specifically, the board calls on the department to reconstruct the basketball courts and sitting area and provide additional lighting throughout the park.	Kossuth Playground
6/23	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion and Decatur Avenues. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has facilitated numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crimes. The site has long been a target for the development of a new park for community residents, but the resources have never been invested to make this plan a reality. The city should make a targeted investment to develop a playground or community garden on the lot to address these outstanding issues.	Oliver Place Marion Avenues Decatur Avenues
9/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make it ADA Accessible.	Williamsbridge Oval Park
11/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate the south end of the tennis Courts at St. James Park. The south end of the tennis courts at St. James Park are in poor condition and need to be upgraded.	St. James Park
12/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair and reconstruct the retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue and along 192nd Street. The retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue has many gaps, cracks and deteriorating masonry along its entire length and is a safety hazard to park goers. The park was recently renovated with Croton Mitigation Funds but repairs to the wall seem to be overlooked.	St. James Park
15/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron gates 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 serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.	Williamsbridge Oval Park



## Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

## Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
17/23	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project, but nonetheless, the project has never gotten off the ground. A renewed effort should be made to turn this eyesore into a park space for community residents.	Exterior Street West Fordham Road University Heights Bridge
18/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Purchase and install Flash Cam Security cameras throughout the Parks in Community Board #7 to increase security. The community board has requested these cameras over the last five years. Since then there have been several major incidents that had the cameras been installed they would have acted as a deterrent to these crimes or provided evidence that would have aided law enforcement officials. The board requests that Parks purchase and install these cameras to address this increasing public safety issues.	Community Wide
21/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Please install fencing along the perimeter of Devoe Park to provide for better security for the park.	Devoe Park
22/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Improve access to Frisch Field, which is underutilized, by providing a more direct and improved entrance to the field.	Frisch Field
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Convert Whalen Park into a modern passive Recreation Center. The board believes that Whalen Park needs to be upgraded to provide a safe place for residents. Currently, this park is severely underutilized and has become a site frequented by homeless individuals. A modern passive recreation area at this location adjacent to the library, would draw more people and children to this location.	Whalen Park
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Replace the roof and restore the exterior Masonry at the Mosholu Branch Library. The Mosholu Branch is in need of this work to ensure the safety of the workers and users of the library.	Mosholu Branch Library
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund Replacement of windows at the Mosholu Branch Library. Replacement of select windows are needed to ensure protection from the elements and to replace broken/damaged pieces.	Mosholu Branch Library
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone pillars on the eastbound and westbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway Main road and service road from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues. Some of these pillars have been damaged by motor vehicle accidents.	Mosholu Parkway Webster Avenue Bainbridge Avenues

## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Allocate additional capital funding for the Poe Parks Cottage and Community Center. Poe Park has experienced an influx of community residents and tourist visiting and participating in community programs.</i>	<i>Poe Park Cottage</i>
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Replace the HVAC system at the Mosholu Branch Library. The HVAC system at the Mosholu Branch needs to be replaced.</i>	<i>Mosholu Branch Library</i>
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Replace the ejector pump at the Mosholu Branch Library. Work is needed on this issue to assure the continued operation of the facility.</i>	<i>Mosholu Branch Library</i>
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Install security systems in Libraries within Community District #7, especially at the Bronx Library Center and the Mosholu Branch. Security is a growing concern among patrons of the libraries and the installation of security cameras would assist in the solving of crimes that occur on and/or adjacent to the buildings and also serve as a passive deterrent.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Construct a new Skateboard Park at Williamsbridge Oval. Our community lacks any type of park space for use by skateboarders. Many youth groups have requested CB &amp; to assist them in obtaining funds for a new skateboard park in Williamsbridge Oval.</i>	<i>Williamsbridge Oval</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park 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 Mosholu Parkway.</i>	<i>Mosholu Parkway</i>



