

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

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**Bronx
Community District
6**

Letter from DCP Director Daniel Garodnick

To my fellow New Yorkers:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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

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

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

1. Overarching Community District Needs

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

2. Policy Area-Specific District Needs

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

3. Community Board Budget Requests

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

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

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

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

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 6

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

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

New York City

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

The Bronx

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

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

Bronx Community District 6

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	83,268	100.00	89,216	100.00	5,948	7.1	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	25,466	30.6	23,194	26	-2,272	-8.9	-4.6
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	83,268	100.0	89,216	100.0	5,948	7.1	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	53,449	64.2	56,181	63.0	2,732	5.1	-1.2
White non-Hispanic	6,219	7.5	5,653	6.3	-566	-9.1	-1.2
Black non-Hispanic	21,548	25.9	23,765	26.6	2,217	10.3	0.7
Asian non-Hispanic	930	1.1	1,148	1.3	218	23.4	0.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	447	0.5	936	1.0	489	109.4	0.5
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	675	0.8	1,533	1.7	858	127.1	0.9
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	29,291	100.0	32,821	100.0	3,530	12.1	0.0
Occupied housing units	27,455	93.7	30,906	94.2	3,451	12.6	0.5
Vacant housing units	1,836	6.3	1,915	5.8	79	4.3	-0.5

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

Statement on Data Accuracy

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

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

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community District #6 covers 1.5 square miles in the central Bronx, serving the communities of Belmont, Bathgate, Tremont, and West Farms. These neighborhoods contain renowned locations including the Bronx Zoo, Fordham University, NY Botanical Garden, St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx Little Italy, East Tremont Avenue, West Farms Square, and Walter Gladwin Park. Using 2019 data from the Furman Center, 172,930 residents live in CB 6. Census data shows that CB6 added 3,097 units of housing (+6.2%) from 2010 to 2020. Bronx CB 6 had a 2019 unemployment rate of 11.5% and poverty rate of 40.3% (the highest in the city). 17.8% of residents receive Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 subsidies, and in 2021 23.9% of residents received SNAP benefits. Median household income in 2021 is \$24,800. Comparing to other districts citywide in 2019, Bronx CB6 2nd highest private residential eviction filing rate, 3rd highest housing code violation rate, 7th highest crime rate in New York City. 62.4% of residents are rent burdened. Bronx CB6 has the second highest number of homeless shelters in New York City, and 7.6% of the city's supportive housing buildings.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 6

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable housing

Community Board 6 is in dire need of resources and services to for tenants and homeowners. Eviction case filings against one in five residents last year indicates the underlying poverty, employment and housing characteristics predispose tenants to housing court involvement. Community Board 6 has insufficient social and legal services to help residents avoid housing court. Community Board 6 has done its fair share in contributing to adding to the city's housing stock, and more than its fair share in providing housing for at-needs populations. The over-concentration of these facilities creates a significant transient population in our District.

Crime and public safety

Community Board 6 has disproportionately high rates of crime and violent crime. Board members are particularly concerned with the increase of crime in our district from 2019 to present. Community Board 6 encourages the city to develop public-health and economic approaches to reducing crime in our District.

Economic recovery and development

Community Board 6 leads the city in unemployment, and only 55% of residents participate in the labor market. Despite two Workforce One sites and one Business Solution Center in our District, businesses and jobseekers continue to be underserved by the city. The economic conditions of Community Board 6 contribute to and interact with the other issues our District faces.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

