

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2018



Submitted to:

NYC
PLANNING

January 2017

Brooklyn
Community District 08

INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 8's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

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.

If you have questions about this report or suggestions for changes please contact:

CDNEEDS_DL@planning.nyc.gov

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 FY18 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.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1. Community Board Information**
- 2. Community District Land Use**
- 3. Overview of Community District**
- 4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall**
- 5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests**

Health Care and Human Services

Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Transportation

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

- 6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests**

- 7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests**

Table of All Capital Requests

Table of All Expense Requests

1. Community Board Information

Brooklyn Community Board 8

Address: 1291 St. Marks Avenue,

Phone: 718-467-5574

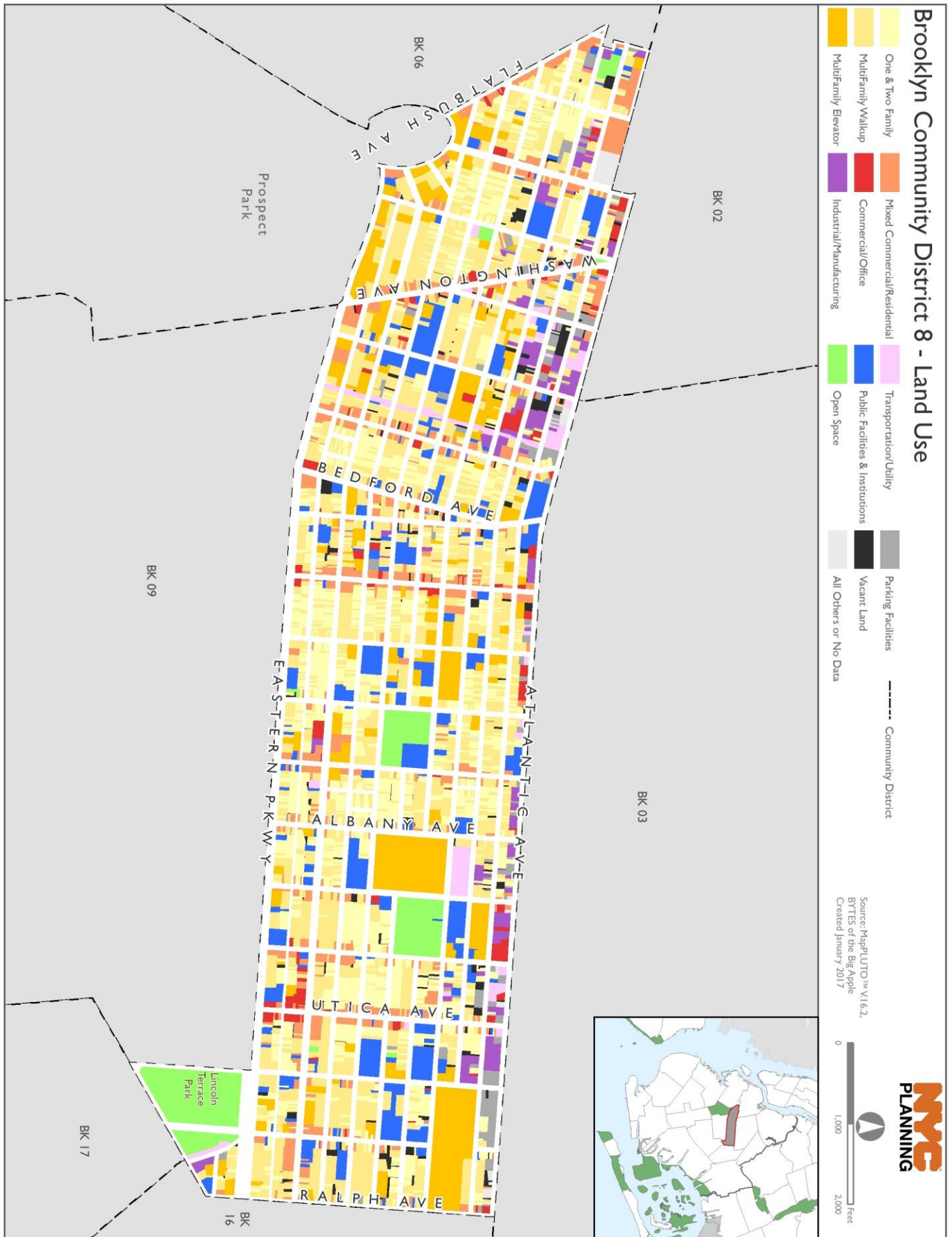
Email: brooklyncb8@gmail.com

Website: www.brooklyncb8.org

Chair: Ms. Nizjoni Granville

District Manager: Michelle George

2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Board No. 8 encompasses the neighborhoods of Prospect Heights, north Crown Heights, and Weeksville. The community is bounded by Atlantic Avenue on the north, Ralph Avenue on the east, Eastern Parkway on the south and Flatbush Avenue on the west.

District 8 is one of the most rapidly evolving neighborhoods in Brooklyn. In addition, it remains one of the most populated according to land mass despite a small decrease in population according to results of the 2010 Census. This decrease, however, will rapidly change once the Atlantic Yards Project aka Pacific Park Brooklyn buildings currently under construction are completed. The dynamically changing population is creating both new challenges and needs. Once an economically and culturally diverse community, there are noticeable shifts in economic status as well as ethnic and cultural make-up. An increased number of luxury condominium developments and other large-scale development projects are leading to shifting racial and class dynamics in the community. As we move forward with the historic designation of much of the District in the forms of the Crown Heights North Historic District, Park Place Historic District, Prospect Heights Historic District, and the newly proposed Crow Hill Historic District, have also contributed to the changes and challenges as well.

District 8 has become one of the latest “hot” destinations in Brooklyn. The numbers of new restaurants and bars have tripled in the last five years and business patronage is also at an all time high. Competition for affordable commercial space is causing additional chasms to form between upper and lower tier businesses and creating an influx of businesses that require alternative money making strategies such as possession of a liquor license to meet the overhead operating costs. Additionally, competition between market rate and rapidly declining affordable housing options is also contributing to the rapidly changing demographic, with fewer and fewer affordable options available. In fact, according to recent statistics Crown Heights leads the city in rent increases, thus creating a further requirement to maintain an affordable housing stock for long-time residents that are being priced out.

We are hoping that the Crown Heights West Rezoning initiative and historic designations will preserve our beautiful historic community while also addressing the glaring need for truly affordable housing. A community with a solid housing stock, good transportation connections, and with easy access to a number of cultural institutions such as Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza, Jewish Children’s Museum, Weeksville Heritage Center and several others leads us to believe that more positive growth should be on the horizon.