## 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

#### Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/37	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	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.	Community Wide
4/37	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues including vandalism, illegal barbecuing, etc.	Community Wide
7/37	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide a Gardener for Mosholu Parkway. Mosholu Parkway is a very large park area and in order to keep up with the gardening and maintenance, we feel that there is a need for a dedicated full time gardener.	Mosholu Parkway
14/37	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Provide additional Funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandated Responsibilities. We are grateful for the recent increase in the budgets of community boards. However, we are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 each to assure that they can provide the mandated services to the districts such as a part time city planner, youth coordinator, and other employees or consultants.	Community Wide
18/37	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Provide additional funding for the Lehman College Performing Arts Center. LCPAC needs additional funding to involve a greater number of community residents in their ticketed programs, young people performance series.. In addition, the center needs a stage lighting upgrade. Additionally, the city has previously cut funding to LCPAC which already threatens to reduce programming opportunities for the arts. We ask that the city restore funding so that our community can also benefit from the local arts programming.	250 Bedford Park Blvd W
31/37	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Purchase mechanical broom, mini-packer, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks. A mechanical sweeper would provide better maintenance of the paths and parkways such as Mosholu Parkway and Aqueduct Park.	Community Wide

## 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

### Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/23	DCAS	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Allocate funding for a Full Service Community Center to include senior, youth and child care services at the former Bronx Library Center located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue.</i>	<i>2556 Bainbridge Avenue</i>
14/23	NYCTA	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>Requesting the placement of a light which would illuminate the flagpole at the intersection of Jerome and Bainbridge Avenues. ( Woodlawn Station ) The flagpole serves at this location is part of a veterans memorial, but cannot be seen at night and is in need of proper lighting.</i>	<i>Bainbridge Avenue Jerome Avenue</i>

## 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

### Bronx Community Board 7 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 7 submitted 23 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/23	SCA	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Currently, eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are operating overcapacity, with several of these schools severely overcapacity. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with hundreds of planned housing units across the district. As a result of these new developments, school overcrowding will continue become a larger issue unless new grade schools are built</i>	Community Wide	
2/23	EDC	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Create Alternative Uses for the Kingsbridge Armory The proposal to redevelop the Kingsbridge Armory as a the Kingsbridge National Ice Center has been approved by the Community Board. We ask that the city continue to work towards the creation of this ice center and provide any needed infrastructure improvements.</i>	29 W Kingsbridge Rd	Economic Development advocates.
3/23	DCAS	<i>Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts</i>	<i>Allocate funding for a Full Service Community Center to include senior, youth and child care services at the former Bronx Library Center located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue.</i>	2556 Bainbridge Avenue	Community Advocates
4/23	DOHMH	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>There is a need for a full-service, full-time animal shelter in the Bronx. Presently, the Bronx has only a part-time service which is insufficient for meeting the needs of the borough.</i>	Community Wide	
5/23	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Kossuth Playground is in need of repair and renovation. Specifically, the board calls on the department to reconstruct the basketball courts and sitting area and provide additional lighting throughout the park.</i>	Kossuth Playground	
6/23	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion and Decatur Avenues. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has facilitated numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crimes. The site has long been a target for the development of a new park for community residents, but the resources have never been invested to make this plan a reality. The city should make a targeted investment to develop a playground or community garden on the lot to address these outstanding issues.</i>	Oliver Place Marion Avenues Decatur Avenues	Bedford Park Residents

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7/23	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Last year, a new elevator opened at the Kingsbridge Road B/D station making it the first station in the district that is fully accessible. While we are very thankful for the addition of this elevator, the MTA and other stakeholders must work together to ensure that every station is accessible in the future.	Community Wide	
8/23	DEP	Other water supply system maintenance requests	Create a jogging path around the Jerome Park Reservoir with an entranceway on Goulden Avenue which would provide easier access to residents in the district. The current plans for the jogging path do not encircle the reservoir and the board has implored the Parks Department and DEP to reopen portions of the reservoir so the Cb#7 residents have easier access to this community amenity.	Jerome Park Reservoir	Jerome Park Reservoir Advocates; Residents of Community Board #7
9/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make it ADA Accessible.	Williamsbridge Oval Park	
10/23	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Provide additional capital funds to support the Vision Zero Program for problematic locations with in CB #7, such as Webster Avenue and East Gun Hill Road.	Community Wide	
11/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate the south end of the tennis Courts at St. James Park. The south end of the tennis courts at St. James Park are in poor condition and need to be upgraded.	St. James Park	CB 7
12/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair and reconstruct the retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue and along 192nd Street. The retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue has many gaps, cracks and deteriorating masonry along its entire length and is a safety hazard to park goers. The park was recently renovated with Croton Mitigation Funds but repairs to the wall seem to be overlooked.	St. James Park	North Fordham Residents; Park Advocates
13/23	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	In addition to repairing catch basins, the board believes that the flooding issue on Mosholu Parkway could be addressed by the construction of green infrastructure such as bio swales along the Parkway.	Mosholu Parkway	