High mortality rates in Bronx CB6 can be attributed to the existing health conditions of residents in the district. Residents in Bronx CB6 have one of the highest rates of asthma in the city with 464 asthma-related emergency department visits per 10,000 children. Bronx CB6 residents additionally are twice as likely to have Diabetes than other New York City residents, with 22% diabetes rates amongst adults. With these conditions, the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted Bronx CB6, which has a disproportionately high death rate. Despite having roughly 17,000 seniors, there are only two DFTA funded senior centers in Community District 6. Despite having the city's 2nd highest eviction rate, there is only one eviction-prevention social service program in Community District 6 (with one staff person). The concentration of DHS facilities in a community (while desperately needed) without sufficient resources to lift shelter residents out of poverty is a clear lack of planning on behalf of New York City and a detriment to the lives of residents in Community District 6.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Health issues are of great concern to Community Board 6, as the Coronavirus ravaged the Bronx, making it the borough with the most cases, totaling 56,000 cases; 12,664 hospitalizations; and 4,000 deaths to date borough-wide. It is imperative that we prepare our health care facilities to avoid their collapse, given the steady rise of cases, and the array of underlying conditions residents in our district suffer from. According to the Community Health Profiles 2018 report, there were 464 child asthma hospitalizations; 36% of adults in our district are obese; 32% of residents suffer from hypertension; 22% suffer from diabetes; and there were 1,160 psychiatric hospitalizations in our district- all of the stats mentioned were above the Bronx and the City's average. Lastly, these statistics are exacerbated by Bronx Community Board 6 ranking last in supermarket square footage per 100 people.

Needs for Older NYs

Seniors are in need of more education on safety as well as recreation activities. There are few senior centers for older new yorkers in the district as well as places for them to access resources.

Needs for Homeless

Community Board 6 houses 24 shelter facilities and multiple organizations that provide services for the homeless population (i.e. people with substance abuse, rehabilitation services, formerly incarcerated, etc.). The board has had more than its fair share of shelters and does not wish to have additional facilities. We advocate for more permanent housing and rent assistance rather than shelters.

Needs for Low Income NYs

Many residents within Bronx Community District #6 are low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers. Bronx Community District #6 is among the poorest community districts in New York City. As of 2019, the median income for Bronx Community District 6 was \$29,601 and 37.7% of Bronx Community District 6 residents live below the New York City poverty threshold (ACS 2018). The low-income population of District 6 is in need of programs that will keep their families fed, housed, and during this lock-down, vulnerable populations such as women and children, safe from violence.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/11	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The Mt. Carmel Senior Center is in dire need of capital investment to facilitate use of their upstairs area. The facility also needs support in paying rent, a new cost for the agency at this site.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/19	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services	<i>1 in 5 residents in Bronx CB6 faced eviction last year, and as far as the board can tell there is one full time social service staff person in our District doing eviction prevention services. This is inadequate.</i>	
6/19	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand funding for Cure Violence programming in CB6.</i>	
7/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>The stigma surrounding substance misuse is one of many significant obstacles in combating addiction, abuse, and alcoholism. Creating educational and destigmatizing programs can bolster people to seek the life-saving help they might require.</i>	
8/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Black, Latinx, and Asian American New Yorkers are less likely to receive or be connected with mental health care compared to white New Yorkers. In the Bronx, less than 20% are connected to care while prevailing social issues like poverty lead to nearly double the number of psychiatric hospitalizations per capita compared to higher-income neighborhoods in NYC. We are requesting programming to break the stigma around seeking mental health treatment and expanding existing services.</i>	

9/19	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Several residents of CB 6 are not being connected to the critical home care they require to promote, maintain, and lessen the effects of illness and disability. It is critical to bridge this lack of access. Homebound adult programs are not able to meet the needs of CB 6 because they have not been provided with enough funding to take on additional staff that is necessary to meet demand.</i>
11/19	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>Enhanced security is needed at DHS sites to encourage street homeless to accept shelter.</i>
12/19	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand the capacity of the B-HEARD 911 response program in the 48 Precinct.</i>
13/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize developmental delays and encourage treatment	<i>Further education is needed regarding developmental delays so that parents of children and adults know the signs of these delays and feel able to seek out the necessary care.</i>
17/19	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Homelessness elicits a variety of different responses that incite the need for specific forms of care. More needs to be put towards locating, engaging with, and encouraging individuals to accept care services and transition off the streets.</i>

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Educational attainment

Educational attainment is an issue amongst all age levels. According to 2019 assessments of grades 3-8, the ELA proficiency is 26% and math proficiency is 23%, both well below New York state averages (45% and 47% respectively). CD6 has a High School graduation rate of 61%, significantly lower than NY State's 83% average graduation rate, and a dropout rate of 16%. Amongst adults 25 years and older, only 13.2% of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, these disparities are likely to grow, further damaging the economic prospects of CB6 youth and adults.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth Education

More support is needed for the already-underperforming school districts such as District 12, which largely falls inside CD6 borders, as well as additional services for students such as enrichment programs so they do not fall further behind.