Despite the many positives within the District, there are many blaring challenges that must be faced and overcome. Included in these challenges are the enormously high poverty rate amongst minority and foreign born residents; the glaring unemployment rate of adult minority males; the alarming discomfort of residents because of police and safety uncertainties; a alarmingly high decrease in affordable housing units available for seniors and low and middle-income residents and the severely increasing cost of apartment rentals; lack of medical services and hospital coverage; and an uncertain public school options due to constant school closures and co-locations. These issues require special consideration and priority from government officials. Community Board No. 8 is committed to participating in the formulation of plans to address service delivery, housing, infrastructure and over all quality of life needs and concerns of the residents within the district.

The strategy detailed below will facilitate achievement of Community Board No. 8's goals for Fiscal Year 2018 and beyond.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 8 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Neighborhood preservation (development trends)*
- *Quality of life issues (noise, graffiti, petty crime, etc.)*

Preserving the character of our community from out of scale development projects is one of our greatest priorities. Historic designation of certain areas is designed to assist with this goal, but it does not protect the entire community from large scale luxury development designed to further alienate certain populations from the community. Development must be done in such a way that the neighborhoods are preserved and that affordable housing is maximized. Construction of luxury co-op buildings have helped to elevate rents to levels that long term residents cannot afford. The Federal AMI for a family of four exceeds the AMI for District 8. Currently, the affordable housing stock is diminishing at an alarming rate, with units being decommissioned from rent stabilization and with private units rising at the fastest pace throughout the city. Permanent affordable housing for varying income levels remains one of our highest priorities. Both low and middle income single individuals and families, seniors, and disabled alike, require additional resources for housing. This need is more prevalent in District 8 now more than ever due to gentrification. If an adequate number of additional units of affordable housing are unable to be constructed, existing property owners need to be given incentives to maintain affordable rent rates for their existing units. District 8 is one of the City's leaders in rent increases and lack of affordability. Fewer options and owner greed is helping to push long term residents from their apartments. We must ensure that our residents are not victims of landlord harassment because they reside in rent controlled or stabilized apartments that keeps the rate collected at below market rate for that unit. That being said, public safety concerns are on the rise as the gentrifying population and existing population are occasionally at odds with one another over services provided. Because of the gentrifying nature of business development, we have seen an influx of bars and restaurants and all of the problems that come along with a vibrant night life scene. We often field resident complaints about loud establishments that are left unchecked by the local police department because their resources are too scarce to investigate all complaints. The Neighborhood Coordinating Officer Program (NCO) should help rectify that. However, in the meantime, in order to prevent community-police relations from spiraling out of control, we must figure out a way to reduce complaints and strike an amicable accord between our business owns and residents. We hope our two police precincts, the Dept. of Environmental Protection, and the Dept. of Consumer Affairs are willing to assist us in striking this balance.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Community Board No. 8 has a high resident displacement rate due to rising rents, rising property taxes due to a gentrifying neighborhood, and costs being transferred to tenants. We also have a large number of individuals living in homeless shelters that need permanent housing. If services and legislation are in place to reduce the rate at which rents are increased, we can help stem the tide of the path to homelessness.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Since the closure of St. Mary's Hospital many years ago, Community Board 8 has been under-served in terms of health care. We lack a hospital and trauma center, and residents are forced to travel out of the district for care. There is a major healthcare crisis affecting the residents of Central Brooklyn due to budget cuts on various levels, and consequently, citywide, the healthcare system has been decimated with the number of hospitals closures, currently slated for closure, or recently saved but still struggling to provide adequate services. Hospitals strapped for cash are reducing services and the lack of equipment necessary to treat some patients leaves many without medical attention for so long that their ailments become worse and even more difficult to treat.

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

As a growing and occasionally neglected population, the elderly require special services and care that should come automatically to a well-deserving class of citizens. We need to recognize and reward the efforts and hard work of our senior population by providing them the fundamental means of existing above the median poverty line. As proponents of elderly care and in recognition of the special needs of the elderly in District 8, we appeal to a course of action that will make this goal possible. More services focused on improving the quality of life, residential opportunities, home-care and health-care need to be provided by City-operated and neighborhood based agencies. Services should focus on the forgotten population that earns too much to be eligible for Medicaid, and consequently do not qualify for Medicaid paid services as well as those that earn too much to qualify for low income senior housing opportunities. The home-care emphasis will help reduce costly institutional care and the burdens placed upon kin and will also provide additional freedom to relatively self-sufficient individuals. Services should include innovative senior centers, easily accessible and reliable transportation, truly affordable housing, prescription drug coverage and assistance, and other social and recreational activities.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

Many of the shelters in District 8 lack the adequate tools necessary to provide their residents with the resources to assist them with getting back on their feet and re-entering stable housing environments. This is a disservice to the men, women, and children that reside in these shelters and a greater affront to the community that houses the shelter. Also, as more people strive to stay out of homeless shelters--the homeless that rely on friends and relatives for overnight housing--additional programs are needed to help them find affordable housing options. If affordable housing is not an option available, then financial assistance programs are needed to help them overcome the difference in rent that is causing their homelessness.

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

As more and more people become economically unstable, it is imperative that adequate services be available to them to make their financial statuses more secure. Education and training programs, housing assistance programs, and cash and food assistance programs are all needed to help the economically vulnerable get back on their feet. Additionally, since cash strapped homes can lead to rising tensions, domestic violence prevention programs are needed to dispel anger and angst that might otherwise be taken out on domestic partners. Moreover, our elderly must be looked after. They must be cared for and their safety from abuse and predatory behavior ensured. Services to help educate them on signs and symptoms of elder abuse and scams are needed.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Health Care and Human Services

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/33	HHC	Health care facilities	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	
10/33	HHC	Health care facilities	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	
23/33	DFTA	Facilities for seniors	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/87	HPD	Services for the homeless	Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing	
3/87	DHS	Services for the homeless	Provide programs for homeless veterans	
4/87	DHS	Homelessness prevention programs	Expand homelessness prevention programs	
9/87	DOHMH	Animal and pest control services	Reduce rat populations	
11/87	DOHMH	Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs	Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	
12/87	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Enhance home care services	
19/87	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	
21/87	DOHMH	Healthy life styles programs	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	
23/87	HRA	Services for vulnerable New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance adult protective services	
39/87	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	
58/87	DFTA	Elder abuse programs	Enhance programs for elder abuse victims	
59/87	HRA	Domestic violence services	Other domestic violence services requests	
60/87	DFTA	Senior center programs	Enhance educational and recreational programs	
61/87	DOHMH	Programs to address HIV/AIDS or other infectious diseases	Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services	
62/87	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase home delivered meals capacity	
63/87	DFTA	Services for homebound older adults	Increase transportation services capacity	
66/87	DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	
84/87	DOHMH	Programs to address other public health issues	Other programs to address public health issues requests	