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15/23	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron gates 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 serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.	Williamsbridge Oval Park	Residents surrounding Williamsbridge Oval Park; Park Advocates
16/23	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. However, there has been a severe shortage in the availability of affordable units for middle income residents. The lack of affordable housing has forced many of these residents to leave the area, further depressing the local economy as they are replaced with low-income or special needs populations.	Community Wide	
17/23	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project, but nonetheless, the project has never gotten off the ground. A renewed effort should be made to turn this eyesore into a park space for community residents.	Exterior Street West Fordham Road University Heights Bridge	
18/23	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Purchase and install Flash Cam Security cameras throughout the Parks in Community Board #7 to increase security. The community board has requested these cameras over the last five years. Since then there have been several major incidents that had the cameras been installed they would have acted as a deterrent to these crimes or provided evidence that would have aided law enforcement officials. The board requests that Parks purchase and install these cameras to address this increasing public safety issues.	Community Wide	Residents of CB #7; Park Advocates

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20/23	DOT	<i>Improve parking operations</i>	<i>DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at East Gunhill Road and Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability.</i>	<i>Jerome Avenue East Gunhill Road East 212th Street</i>	
21/23	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Please install fencing along the perimeter of Devoe Park to provide for better security for the park.</i>	<i>Devoe Park</i>	
22/23	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Improve access to Frisch Field, which is underutilized, by providing a more direct and improved entrance to the field.</i>	<i>Frisch Field</i>	
23/23	DOT	<i>Roadway maintenance (i.e. pothole repair, resurfacing, trench restoration, etc.)</i>	<i>Sedgwick Avenue and East 198th Street needs to be resurfaced with asphalt. Presently, the street has a concrete base with no asphalt surface.</i>	<i>Sedgwick Ave and East 198th St.</i>	
CS	DPR	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Allocate additional capital funding for the Poe Parks Cottage and Community Center. Poe Park has experienced an influx of community residents and tourist visiting and participating in community programs.</i>	<i>Poe Park Cottage</i>	
CS	DOT	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Fund Coles Lane as a Pedestrian Street with ADA accessibility. Coles Lane is a deteriorated street with uneven steps , broken pedestrian pavement and poor drainage. It is not accessible to wheel chair bound residents who are trying to access the Bronx Library Center from Bainbridge Avenue. Instead they must traverse Fordham Road to get to the library. additionally, Coles Lanes does not have any lighting and is an unwelcoming area after sunset. We request that DOT repair the pavement, convert the steps so that it is ADA accessible and provide upgraded street lighting.</i>	<i>Coles Lane Bainbridge Avenues</i>	<i>Fordham Bedford Housing Corp.; ADA Advocates and neighborhood residents.</i>



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CS	NYCTA	<i>Other transit infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Fund creation of commercial real estate spaces in the east Fordham Road D Train Station. These station hallways are vastly underutilized and are in the heart of the major business corridor in our district. Creating retail space in these stations will produce new businesses, job opportunities and provide services to commuters that do not typically exist in the Bronx but are found throughout other stations in the transit system. Additionally, creating more uses in this space can lead to collaboration between businesses and the MTA to renovate this station.</i>	<i>Fordham Station</i>	<i>MWBE Advocates; Business Advocates</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Convert Whalen Park into a modern passive Recreation Center. The board believes that Whalen Park needs to be upgraded to provide a safe place for residents. Currently, this park is severely underutilized and has become a site frequented by homeless individuals. A modern passive recreation area at this location adjacent to the library, would draw more people and children to this location.</i>	<i>Whalen Park</i>	<i>Norwood Residents</i>
CS	DPR	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Construct a new Skateboard Park at Williamsbridge Oval. Our community lacks any type of park space for use by skateboarders. Many youth groups have requested CB &amp; to assist them in obtaining funds for a new skateboard park in Williamsbridge Oval.</i>	<i>Williamsbridge Oval</i>	<i>Youth Advocates; Park Advocates</i>
CS	NYPD	<i>Provide shotspotters</i>	<i>The 52nd Precinct is among the pilot locations for the Shotspotter system, but the system currently does not cover the most problematic areas in the precinct. An expansion of the system to the whole precinct would be an invaluable tool in helping out precinct address rising gun violence in our community.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Install security systems in Libraries within Community District #7, especially at the Bronx Library Center and the Mosholu Branch. Security is a growing concern among patrons of the libraries and the installation of security cameras would assist in the solving of crimes that occur on and/or adjacent to the buildings and also serve as a passive deterrent.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	<i>Library Patrons</i>
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Replace the ejector pump at the Mosholu Branch Library. Work is needed on this issue to assure the continued operation of the facility.</i>	<i>Mosholu Branch Library</i>	<i>Norwood Residents</i>
CS	NYPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Replace the HVAC system at the Mosholu Branch Library. The HVAC system at the Mosholu Branch needs to be replaced.</i>	<i>Mosholu Branch Library</i>	<i>Norwood Residents</i>