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

A large amount residents of CD6 work in the service industry and cannot work remotely; more support for existing daycare centers in addition to the creation of additional centers is needed so parents are able to go to work during the day. Enhanced funding for child protective services is also needed.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/11	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>The 2017-18 Enrollment & Capacity report from SCA states that the elementary schools in School District 12, which is largely in CB6, has states that School District 12, which is largely in CB6, are over capacity by 558 seats. We ask that an additional elementary school is constructed to account for this unfunded need. SCA recently turned down an option to use a site for a new middle school, and the board has yet to receive a response as to why.</i>	
2/11	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>We ask that an additional middle school is constructed to account for the new housing construction planned for CB6 and the over-utilization of charter schools in School District 12 (176% according to SCA's 2017-18 report).</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/19	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>As most youth in CB6 do not go on to attain a college degree, and several drop out of high school, we ask for more employment services that will match them with jobs that do not require a bachelors degree.</i>	

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Crime prevention programs

Investing in economic development programs and job training for those most vulnerable is the best investment to prevent crime.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

CB6 asks that NYPD use existing funding to direct more officers to local precincts, moving resources from executive staff, counterterror, and gang database programming.

Needs for Emergency Services

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/11	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>E45/L58 firehouse is in need of a kitchen. A cost evaluation done by FDNY suggests a budget of \$1,200,000.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
18/19	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Increase the number of officers in the 48 precinct.</i>	

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 6

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

Air quality and pollution

While air quality throughout New York City is gradually improving, CB6 still sees a significant amount of air pollution. According to 2018's Community Health Profile, Belmont and East Tremont have 8.0 micrograms of fine particulate matter (PM2.5), the most harmful air pollutant, an amount higher than the Bronx's average (7.8) and NYC's average (7.5). This pollution mainly comes from the thousands of cars traveling through and nearby the district, especially due to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Due to this, among other factors, there are high levels of asthma throughout district inhabitants; notably, the asthma emergency department visit rate among children is more than double the city rate (464 visits per 10,000 children in CD6 vs. 223 visits in NYC). As asthma is a serious contributing factor in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths, it is more essential than ever that CD6's air quality improves and that action is taken to reduce the number of cars traveling near the district.

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

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

The neighborhood of West Farms has had a significant increase in density due to numerous new housing developments. CB6 requests an evaluation of sewer capacity in this neighborhood to gauge future capacity to meet need.

Needs for Sanitation Services

Residents often complain of dirty sidewalks and overflowing trash. More frequent cleaning is needed.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

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

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/19	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>The neighborhood of West Farms has had a significant increase in density due to numerous new housing developments. CB6 requests an evaluation of sewer capacity in this neighborhood to gauge future capacity to meet need in the West Farms neighborhood.</i>	
15/19	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	<i>The intersection of East Tremont, Devoe, and E 177 is prone to frequent flooding. We request DEP examine remediation for future flooding at this site.</i>	

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 6

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

Unemployment/Underemployment

Bronx CB6 has a high unemployment rate, and board members are dissatisfied with the quality of services provided by the city to address this issue. Board members are concerned that the Workforce 1 program has proven ineffective in improving the social mobility of residents in our District.

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

Needs for Land Use

No comments

Needs for Housing

Bronx CB6 needs increased funding for eviction prevention services, to both keep residents in place and help landlords afford mortgages when rents are unpaid. CB6 has a high housing code violation rate, requiring more funding for housing organizing and code enforcement.