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Adolescent substance abuse

Early intervention is the key to saving the future of our youth. It is well documented that inner-city children have a higher risk for crime, dropping out of school and other educational deficits, gang involvement, drug use, and incarceration. We urge funding for activities that target at-risk youth, including but not limited to increased after school and out of school time programs, organized activities, and educational enrichment services.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

We urge the Dept. of Education to provide funds to upgrade the interior and exterior of our schools so that students will not be preoccupied or disheartened by dilapidated conditions, thus reducing their focus on academics. We encourage smaller class sizes for all grades as they are necessary to give each student an equal and ample amount of individual attention and one-on-one interaction with their teacher. Our children require a well-rounded education that includes not only the fundamentals of math, language arts, and reading comprehension, but also science, social studies, art, dance, and music. Each area of instruction should be assimilated in the curriculum of New York City's schools as this would greatly enhance students' active desire to participate in their learning and instruction. We support academic enrichment through creative expression, including but not limited to literature, crafts, dance, music and fine arts. Incorporating all of these disciplines helps to stimulate and enhance brain and logical thinking development, which fosters a more profound learning process in all areas. Furthermore, a broadened curriculum for foreign languages should be implemented in public schools to enhance an appreciation of the various cultural mores and customs that students will encounter throughout life, including the workforce.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

As the number of children in the foster care system rises, allowances must be made for resources for kinship care and foster parent training and recruitment services. The family reunification process must be immediately instituted to counter-balance the effects of intervention by Child Protection Services. As the number of children presently in the foster care system greatly exceeds the number of homes available, increased efforts must be made to provide the proper mental health care to prevent children from further losing a sense of self-image, self-worth, and their identity. Efforts must be made to assure children that their lives have meaning despite a lack of parental and familial influences. In addition, programs for youth who are aging out of the foster care system are needed. These programs assist in the critical adjustment and transition period for youth who are forced to live and survive on their own with minimal to no supervision. In order to assure that these individuals are able to live successfully without resorting to crime, programs must be instituted to assist them with job training and placement, money management, higher learning, and the like.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Community building exercises should be practiced to validate the "It Takes A Village" approach to child rearing. Too often, young parents reject the advice of a dwindling population of older nurturers, thus leading to a burgeoning violent youth culture. Youth without strong role models in the home need to have access to role models from elsewhere, and neighbors are a great place to look. Adults need to assume their role as parents, guardians, and mentors to our youth. Basic socialization requires that informal authority figures be active social agents.



Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
9/33	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</i>	<i>B15 building 37 Sixth Avenue</i>
15/33	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide technology upgrade</i>	
16/33	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school</i>	<i>MS 584 130 Rochester Avenue</i>
17/33	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</i>	<i>PS 243 1580 Dean Street</i>
25/33	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Expand child care services</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
15/87	DYCD	Programs for non-custodial fathers	Provide, expand, or enhance fatherhood programs for non-custodial fathers, e.g. parenting skills training	
16/87	ACS	Foster care and child welfare	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for 18 to 21 year olds who have aged out or been discharged from foster care services	
20/87	DOE	Educational programs	Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals	
34/87	DOE	Educational programs	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	
35/87	DOE	Educational programs	Assign more teaching staff	
36/87	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	
37/87	DOE	Educational programs	Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material	
38/87	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Provide, expand, or enhance residential services	
40/87	ACS	Juvenile justice programs and preventive services	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	
41/87	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	
42/87	DYCD	Literacy Programs	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services	
43/87	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out	
44/87	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	
45/87	DYCD	Runaway and homeless youth	Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services	
46/87	ACS	Juvenile justice programs and preventive services	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	
47/87	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program	
48/87	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)	
49/87	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	
50/87	DYCD	Literacy Programs	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	
51/87	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	
64/87	HRA	Kinship and Caretaker care programs	Provide funding for Kinship and Caretaker care programs	
65/87	ACS	Foster care and child welfare	Expand options for kinship foster care services	



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
75/87	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Other child care requests</i>	
83/87	DYCD	<i>Services for immigrants and immigrant families</i>	<i>Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

Recruits coming from the police academy and all current officers must be equipped with the necessary skills to interact with citizens with the proper respect. The NYPD's (CPR) Courtesy, Professional, and Respect initiative, appears to be forgotten during interactions with minorities. If officers maintain the Department's CPR edict of being courteous, professional, and respectful, it will reduce tensions between officers and minority residents that arise because of racial profiling and blatant disrespect.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

While our police numbers illustrate a drop in crime, residents will tell a different story, that crime is increasing. Additional police officers are needed for the 77th, 78th Precincts and PSA #2 to effectively police the community. Additionally, to quickly solve crimes, it is essential that the number of officers in the detectives' squads investigating crimes be increased and commensurate with the rate of crimes and unsolved felonies.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/33	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide surveillance cameras	
13/33	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	
28/33	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Add NYPD parking facilities	

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
8/87	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Other NYPD staff resources requests	
26/87	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	
27/87	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional housing police officers	Sterling Place Ralph Avenue Utica Avenue
28/87	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	
29/87	NYPD	NYPD programs	Increase resources for other crime prevention programs	
30/87	NYPD	NYPD programs	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	
31/87	NYPD	NYPD programs	Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs	
32/87	EDC	NYPD programs	Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives	
33/87	NYPD	NYPD staff and training resources	Assign additional uniformed officers	



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Environmental concerns affecting citizens include sewer capacity, flooding issues, noise pollution, air quality, street cleanliness, and vermin. All of these issues have an equal bearing on the CB 8 population and are top concerns for different segments of the District. For instance, vermin remains an area of high concern in the central portion of the district and the area bounded by Atlantic Yards/Pacific Park construction; noise is a concern on our busiest commercial strips from bars and restaurants; flooding because of over-capacity sewers remains a concern for many residents dispersed throughout the district; air quality is of importance because of the high asthma rate; and finally, street cleanliness is of importance because our residents have been clamoring for a reduction in alternate side parking to help alleviate parking woes in the crowded district.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Complaints of flooding in the basements of homes in the District are increasing. The Right of Way Bioswale installation projects occurring throughout the city are designed to assist with runoff and flooding for sewers not equipped to handle the quantity of water running through the system. We hope this helps, and we also hope that the city research other methods to employ to assist with runoff and sewer capacity such as green roofs.