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CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	Replace trailers at PS 56 and construct a Multi-story Building with a Ground floor Gym adjacent to current school. This school has been identified as one of the handfull of schools in CD 7 that is operating at 200% of capacity. There is no additional space, despaite the fact that there are several temporary sheds serving as classrooms where there was once a playyard. Additionally, the new PS 56 anex on 361 East Gun Hill Road is a former PS 94 annex. We request that DOE/SCA conduct a study and design of a new building at this site and allocate funds for construction of the school.	3177 Webster Avenue	Parents of PS 56; Educational Advocates
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone pillars on the eastbound and westbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway Main road and service road from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues. Some of these pillars have been damaged by motor vehicle accidents.	Mosholu Parkway Webster Avenue Bainbridge Avenues	Norwood and Bedford Park residents
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Fund Replacement of windows at the Mosholu Branch Library. Replacement of select windows are needed to ensure protection from the elements and to replace broken/damaged pieces.	Mosholu Branch Library	Norwood Residents
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Replace the roof and restore the exterior Masonry at the Mosholu Branch Library. The Mosholu Branch is in need of this work to ensure the safety of the workers and users of the library.	Mosholu Branch Library	Residents of Norwood
CS	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	The 52nd Precinct House is a historic landmark with its trademark Tower Clock, which is not currently operational. The board requests that the Tower Clock needs to be repaired.	3016 Webster Avenue	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park 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 Mosholu Parkway.	Mosholu Parkway	
CS	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.	Community Wide	

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### Bronx Community Board 7 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 7 submitted 23 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DOT	<i>Install streetscape improvements</i>	<i>Improved streetscapes can be a vital tool in helping to attract and retain quality businesses and improve public safety. Streetscape investment would be particularly useful in the Webster Avenue area to support the types of development envisioned in the Webster Avenue Vision Plan.</i>	<i>Webster Avenue East Mosholu Parkway North East Fordham Road</i>	

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### Bronx Community Board 7 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 7 submitted 37 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/37	DFTA	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Provide Additional funding for our Neighborhood Senior Centers. Senior Centers operate on minimal budgets are highly dependent on additional funding from elected officials and other sources. As these funding sources dry up due to the weakened economy, centers are finding it extremely difficult to maintain basic operations. We request that DFTA increase the base budgets for senior centers without forcing them to turn to RFP's and other external grants. These programs should include a telephone reassurance program and outreach program.	Community Wide	District Senior Centers; Senior center participants
2/37	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment	The Summer Youth Employment Program has been in invaluable tool in equipping youth with valuable job skills while keeping them engaged and out of trouble. We urge that additional slots be allocated for summer jobs. However, there is currently no youth employment program during the school year. The department should explore opportunities for youth employment programs to after-school or weekends during the school year. In doing so, we can ensure that youth can continue to build their job readiness skills while earning money and staying off	Community Wide	
3/37	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	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.	Community Wide	
4/37	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues including vandalism, illegal barbecuing, etc.	Community Wide	
5/37	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	After-school programs are a critical tool in improving education and keeping kids off the 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.	Community Wide	
6/37	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement activity would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.	Community Wide	
7/37	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide a Gardener for Mosholu Parkway. Mosholu Parkway is a very large park area and in order to keep up with the gardening and maintenance, we feel that there is a need for a dedicated full time gardener.	Mosholu Parkway	