Needs for Economic Development

This year has proven to further exacerbate inequities in the context of access to financial assistance, room for future investment, and expansion of businesses in the Bronx and our district. CB06's mom and pop stores are walking on a thin line: between obligatory closures for non-essential businesses due to the pandemic; the Bronx receiving minimal financial assistance from the NYC Small Businesses Services and the federal Payment Protection Program; and the looting that ensued in June at Fordham Road- owners are on the verge of permanently closing. A report from The Partnership of New York City estimates that as many as one-third of 230,000 small businesses in the city may never re-open. A report from the NYC Independent Budget Office revealed that based on Dept. of Labor data from the first two quarters of 2019, over 3,000 small businesses in the Bronx were retail, 1,840 accommodation and food services, and 1,821 miscellaneous services. Our district would regress if we were to lose a third of those businesses, adding to the reported 38 vacant storefronts, and the present need for investment in our area.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/11	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	<i>1. Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract/encourage commercial activity (i.e., lighting, sidewalks); Specifically improve streetscape in business districts-between Webster Avenue to Devoe Avenue. 2. Improve the availability, speed, or cost of broadband access to local businesses and residents</i>	
8/11	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>More senior housing</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/19	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>SBS needs to expand the scope and quality of services offered at Workforce 1 centers, focusing on building skills and training for careers.</i>	
4/19	SBS	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district	<i>SBS needs to sponsor merchant organizing along East Tremont Ave to support struggling businesses.</i>	
14/19	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>CB6 asks that SBS create Community Advisory Boards for Workforce 1 sites, so local CBO's and employers can engage directly with SBS on hiring and training opportunities.</i>	

TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board 6

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

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

Community Board 6 only has two train stations, (West Farms-East Tremont and E 180th) and they are both on the eastern border of the district. Thus residents rely on bus service which is often delayed and crowded. Bus service needs to be improved especially since the neighborhood's population is increasing with new housing developments.

Community District Needs Related to Transportation and Mobility

Needs for Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

No comments

Needs for Transit Services

Residents often complain of subways not working, running on time etc. MTA does not have in place cleaning crews for the upkeep of surrounding areas, cutting weeds, garbage etc. At the start of Vision Zero, the 2015 Bronx Pedestrian Safety Action Plan indicated that at \$32,460, the Bronx's median household income was the lowest of the five boroughs, making it the poorest urban county in the United States. The Bronx's car ownership rate was the lowest outside of Manhattan, with only 48% of households having access to a vehicle. Today, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an approximate 25% unemployment rate in Bronx Community Board 6. In addition, the Citizens Budget Commission recorded that by April 2020, the MTA experienced a 90 percent decrease in subway and bus ridership, a 65 percent decrease in bridge and tunnel traffic, and a 95 percent decrease in commuter rail passengers.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
9/11	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Southern Blvd between E 183rd and Fordham Road needs new curbs and ramps. The new curbs installed this year are damaged.</i>	Southern Boulevard East 183 Street East 183 Street
11/11	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>We request DOT undo the bike lane installation along Southern Boulevard, as the lines of school buses parked in front of the Bronx Zoo every day block the bike lane and prevent the intended effect of the project.</i>	
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation and Mobility

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/19	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>We request DOT study the effects on regional traffic resulting from its Fordham Road bus redesign proposals.</i>	
19/19	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fordham Road and Southern Boulevard needs traffic calming.</i>	East Fordham Road

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 6

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

Quality of parks and park facilities

Bronx Community District 6 contains numerous park spaces, but in recent months there have been many complaints about trash, park cleanliness, facilities, and overall quality due to the cuts to the Parks Department's budget. There are some renovation projects in progress; more park renovations are needed in addition to increased upkeep in order to improve the existing parks.

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

Needs for Parks

Further renovations of park facilities such as play spaces are needed as well as additional park personnel for cleaning, pruning, monitoring, enforcing social distancing, and other upkeep.