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

Sanitation issues continue to plague District 8. Whether it is overflowing corner baskets, high litter rates, illegal dumping, untimely trash pick up, or housing development garbage strewn about our streets--it all adds up to a district with a declining scorecard rating. Additionally, bringing back section supervisors will help inform the garage what services are needed and where they are needed in a more timely fashion.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
22/33	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
13/87	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand community composting programs	
14/87	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Other cleaning requests	
24/87	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	
25/87	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	
67/87	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Provide more frequent litter basket collection	
68/87	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Increase vacant lot cleaning	
69/87	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	
70/87	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	
79/87	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal	
80/87	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions	
87/87	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	St. Marks Avenue Schenectady Avenue Rochester Avenue

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

Affordable housing programs

Permanent affordable housing for varying income levels remains one of our highest priorities. Low and middle income single individuals and families, seniors, and disabled alike, require additional resources for housing. This need is more prevalent in District 8 now more than ever due to gentrification. If additional units of affordable housing are unable to be constructed, existing property owners need to be given incentives to maintain affordable rent rates for their existing units. District 8 is one of the City's leaders in rent increases and lack of affordability. Fewer options and owner greed is helping to push long term residents from their apartments. We must ensure that residents are not victims of landlord harassment because they reside in rent controlled or stabilized units.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

We urge the City to consider using derelict, fallow housing for affordable housing opportunities rather than attacking community gardens and taking away green space for small scale development projects. Property owners should be held accountable for their property and should know that if they refuse to take care of it, there is the possibility that they can lose it to address a grave need at truly affordable rates, not inflated rates that are grossly unaffordable. We believe that a proper accounting of vacant NYCHA units should be done, especially considering the dire need for affordable units. The available units should be made available as soon as possible.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

The revitalization of our commercial strips is one of our top priorities. We request that Small Business Services and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce continue to work with District 8 for the revitalization of Utica, Kingston, and Nostrand Avenues, each between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway. These under-developed strips have the same potential to be as vibrant as Flatbush, Vanderbilt, Washington, and Franklin Avenues.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/33	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	
2/33	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	
3/33	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	
12/33	NYCHA	<i>Public housing upgrades or renovations</i>	<i>Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments</i>	
14/33	NYCHA	<i>Public housing maintenance, staffing and management</i>	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>Troy Avenue St. Marks Avenue Prospect Place</i>
26/33	EDC	<i>Economic development programs</i>	<i>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</i>	
30/33	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings</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	Need	Request	Location
1/87	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</i>	
5/87	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	
6/87	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand tenant protection programs</i>	
7/87	DCP	<i>Zoning and land use</i>	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	
22/87	EDC	<i>Tax and other incentives programs and financing support</i>	<i>Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space</i>	
52/87	SBS	<i>Tax and other incentives programs and financing support</i>	<i>Expand financial incentives for job creation and retention</i>	
53/87	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion</i>	
54/87	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance</i>	
55/87	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Other commercial district revitalization requests</i>	
56/87	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Support merchant organizing</i>	
57/87	SBS	<i>Workforce development</i>	<i>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</i>	
76/87	SBS	<i>Business regulatory assistance</i>	<i>Provide or expand assistance to obtain licenses and permits</i>	
77/87	SBS	<i>Direct business services</i>	<i>Support immigrant, minority, veteran and women-owned, as well as local and new small businesses</i>	
78/87	NYCHA	<i>Public housing maintenance, staffing and management</i>	<i>Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness</i>	
82/87	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Provide emergency housing for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

Over the last few years, District 8 has had several traffic calming studies performed that have proven to be an effective tool in slowing vehicular traffic, thus making our district safer for its residents. However, these calming measures have led to traffic back-ups on key strips and at many high-traffic intersections. These blockages cause irritation in drivers, and sometimes makes them drive erratically or recklessly. This in turn reduces the safety effects of the calming measures.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

We urge DOT to expand the Sidewalk Repair Program, thus creating a quicker response to investigate defective sidewalk complaints. Many of our streets have broken sidewalks due to large street trees uprooting the sidewalk from its foundation. Homeowners should not be held liable for defective sidewalks and damage caused by City street trees.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on bus service to travel. It becomes disheartening knowing that some people prefer to remain home rather than attempt to rely upon unreliable bus service in District 8. We request better service along our east-west routes on the B 45 and B 65, especially on weekends.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/33	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair potholes (resurface roads)	Bergen Street Ralph Avenue New York Avenue
8/33	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	
32/33	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Park Place stop

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
73/87	NYCTA	Transit Service	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	
74/87	NYCTA	Transit Service	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	
86/87	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Address traffic congestion	



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Other/All of the above

Our parks, cultural institutions, and libraries provide invaluable resources, education and entertainment to our residents. They should be maintained in a manner that will allow them to continue providing pleasure and enjoyment to their users and visitors.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The need for safe and well-maintained parks and playgrounds are essential for the children in District 8. A regular maintenance program with adequate manpower is crucial. Currently, maintenance staff needs to be increased for all of our Parks and Playgrounds, malls along Eastern Parkway, and the St. John's Recreation Center. Additional Playground Associates, Park Enforcement Officers, and other personnel are required to keep children at play free from harassment and dangerous elements that lurk in unguarded areas. It has been proven that with personnel in our parks, they are cleaner and safer for those that utilize them.

Community District Needs Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

We urge the City to continue its financial support for the renovation of our cultural institutions. The Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is one of New York City's unique educational and cultural treasures. Since its inception in 1899, it has been recognized for educational excellence and innovation and has had strong local and national impact while attendance continues to grow. Funding is required to complete necessary repairs and upgrades, and is also needed to maintain operating hours for the museum and staff levels at a livable wage. Weeksville Heritage Center (WHC) is another cultural jewel in District 8. The newly completed educational center and office space should further enhance the eastern end of the District. WHC is a multi-dimensional museum dedicated to preserving the history of the 19th century African American community of Weeksville, Brooklyn. Using a contemporary lens, the center activates this unique history through the presentation of innovative, vanguard and experimental programs. Unfortunately, there is not enough funding dedicated to WHC to keep it open for enough hours to provide potential visitors with its services and cultural enrichment.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

In recent years, the three public library systems serving NYC have been threatened annually with drastic cuts. Libraries provide job seekers assistance, adult literacy, English as a Second Language, computer training, tax preparation, US Passport processing, fine arts exhibits, access to the internet, and serve as a repository for historic material. Taken as a whole, the Brooklyn Public Library system requires its full funding due to its multi-service delivery to youth and adults alike. Specifically for District 8, additional funding for the Brower Park branch is necessary as many students utilize the library's resources for school projects, term papers, and supplementary education means. Additional hours of operation are necessary to allow students and other residents to utilize the library's resources.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Community Boards are the first advocates for community residents facing issues with other city agencies. It is our charter mandated duty to interface with community residents and city municipalities to ensure service delivery in a timely manner. 311 is not an adequate substitution for the interaction of community boards and community residents. Residents increasingly complain about the difficulty of obtaining useful and accurate information from the 311 system concerning resolution of complaints submitted via the central hotline and other general questions. The net result of the 311 hotline has been stagnation in service delivery and complaint resolution. Community Boards in general lack adequate operational funding. The meager budget provided for each of the fifty-nine boards citywide has not kept up with inflation and any increased operating costs. Community Boards possess the only budget that has not seen an increase in the past two decades despite increases in operation costs. We operate on a meager budget yet perform a valuable service to the community and city. With recent directives and proposals by the city council that demand that we conduct voter registration drives and webcast our monthly general meetings, operational costs are going to increase and additional staff training will be needed to ensure that we are capable of performing our new duties. We urge the Mayor and the City Council to consider a much needed increase for operating costs and staff maintenance for all Community Boards. We hope the City Council and Borough President's office will continue to battle with us to keep the voice of local government alive in every community.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
6/33	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Brower Park Library
11/33	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Dean Street Playground
18/33	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Lincoln Terrace Park
19/33	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Brooklyn Children's Museum
20/33	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	
21/33	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Brower Park
24/33	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Lincoln Terrace Park
27/33	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	
29/33	DCAS	Community board facilities and staff	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	
31/33	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	
33/33	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	1251 Prospect Place
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Lincoln Terrace Park
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Lincoln Terrace Park
CS	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Stroud Playground