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8/37	DOB	Expand code enforcement	Increase the number of building inspectors for new construction, renovations and elevator inspections. The Bronx in general and CD #7 specifically has seen a rise in new building construction, major capital improvements and other DOB related repairs. In light of the rise in the number of incidents and complaints about unscrupulous owners and contractors, the board is imploring the DOB to increase the number of inspectors in the Borough to meet current and projected demand.	Community Wide	
9/37	DSNY	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	The office receives many complaints about infrequent or inconsistent pickup of litter baskets across the district. Additional personnel and more frequent pickup would be helpful in addressing this ongoing issue.	Community Wide	
10/37	DSNY	Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers	While certain areas of the district have many on-street trash cans, there are also large portions of the district in which none are available. Providing additional on-street trash cans and recycling containers would help to keep our streets cleaner.	Community Wide	
11/37	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	School aides provide a vital service in assisting teachers and principals with many issues in our public schools. The department should increase funding for aides and other non-teaching staff to improve education outcomes and to proactively address social, health and other issues that affect students and the school environment.	Community Wide	
12/37	DOHMH	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	The Bronx continues to have one of the highest rates of mental illness, HIV/AIDS infections and death in New York City. Additional services targeted at education and treatment in the borough would help to address this long-standing issue.	Community Wide	
13/37	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	According to the most recent Community Health Survey, many residents are either overweight or obese and suffer disproportionately from related diseases such as diabetes. The Department of Health needs to partner with other agencies such as the Department of Education to ensure that nutrition and physical education programs are included in our schools. Additionally, the DOH should conduct targeted nutritional education programs to at-risk populations in the community.	Community Wide	
14/37	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Provide additional Funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandated Responsibilities. We are grateful for the recent increase in the budgets of community boards. However, we are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 each to assure that they can provide the mandated services to the districts such as a part time city planner, youth coordinator, and other employees or consultants.	Community Wide	

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15/37	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Provide additional Personnel for HPD Inspections. There are many community residents who do not live in quality housing because of non-compliance with housing regulations. The primary cause is not that complaints are not recorded by HPD but the heavy reliance of self-certification for determining compliance. We request that HPD move away from relying heavily on self certification and hire additional enforcement personnel to deal with the large number of outstanding violations.	Community Wide	
16/37	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	The 52nd Precinct has a large coverage area which requires additional patrol cars. Areas in the northern half of the precinct often do not receive patrols due to a combination of high crime rates in the south and a lack of available equipment. The purchase of additional patrol cars would ensure that all areas of the precinct receive much-needed attention.	Community Wide	
17/37	DSNY	Other garbage collection and recycling requests	Increase the number of Sanitation Field Workers. With an increase in new housing construction and the overall population of Community Board #7, there is a need for additional sanitation workers to provide regular garbage, recycling and snow removal operations.	Community Wide	
18/37	DCLA	Support nonprofit cultural organizations	Provide additional funding for the Lehman College Performing Arts Center. LCPAC needs additional funding to involve a greater number of community residents in their ticketed programs, young people performance series.. In addition, the center needs a stage lighting upgrade. Additionally, the city has previously cut funding to LCPAC which already threatens to reduce programming opportunities for the arts. We ask that the city restore funding so that our community can also benefit from the local arts programming.	250 Bedford Park Blvd W	
19/37	FDNY	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Increase Fire Prevention Prevention and Education Programs. Due to an increase in new construction and renovation of buildings throughout the district as well as an older housing stock, we believe that there is a need to highlight the importance and distribution of Carbon Monoxide and smoke detectors throughout the district.	Community Wide	
20/37	DOT	Address traffic congestion	As 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 across the district.	Community Wide	