Needs for Cultural Services

No comments

Needs for Library Services

No comments

Needs for Community Boards

No comments

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/11	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Tremont Library is in need of a new HVAC system.</i>	
6/11	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground and benches area in Bathgate Playground need to be upgraded in order to allow for further community use. The field needs renovation so the public can use it.</i>	
7/11	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Renovate the front entry of the library</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/19	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Provide more programming inside parks within Community Board 6, especially Tremont Park, for the youth and elderly populations.</i>	

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Other Capital Requests

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

Other Expense Requests

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

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/11	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>The 2017-18 Enrollment & Capacity report from SCA states that the elementary schools in School District 12, which is largely in CB6, has states that School District 12, which is largely in CB6, are over capacity by 558 seats. We ask that an additional elementary school is constructed to account for this unfunded need. SCA recently turned down an option to use a site for a new middle school, and the board has yet to receive a response as to why.</i>	
2/11	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>We ask that an additional middle school is constructed to account for the new housing construction planned for CB6 and the over-utilization of charter schools in School District 12 (176% according to SCA's 2017-18 report).</i>	
3/11	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The Mt. Carmel Senior Center is in dire need of capital investment to facilitate use of their upstairs area. The facility also needs support in paying rent, a new cost for the agency at this site.</i>	
4/11	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Tremont Library is in need of a new HVAC system.</i>	
5/11	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	<i>1. Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract/encourage commercial activity (i.e., lighting, sidewalks); Specifically improve streetscape in business districts-between Webster Avenue to Devoe Avenue. 2. Improve the availability, speed, or cost of broadband access to local businesses and residents</i>	
6/11	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground and benches area in Bathgate Playground need to be upgraded in order to allow for further community use. The field needs renovation so the public can use it.</i>	

7/11	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Renovate the front entry of the library</i>	
8/11	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>More senior housing</i>	
9/11	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Southern Blvd between E 183rd and Fordham Road needs new curbs and ramps. The new curbs installed this year are damaged.</i>	Southern Boulevard East 183 Street East 183 Street
10/11	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>E45/L58 firehouse is in need of a kitchen. A cost evaluation done by FDNY suggests a budget of \$1,200,000.</i>	
11/11	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>We request DOT undo the bike lane installation along Southern Boulevard, as the lines of school buses parked in front of the Bronx Zoo every day block the bike lane and prevent the intended effect of the project.</i>	
CS	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.</i>	

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/19	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>As most youth in CB6 do not go on to attain a college degree, and several drop out of high school, we ask for more employment services that will match them with jobs that do not require a bachelors degree.</i>	
2/19	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>SBS needs to expand the scope and quality of services offered at Workforce 1 centers, focusing on building skills and training for careers.</i>	
3/19	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance homeless prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services	<i>1 in 5 residents in Bronx CB6 faced eviction last year, and as far as the board can tell there is one full time social service staff person in our District doing eviction prevention services. This is inadequate.</i>	
4/19	SBS	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district	<i>SBS needs to sponsor merchant organizing along East Tremont Ave to support struggling businesses.</i>	
5/19	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>The neighborhood of West Farms has had a significant increase in density due to numerous new housing developments. CB6 requests an evaluation of sewer capacity in this neighborhood to gauge future capacity to meet need in the West Farms neighborhood.</i>	
6/19	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand funding for Cure Violence programming in CB6.</i>	
7/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>The stigma surrounding substance misuse is one of many significant obstacles in combating addiction, abuse, and alcoholism. Creating educational and destigmatizing programs can bolster people to seek the life-saving help they might require.</i>	

8/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Black, Latinx, and Asian American New Yorkers are less likely to receive or be connected with mental health care compared to white New Yorkers. In the Bronx, less than 20% are connected to care while prevailing social issues like poverty lead to nearly double the number of psychiatric hospitalizations per capita compared to higher-income neighborhoods in NYC. We are requesting programming to break the stigma around seeking mental health treatment and expanding existing services.</i>
9/19	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Several residents of CB 6 are not being connected to the critical home care they require to promote, maintain, and lessen the effects of illness and disability. It is critical to bridge this lack of access. Homebound adult programs are not able to meet the needs of CB 6 because they have not been provided with enough funding to take on additional staff that is necessary to meet demand.</i>
10/19	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Provide more programming inside parks within Community Board 6, especially Tremont Park, for the youth and elderly populations.</i>
11/19	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>Enhanced security is needed at DHS sites to encourage street homeless to accept shelter.</i>
12/19	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand the capacity of the B-HEARD 911 response program in the 48 Precinct.</i>
13/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize developmental delays and encourage treatment	<i>Further education is needed regarding developmental delays so that parents of children and adults know the signs of these delays and feel able to seek out the necessary care.</i>
14/19	SBS	Other workforce development requests	<i>CB6 asks that SBS create Community Advisory Boards for Workforce 1 sites, so local CBO's and employers can engage directly with SBS on hiring and training opportunities.</i>