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/87	OMB	Community board facilities and staff	Other community board facilities and staff requests	
17/87	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	
18/87	DPR	Park programming	Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers	
71/87	DPR	Park maintenance and safety	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	
72/87	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	
81/87	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	
85/87	DPR	Street trees and forestry services	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	Eastern Parkway Washington Avenue Grand Army Plaza

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
64/87	HRA	<i>Kinship and Caretaker care programs</i>	<i>Provide funding for Kinship and Caretaker care programs</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/33	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for special needs households, such as seniors, or the formerly homeless</i>	<i>Seniors, the disabled, and the homeless are often left out of housing conversations. As vulnerable populations, they need to be watched carefully and catered to just as much as families. Many seniors and disabled individuals live on fixed incomes of minimal amounts, and are thus unable to afford the current housing market. This leads them to homelessness and homeless shelters. Housing needs to be created specifically for these populations to prevent the vicious cycle of people entering homeless shelters.</i>		
2/33	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>Too many city dwellers are living well below the poverty line. As such, many families are forced to combine households in units that are way too small for the capacity they are designed for. Having additional low-income housing opportunities will help rectify this problem of apartment sharing and overcrowding.</i>		
3/33	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	<i>Medium income households are usually forgotten about--especially for singles. The rent rates charged are usually unaffordable despite being within the federal standard. Additional units need to be created for this demographic that is often the forgotten demographic.</i>		
4/33	HHC	<i>Provide a new or expanded health care facility</i>	<i>Community Board 8 lacks a hospital sufficient for caring for a multitude of ailments. Funding should be made available to upgrade our medical service centers and also to build a large scale medical facility that addresses the needs of the community.</i>		
5/33	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>NYPD cameras have proven to be an effective tactic in fighting crime, especially in areas with a dearth of foot patrol officers. St. Johns and Sterling Places between Troy and Ralph Avenues Nostrand, Buffalo, Schenectady, Kingston, Utica, Ralph, and Franklin Avenues between Atlantic and Eastern Parkway The intersection of Park Place and Albany Avenue</i>		
6/33	BPL	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>The Brower Park Library branch should be upgraded to be made handicapped accessible and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also, please remove the metal gate surrounding the library and plant flowers and plants to make the library more attractive and inviting to visitors.</i>	<i>Brower Park Library</i>	
7/33	DOT	<i>Repair potholes (resurface roads)</i>	<i>Resurface the following roadways: Bergen Street from Ralph Avenue to New York Avenue; Carlton Avenue from Pacific Street and Flatbush Avenue; St. Marks Avenue from Classon to Franklin</i>	<i>Bergen Street Ralph Avenue New York Avenue</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
8/33	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Increase funding for trench restoration projects in District 8. Many of our streets are experiencing sinkage due to worn trench beams. Additional funding would allow for the replacement of these beams and create level roadways.		
9/33	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	There is a glaring need for parents for middle school aged children in Prospect Heights. The greatest municipal need is for a zoned middle school in District 13 to serve the western part of Community District 8. According to Census data, in 2012, there were 613 children of middle school age living in the census tracts of Prospect Heights, and the population of the neighborhood will continue to grow as the Atlantic Yards project aka Pacific Park are completed and other infill development in the eastern part of Prospect Heights becomes occupied.	B15 building 37 Sixth Avenue	
10/33	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	Fund a Brooklyn burn center unit. Brooklyn is without a burn unit. It is vital for burn victims to receive treatment for their wounds as quickly as possible to avoid the loss of excess flesh. Currently, Brooklynites have to be transported to Manhattan for burn treatment.		
11/33	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Install lamp posts around Dean Street Playground. Currently, there is a lighting issue in Dean Street playground. The playground does not have an operating system and in the past relied upon stadium lights to illuminate the area. Light posts placed strategically around the park will illuminate the playground without creating a nuisance situation for the park's residential neighbors.	Dean Street Playground	
12/33	NYCHA	Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of NYCHA developments	The Brownsville power grid is insufficient to support its service base. Con Ed has identified that NYCHA develops place most of the strain on the grid. An audit of energy efficiency and environmental performance should be conducted to ensure that NYCHA developments are running efficiently and using as little energy as possible to function effectively. This will not only help the environment, but will also help the City save money and could possibly prevent brown/blackouts.		
13/33	FDNY	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Continue restoring Fire Houses in District 8. Many of the engine and ladder companies are turn of the century buildings that need upgrades such as new roofs, apparatus floor replacements, water proofing, pointing, electrical upgrades, as well as kitchens and bathrooms.		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
14/33	NYCHA	Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests	Update/reconstruct children's park located in Albany Houses between 162 and 180 Troy Avenue.	Troy Avenue St. Marks Avenue Prospect Place	
15/33	DOE	Provide technology upgrade	Provide smart boards to all schools in Districts 13, 16, and 17.		
16/33	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	Provide new electrical system throughout the building, modernize/update the auditorium, provide new tables for the lunchroom, install new doors with locks, upgrade pipes/water system.	MS 584 130 Rochester Avenue	
17/33	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	Provide a new PA system, new classroom doors, a new cafeteria floor, new curtains for the auditorium, and a new gymnasium floor. The current PA system does not reach the entire building, the doors do not close all the way so they cannot be locked, the tiles are buckling in the cafeteria, and the gym floor cannot be sanded again.	PS 243 1580 Dean Street	
18/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Upgrade the fitness equipment at Lincoln Terrace Park. The equipment in the adult fitness area is highly utilized and in dire need of replacement.	Lincoln Terrace Park	
19/33	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide funding for a concrete retaining wall at the Brooklyn Children's Museum. The existing wooden retaining wall is severely deteriorated, making the courtyard space unusable. Building a new concrete retaining wall will make it possible to add additional programming at the museum.	Brooklyn Children's Museum	
20/33	DCLA	Renovate or upgrade an existing cultural facility	Provide funding for indoor auditorium at the Brooklyn Children's Museum. An indoor auditorium would allow for increased programming options at the museum.		
21/33	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Install lights around playground area in Brower Park. There are currently no lights in the playground, and the area is completely dark and encourages dangerous activities.	Brower Park	
22/33	DEP	Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales	If the recently installed bioswales prove to be effective, we advocate for timely installation of additional bioswales in our district.		