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21/37	NYPD	Assign additional transit police officers	The district is home to three subway lines and there are nine stations in the district. The large number of stations and lines has strained the ability of transit officers to address ongoing issues in the subway. Common complaints include panhandling, card swiping and vandalism. Additional officers would allow these complaints to be addressed quicker and more efficiently.	Community Wide	
22/37	DHS	Expand street outreach	While New York City as a whole has continued to see an increase in street homeless, the problem has become serious in the Mosholu Parkway area. Residents have long complained that benches and secluded areas of the Parkway have become home to increasing number of street homeless who make camp in the area.	Mosholu Parkway Van Cortlandt Avenue Webster Avenue	
23/37	SBS	Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion	Several years ago, the Community Board and other stakeholders collaborated to create the Webster Avenue Vision plan which sought to transform Webster Avenue into a vibrant mixed-use district that serves the needs of culturally diverse neighborhoods and world class institutions. Since the passage of this plan, the city has made little effort to attract the types of retail establishments that would support this vision plan. The city needs to reengage with the board to create a marketing and business attraction plan for the area.	Webster Avenue Fordham Road Gun Hill Road	
24/37	NYPD	Assign additional school safety officers	Community Board 7 has a high number of schools compared to neighboring districts, particularly in the number of high schools in the community. Additional school safety officers are needed to ensure the safety of students at these facilities, particularly as new residents move in and increase school populations.	Community Wide	
25/37	DOHMH	Promote Quit Smoking Programs	According to the New York City Department of Health, our neighborhoods have some of the highest percentages of smokers in the entire city. The city should make a concerted effort at targeting smokers in our neighborhood with a particular focus on multi-lingual outreach to target specific communities.	Community Wide	
26/37	EDC	Expand graffiti removal services on private sites	The average wait-time for graffiti removal is far too long and many residents no longer bother to report graffiti under the mistaken belief that it will not be addressed. It is clear additional resources are needed to cut-down wait times and allow for proactive graffiti removal.	Community Wide	
27/37	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance rental assistance programs	The current availability of programs such as the one shot deal help to keep New Yorkers in their homes. However, far too many residents are still falling through the cracks and ending up in shelters across the city. There is a pressing need to provide additional resources for rental assistance programs that can help stem the growing tide of homelessness in the city.	Community Wide	

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28/37	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>There is an acute need for physical education programs in neighborhood schools, both to assist in combating childhood obesity and in creating a more stimulating learning environment.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
29/37	HRA	<i>Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers</i>	<i>In our experience, many of the housing facilities for special needs population do not provide the case management services that these populations need. Three-quarter housing continues to be a particular issue of concern as these facilities bring mentally ill and recovering addicts into the community without providing the resources to help these populations thrive.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
30/37	HRA	<i>Other homelessness prevention program request</i>	<i>The growing homeless population has forced the Department of Homeless Services to develop new shelters with a disproportionate share being sited in or around Community Board 7. In order to better serve the homeless and to prevent the proliferation of new shelters, the city must do more to provide rental assistance and vouchers to help the homeless transition to permanent housing.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
31/37	DPR	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Purchase mechanical broom, mini-packer, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks. A mechanical sweeper would provide better maintenance of the paths and parkways such as Mosholu Parkway and Aqueduct Park.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
32/37	HPD	<i>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</i>	<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. While the construction of new affordable housing would most precisely address this issue, additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	
33/37	NYCTA	<i>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</i>	<i>The Bx41 currently services Webster Avenue, but the service does not extend north of Gun Hill Road. In recent years, the area north of Gun Hill Road has experienced tremendous development with the addition of hundreds of new units of housing. The Bx41 service should be extended to ensure these new residents have access to transit and are connect to the lower portions of Webster Avenue.</i>	<i>Webster Avenue Gun Hill Road East 233rd Street</i>	
34/37	NYCTA	<i>Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service</i>	<i>Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never fully implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help connect the Bronx and Queens and provide a major link for local residents to connect to the many jobs available at the airport.</i>	<i>Community Wide</i>	



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35/37	DOE	Improve school safety	The NYPD School Safety Report for this location is incomplete. However, there has been plenty of anecdotal evidence to support the need for additional school safety resources at this location.	149 E Mosholu Pkwy N	
36/37	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	DOT should study the vacancy rate in the municipal parking garage located at East Gunhill Road and Jerome Avenue to explore the possibility of installing muni-meters in some or all of the parking spaces to allow for more turnover. As part of the parking survey study, DOT should do more outreach to inform the community of the availability of these parking spaces and post the application list online so it is more accessible.	Jerome Avenue East Gunhill Road E 212st Street	
37/37	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7.	Community Wide	

## Appendix - Supporting Materials

The Community Board has provided the following supporting materials which can be accessed by clicking on the link(s) below or by copying and pasting the link(s) into a browser.

### Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



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<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=ade1039e-b4b9-462e-b94b-dd98e70c9340>