15/19	DEP	Evaluate a street segment or intersection for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, and plan for construction if feasible	<i>The intersection of East Tremont, Devoe, and E 177 is prone to frequent flooding. We request DEP examine remediation for future flooding at this site.</i>	
16/19	DOT	Conduct traffic or parking studies	<i>We request DOT study the effects on regional traffic resulting from its Fordham Road bus redesign proposals.</i>	
17/19	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Homelessness elicits a variety of different responses that incite the need for specific forms of care. More needs to be put towards locating, engaging with, and encouraging individuals to accept care services and transition off the streets.</i>	
18/19	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Increase the number of officers in the 48 precinct.</i>	
19/19	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fordham Road and Southern Boulevard needs traffic calming.</i>	East Fordham Road

8. COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS *WITH AGENCY RESPONSES*

Capital Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/12	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>The 2017-18 Enrollment & Capacity report from SCA states that the elementary schools in School District 12, which is largely in CB6, has states that School District 12, which is largely in CB6, are over capacity by 558 seats. We ask that an additional elementary school is constructed to account for this unfunded need. SCA recently turned down an option to use a site for a new middle school, and the board has yet to receive a response as to why.</i>	Seat need for this district and as identified in the Capital Plan has been sited.
02/12	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	<i>We ask that an additional middle school is constructed to account for the new housing construction planned for CB6 and the over-utilization of charter schools in School District 12 (176% according to SCA's 2017-18 report).</i>	Limited seat need has been identified in the area specified. Location for a school will be based on site availability.
03/12	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	<i>The Mt. Carmel Senior Center is in dire need of capital investment to facilitate use of their upstairs area. The facility also needs support in paying rent, a new cost for the agency at this site.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
04/12	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Tremont Library is in need of a new HVAC system.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
05/12	SBS	Other capital budget request for SBS	<i>1. Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract/encourage commercial activity (i.e., lighting, sidewalks); Specifically improve streetscape in business districts-between Webster Avenue to Devoe Avenue. 2. Improve the availability, speed, or cost of broadband access to local businesses and residents</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
06/12	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>The playground and benches area in Bathgate Playground need to be upgraded in order to allow for further community use. The field needs renovation so the public can use it.</i>	Parks Department funds are insufficient for this purpose. We recommend this request be brought to the attention of your Council Members.
07/12	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Renovate the front entry of the library</i>	NYPL is in favor of this project; however, restored City capital funding is required. NYPL will continue to work through the City's budget process for needed funding. Please contact NYPL for additional information.
08/12	HPD	Provide more housing for seniors	<i>More senior housing</i>	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
09/12	DOT	Repair or construct new curbs or pedestrian ramps	<i>Southern Blvd between E 183rd and Fordham Road needs new curbs and ramps. The new curbs installed this year are damaged.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.

10/12	FDNY	Other FDNY facilities and equipment requests	<i>E45/L58 firehouse is in need of a kitchen. A cost evaluation done by FDNY suggests a budget of \$1,200,000.</i>	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
11/12	DOT	Reconstruct streets	<i>We request DOT undo the bike lane installation along Southern Boulevard, as the lines of school buses parked in front of the Bronx Zoo every day block the bike lane and prevent the intended effect of the project.</i>	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
CS/12	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>The E 174th Street station does not have elevators or escalators to provide ADA access.</i>	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.