23/33	DFTA	Renovate or upgrade a senior center	Funds should be provided to convert all of District 8's senior centers into innovative senior centers to maximize potency and impact.		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
24/33	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Construct comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near the tennis court.</i>	<i>Lincoln Terrace Park</i>	<i>Councilwoman Darlene Mealy; Lincoln Terrace Park Tennis Association</i>
25/33	ACS	<i>Expand child care services</i>	<i>There is a growing need for group and family Daycare services in District 8, spurred by the growing population of working parents moving into the community as well as the number of working parents already in the community. Additional affordable daycare slots for all work shifts, not just the traditional shifts of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, need to be created to accommodate this growing trend of working parents and their need for services. In addition, child care slots for home-based and center-based programs should be restored.</i>		
26/33	EDC	<i>Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs</i>	<i>A Local Development Corporation (LDC) is needed to oversee development in the manufacturing district. The LDC would work with local businesses to retain and build industry and commerce, create jobs and improve economic opportunities for local residents and neighborhood enterprises while overseeing a newly created affordable housing stock. As we formulate a strategy for the M1 zone, we need an agency to oversee it. We need recruitment services to recruit manufacturers and oversee attraction, development, and planning in the zone.</i>		
27/33	DPR	<i>Other requests for park, building, or access improvements</i>	<i>As the number of people with dogs increases in the community, it is imperative that we have a park with a dog run that allows pet owners a safe and friendly environment to give their pets exercise. Specifically for Brower Park and Lincoln Terrace Park.</i>		
28/33	NYPD	<i>Add NYPD parking facilities</i>	<i>With the construction of Pacific Park around the 78th Precinct, there is a dearth of parking spaces available for officers of the precinct. The 77th Precinct also lacks adequate parking spaces and the result is officers angle parking on the sidewalk in front of private homes, double parking on residential streets, or disobeying alternate side parking rules.</i>		
29/33	DCAS	<i>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Acquire a mixed use residential/commercial space for the District office of Community Board 8 to share with other not for profit organizations.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
30/33	HPD	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	There are times when small scale landlords desire to do the correct thing by tenants but are unable to afford to do so. Loan programs to help them with rehabilitation projects are necessary to ensure that these landlords and property owners do not have liens levied against their properties because of code enforcement violations.		
31/33	DCLA	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Acquire land within District 8 for community use to be used for cultural events, steel band and marching band practice, art exhibits, pop up art galleries, etc. A large number of vacant lots in the manufacturing district are used by steel bands and marching bands for practice and for pop up art galleries. If the manufacturing area is developed, these bands and student bands will have no suitable place to practice and artists will have no space to display their art. Land is needed to give these entities proper practice and performance space.		
32/33	NYCTA	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	The Franklin Avenue Shuttle line is in dire need of repainting. Efforts should be made to ensure that the shuttle line is held to the same quality standards as other major transit stations.	Park Place stop	
33/33	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Provide funding for the expansion of St. John's Recreation Center. More than 23,000 residents utilize St. John's Recreation Center each year. It is imperative that the facility be expanded to accommodate additional recreational activities and administrative space for the existing building. The building that currently houses FDNY Rescue Co. 2 is near the St. John's premises and will be vacant soon. The structure could be an adequate source of additional space to accommodate many of the needs for the facility.	1251 Prospect Place	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The playground at Lincoln Terrace Park is terribly old and outdated, in need of modernizing and repair. Our children deserve a safe place to play and they are not currently getting it in the playground's current condition. Also, there is a water drainage problem in the center of the playground that needs to be addressed.	Lincoln Terrace Park	Councilwoman Darlene Mealy, 41st Council District; Former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 33 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Reconstruct Stroud Playground. Stroud Playground is old and outdated, and was recently targeted for renovation by the Parks Dept. We are pleased to hear that funding has been allocated for the reconstruction of this old and outdated playground, and eagerly await the completion of the project.</i>	<i>Stroud Playground</i>	
CS	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Renovate and upgrade comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near playground.</i>	<i>Lincoln Terrace Park</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/87	HPD	<i>Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs</i>	<i>As the affordable housing market continues to be stressed, more financial rental assistance services are needed to assist tenants with maintaining their housing independence.</i>		
2/87	HPD	<i>Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing</i>	<i>The gap between affordability and unaffordable continues to rise. Programs need to be instituted for a wider range of people to help stem this tide. It is not only families facing a crisis of unaffordability; it is also single individuals with no children that hover in the ranges that are not covered by the "so-called" affordable units coming online. The income ranges leaves out a large population.</i>		
3/87	DHS	<i>Provide programs for homeless veterans</i>	<i>After serving our country, no veteran should be in a position facing homelessness. Services and programs are needed to prevent veteran homelessness and joblessness. Our veterans deserve to be treated with a dignity and respect that they simply are not receiving at this time. Their valor and honor in serving our country should be rewarded, and they should not be looked down upon as scourge.</i>		
4/87	DHS	<i>Expand homelessness prevention programs</i>	<i>As rent rates in District 8 continue to increase, more and more families and individuals are on the verge of homelessness. Programs should be expanded to help them avoid entering the shelter system and becoming statistics. Rental assistance programs are in dire need to help cover the gap between affordability and unaffordable.</i>		
5/87	DOB	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	<i>As more and more landlords succumb to the greed of being able to collect market rate rents, they let currently occupied apartments drift into the ranks of inhabitability to push out long term tenants while gut renovating recently vacated apartments. We need to ensure that enforcement agents use their full power to encourage landlords to make repairs for long term tenants rather than just focusing on improving the habitability for higher rent paying tenants.</i>		
6/87	HPD	<i>Expand tenant protection programs</i>	<i>More and more landlords are resorting to illegal tactics to evict tenants from their homes or make them want to leave on their own so that they can raise rents. Tenant education services and legal services to inform tenants of their rights are in high demand.</i>		
7/87	DCP	<i>Other zoning and land use requests</i>	<i>Study the rezoning of the manufacturing district bounded by Grand and Franklin Avenues between Atlantic Avenue and Bergen Street (blocks 1125, 1126, 1133, 1134, 1141, and 1142), as well as the south side of Atlantic Avenue between Grand and Vanderbilt Avenues (block2 1122 and 1124) for mixed residential and manufacturing use according to Community Board 8s M-CROWN proposal as amended and submitted to the Department of City Planning.</i>		<i>Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo</i>