Expense Requests

PRIORITY	AGENCY	CB REQUEST	REASON	AGENCY RESPONSE
01/19	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	<i>As most youth in CB6 do not go on to attain a college degree, and several drop out of high school, we ask for more employment services that will match them with jobs that do not require a bachelors degree.</i>	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
02/19	SBS	Provide or expand occupational skills training programs	<i>SBS needs to expand the scope and quality of services offered at Workforce 1 centers, focusing on building skills and training for careers.</i>	Feedback will be used for future programs
03/19	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance homelessness prevention programs/anti-eviction legal services	<i>1 in 5 residents in Bronx CB6 faced eviction last year, and as far as the board can tell there is one full time social service staff person in our District doing eviction prevention services. This is inadequate.</i>	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds have been allocated in the budget for these services.
04/19	SBS	Conduct BID Feasibility Analysis or support BID Formation Planning for a selected commercial district	<i>SBS needs to sponsor merchant organizing along East Tremont Ave to support struggling businesses.</i>	Feedback will be used for future programs
05/19	DEP	Other expense budget request for DEP	<i>The neighborhood of West Farms has had a significant increase in density due to numerous new housing developments. CB6 requests an evaluation of sewer capacity in this neighborhood to gauge future capacity to meet need in the West Farms neighborhood.</i>	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
06/19	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand funding for Cure Violence programming in CB6.</i>	Please contact the Mayors Office of Community Mental Health directly.
07/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize substance misuse and encourage treatment	<i>The stigma surrounding substance misuse is one of many significant obstacles in combating addiction, abuse, and alcoholism. Creating educational and destigmatizing programs can bolster people to seek the life-saving help they might require.</i>	DOHMH contracts with and oversees a wide variety of mental health and substance abuse services throughout NYC. Feel free to contact the Department with specific questions about services.
08/19	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health needs and encourage treatment	<i>Black, Latinx, and Asian American New Yorkers are less likely to receive or be connected with mental health care compared to white New Yorkers. In the Bronx, less than 20% are connected to care while prevailing social issues like poverty lead to nearly double the number of psychiatric hospitalizations per capita compared to higher-income neighborhoods in NYC. We are requesting programming to break the stigma around seeking mental health treatment and expanding existing services.</i>	DOHMH funds a variety of services related to mental health, alcohol, drug abuse, and depression. We will review and assess the request for additional programming, which would be contingent upon available resources.
09/19	DFTA	Enhance home care services	<i>Several residents of CB 6 are not being connected to the critical home care they require to promote, maintain, and lessen the effects of illness and disability. It is critical to bridge this lack of access. Homebound adult programs are not able to meet the needs of CB 6 because they have not been provided with enough funding to take on additional staff that is necessary to meet demand.</i>	DFTA will continue to advocate for increased funding support for aging services.

10/19	DPR	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	<i>Provide more programming inside parks within Community Board 6, especially Tremont Park, for the youth and elderly populations.</i>	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
11/19	DHS	Provide programs for homeless veterans	<i>Enhanced security is needed at DHS sites to encourage street homeless to accept shelter.</i>	The Agency has increased the number of Security Guards and Peace Officers in the DHS shelters throughout NYC.
12/19	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Expand the capacity of the B-HEARD 911 response program in the 48 Precinct.</i>	Please contact the Mayors Office of Community Mental Health directly.
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17/19	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Homelessness elicits a variety of different responses that incite the need for specific forms of care. More needs to be put towards locating, engaging with, and encouraging individuals to accept care services and transition off the streets.</i>	DHS funds street outreach services in all five boroughs. In addition to services available through DHS, DYCD also funds programs focused on runaway and homeless youth. To learn more about these services, please contact DHS or DYCD.
18/19	NYPD	Hire additional uniformed officers	<i>Increase the number of officers in the 48 precinct.</i>	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
19/19	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Fordham Road and Southern Boulevard needs traffic calming.</i>	This project has been completed in a prior fiscal year. Please withdraw this request from budget submissions and contact NYCDOT directly with any questions.