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
8/87	NYPD	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Increase staffing levels of Detective Units, especially at the 77th and 78th Precincts and PSA2. This will help officers solve crimes faster and eliminate the backlog of cases.</i>		
9/87	DOHMH	<i>Reduce rat populations</i>	<i>With the large number of development projects scattered throughout the District, and renovation projects ongoing in our historic districts, the number of rodent complaints has skyrocketed. A greater number of exterminators are needed to quickly address baiting concerns and identify rodent havens and burrows.</i>		
10/87	OMB	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>In FY 2016, the Boards' budgets were slightly increased to accommodate the collective bargaining agreement. However, the operating budget for Community Boards are still woefully inadequate, not keeping pace of inflation and any increased operating costs. The costs for acquiring much needed newer technology, computer software, upgraded hardware, as well as internet/web access capabilities is expensive. In addition, according to Chapter 70, Section 2800 (21f) of the City Charter, we are required to have experts such as planners to assist us in our Charter mandated duties. We do not currently have the funds available to hire such experts and/or consultants. It is consequently imperative that all the Community Boards' budgets be increased.</i>		
11/87	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>There is a growing need for outpatient mental health services among children and adults alike. The stigma of admission of having a mental illness such as depression, anxiety, or bipolar disorder to name a few is great, thus preventing those suffering from symptoms to seek help. People should not be forced to suffer in silence lest they be stigmatized by their family and peers. Educational and support services are essential to maintaining the well-being of our residents regardless of age. Services geared toward assistance coping with mental stresses from a myriad of sources should be instituted. These services should include treatment and counseling for grief and bereavement issues, societal stress, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, anger problems, and others.</i>		
12/87	DFTA	<i>Enhance home care services</i>	<i>Services should focus on the forgotten population that earns too much to be eligible for Medicaid, and consequently do not qualify for Medicaid paid services as well as those that earn too much to qualify for low income senior housing opportunities. The home-care emphasis will help reduce costly institutional care and the burdens placed upon kin and will also provide additional freedom to relatively self-sufficient individuals.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
13/87	DSNY	<i>Provide or expand community composting programs</i>	<i>Composting is a viable way to bring in additional revenue to the City and also to cut garbage disposal costs.</i>		
14/87	DSNY	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Provide additional street cleaners to assist in keeping the streets clean and free of debris. This will ensure that private homeowners will not be forced to bear the brunt of dirty commercial strips as there will be no trash to swirl about.</i>		
15/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance fatherhood programs for non-custodial fathers, e.g. parenting skills training</i>	<i>Too many of our children are being raised in single parent households. Efforts must be made to give non-custodial parents skills to help rear their children into productive and studious adults. Non-custodial parents should not be allowed to feel that their role in child rearing is either negligible or unnecessary.</i>		
16/87	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for 18 to 21 year olds who have aged out or been discharged from foster care services</i>	<i>Young adults who have aged out of foster care are an extremely vulnerable population. Funding is needed to allow them the opportunity to obtain adequate and safe housing and have money for basic necessities.</i>		
17/87	DPR	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP officers) are needed to enforce the rules of the park such as no littering, no fire (BBQ), and no off leash dogs during specified hours and many others. Funding must be provided in order to rectify these problems and make our parks and playgrounds safe and enjoyable for all.</i>		
18/87	DPR	<i>Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers</i>	<i>Organized sports and exercise programs in our parks should be strongly considered. Organized sports activities will not only keep our youth grounded and occupied while fighting the obesity epidemic, but they will also contribute to a structured nurturing environment and a healthier lifestyle. In addition, organized activities should be structured for adults as well to encourage community building and a stronger neighborhood foundation.</i>		
19/87	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	<i>Fund HRA's plan for improving how the agency helps its clients develop job skills, obtain employment, and build sustainable careers that provide a path out of poverty. If the program is adequately funded, HRA would be able to do a better job of helping clients develop skills to find work that pays enough to support their families and leave public assistance for good.</i>		
20/87	DOE	<i>Expand or improve nutritional programs, e.g., school meals</i>	<i>As obesity issues continue to plague our youth, we must ensure that they receive healthy school meals to help them understand the value of eating properly. This will transfer to their home lives where they will be able to teach other family members to make better eating choices.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
21/87	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	District 8 is severely plagued by other health ailments including diabetes, heart disease, asthma, stroke, obesity, and many other conditions that require substantial medical care for those afflicted. The inability to afford healthy food options only compounds these problems. Residents should be trained in healthy living without exceeding their budget as obesity continues to plague the less wealthier residents of our community and also those that do not have the means or access to healthy food options. Programs stressing proper nutrition should be provided for families.		
22/87	EDC	Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space	Grant and tax incentive programs must be implemented to attract manufacturing businesses to our manufacturing (M1-1) district. Technological capacities of the M1 district need to be increased as well. These in turn can assist in closing the jobless gap for young men and women and recently retired (but still need employment) in the District. This will also assist recently released felons in obtaining gainful employment and stemming the criminal element in the District.		
23/87	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance adult protective services	We must keep in mind that our elderly population is at risk for abuse from family members and home health aides seeking to take advantage of their frail emotional and physical states. Our elderly population is the most vulnerable and often forgotten. They require considerable attention to maintain their safety and well-being, thus preventing them from being subjected to unnecessary hardship, pain, and mental aggravation in the form of fear.		
24/87	DSNY	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up	The housing developments that are located on the eastern end of the District create a messy eyesore daily with their improperly placed trash. Garbage is placed curbside daily--sometimes twice daily--thus creating an unsightly mess. Additional collection services are needed to prevent this practice from continuing. Specifically for Weeksville Houses and Kingsboro Houses.		
25/87	DSNY	Provide or expand NYC organics collection program	Separate organic collection is useful in diminishing the amount of trash sent to landfills daily. Bio-digesters should be installed in manufacturing districts around the city to make this possible. It is time to start thinking more environmentally.		
26/87	NYPD	Assign additional staff to address specific crimes (e.g. drug, gang-related, vice, etc.)	Drug and gang related violence has always been an issue for the eastern end of District 8. We need additional officers to specifically handle these types of complaints and issues before the inevitable violence follows. We believe preventative measures should be implemented so that crime does not occur. For the area bounded by Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway from Albany to Ralph Avenues		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
27/87	NYPD	Assign additional housing police officers	The housing developments of Community Board 8 may not be as many in number or as large as other developments across the borough or citywide. However, additional patrol is needed, especially along Sterling Houses on the eastern end of the district. This small scale development has higher rates of crime due to lack of patrol because they seem to be ordinary apartment buildings.	Sterling Place Ralph Avenue Utica Avenue	
28/87	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	NYPD officers should be provided with sensitivity training to deal with the rapidly evolving community. The training should encompass measures of bridging the gaps between old residents and new residents to prevent conflicts.		
29/87	NYPD	Increase resources for other crime prevention programs	The Crime Prevention unit does its best to help educate the community on ways to reduce their propensity for falling victim to crimes of opportunity. However, additional resources are needed to help spread the reach of their educational tools.		
30/87	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	The densely populated and yet to be gentrified eastern end of the District is rife with youth crime. It is imperative that funding be allotted for youth crime prevention programs to prevent the onslaught of a lost generation of youth offenders.		
31/87	NYPD	Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs	Funding should be provided for preventative services to educate women and men of all ages on the telltale signs of all forms of abuse physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological and how to exit a situation that could be potentially life threatening, not only for her- or him-self, but for any children in the home as well. This will provide pre-emptive services and prevent further destruction of familial ties and bonds.		
32/87	EDC	Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives	Graffiti is blight on the community. Not only do we need to clean existing graffiti, we need to educate the community on why tagging and graffiti is so bad for the community.		
33/87	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	A greater number of officers policing the community will help reduce crime and the potential for criminal activity.		
34/87	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	Increase funding to Districts 13, 16, and 17 to increase the number of paraprofessionals, library instructors, dedicated school nurses, and guidance counselors in schools.		
35/87	DOE	Assign more teaching staff	Increase funding to hire additional teachers in Districts 13, 16, and 17.		
36/87	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Our teachers also need additional staff development days to better assist them not only with traditional lesson planning and classroom management, but also in the use of modern technology for both.		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
37/87	DOE	<i>Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material</i>	<i>While we understand that the Children First Initiative ensures that the DOE provides textbooks and curriculum materials to support the Children First core curriculum in schools, DOE funding should also include the most up-to-date instructional aids and manipulative materials to better assist teachers in their daily lessons and lesson planning.</i>		
38/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance residential services</i>	<i>These shelters provide a safe and welcoming temporary shelter, providing immediate short term (up to 30 days) accommodations to homeless youth (16 to 20 years in age) while they receive assistance in obtaining a long term housing agreement.</i>		
39/87	HRA	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</i>	<i>Job training opportunities need to be expanded beyond those living in NYCHA housing. These programs are needed to help the impoverished gain self-sufficiency and move away from a life on welfare and public services.</i>		
40/87	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>Early intervention is the key to saving the future of our youth. It is well documented that inner-city children have a higher risk for crime, dropping out of school and other educational deficits, gang involvement, drug use, and incarceration. We urge funding for activities that target at-risk youth. Funding for youth development and delinquency and prevention programs is necessary to serve our youth and quell the growing trend toward life-ruining activities.</i>		
41/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment</i>	<i>These programs provide a structured environment where these young men and women resume their education, acquire high school equivalency diplomas, and obtain skills needed to go on to college and obtain employment.</i>		
42/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services</i>	<i>Students in poorly performing schools have a higher chance of falling behind their peers in higher rated schools. Every effort must be made to bring these youth up to speed so that they can have a successful education career and be vital in the work environment. They must have the proper skills and tools for entrance into the work force and not be relegated to menial tasks that require little to no skill and pay minimum wage, thus keeping them locked in poverty.</i>		
43/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out</i>	<i>Most jobs nowadays require at least a high school diploma or GED. The high drop out rate of students at risk of dropping out of school in already impoverished communities only increases the risk of continuing the vicious cycle of poverty and joblessness.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
44/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has proven to be invaluable to our youth in terms of the job experience, training, and responsibility given to its participants. Jobs, along with participation in the arts, music, dance, theater, and sports help foster higher self-esteem, positive self-motivation, and elevated levels of self-confidence. It is our firm belief that our youth will excel as a result of their experience with the SYEP. Therefore, we recommend that baseline funding should be adjusted annually to allow for inflation and the number and type of jobs available through SYEP be increased.</i>		
45/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services</i>	<i>A large portion of homeless youth belong to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and queer (LGBTQ) population. They are often ostracized by their families. Efforts should be made to reach out to these youth to remove them from abusive situations and prevent them from becoming part of the homeless population.</i>		
46/87	ACS	<i>Provide additional juvenile justice programs</i>	<i>For youth that unfortunately find themselves entangled in the criminal justice system, the Close to Home program was started in 2012 as an alternative to sending New York City youth offenders to upstate facilities which separates them from family and familiar surroundings. Rather, Close to Home keeps youth offenders in NYC-based facilities and provides various services to the youth and their caregivers. We ask for quarterly reviews of current operations and results as well as public hearings to ensure the program realizes its mission and objectives as it is better that the youth learn how to adapt and function effectively in their community and with their community.</i>		
47/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program</i>	<i>Each year, there is no shortage of youth participating in the SYEP program; however, there is a shortage of quality jobs. More outreach needs to be done to obtain quality internship positions, especially in technical and business realms so that young adults can obtain invaluable experience.</i>		
48/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (grades K-5)</i>	<i>Primary school is an important time in our children's lives. It is in primary school that the foundation for education is laid. After school programs are effective tools in enhancing and enriching education as well as providing social skill building opportunities.</i>		
49/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)</i>	<i>Middle school years are important times in our children's lives. It is during middle school that most children begin to veer down the wrong path and begin dabbling in drugs and mild criminal activity that lead to much worse things. Adequate after school programs will aid in keeping kids out of trouble and on keeping them on the right path.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
50/87	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services</i>	<i>The result of poor performing schools, poverty, and the effects of dropping out of school is never more present than in the high adult illiteracy rate. Functionally illiterate adults cannot be expected to succeed in life. Efforts must be made to give them the necessary skills to elevate themselves.</i>		
51/87	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Provide funding for a feasibility and site identification study for a culturally relevant standalone academic enrichment center that can be partnered with middle schools. Less programming space is available for a number of reasons, including the co-location of district and charter schools within public school buildings.</i>		
52/87	SBS	<i>Expand financial incentives for job creation and retention</i>	<i>We need to ensure that new businesses have the means to create and retain jobs that can be made available to our residents. This will help ensure that our unemployment rate decreases over time.</i>		
53/87	SBS	<i>Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion</i>	<i>District 8 has a plethora of opportunities for tourists to explore unique cuisine and a bustling nightlife scene in addition to many valuable cultural institutions.</i>		
54/87	SBS	<i>Provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance</i>	<i>There is a high turnover ratio of businesses in District 8 and very little longevity for newly opening businesses. Assistance needs to be provided to help business owners attract business so they can become community staples rather than relics.</i>		
55/87	SBS	<i>Other commercial district revitalization requests</i>	<i>Provide industry focused events similar to "Restaurant Week" for various other types of businesses. Assistance needs to be provided to help increase the visibility for businesses other than in the food industry across the city as these businesses suffer from a lack of exposure.</i>		
56/87	SBS	<i>Support merchant organizing</i>	<i>Commercial strips struggling to keep up with their more developed counterparts need assistance in marketing themselves as a palatable and cheaper alternative. Specifically for Kingston Avenue, Utica Avenue, and Nostrand Avenue.</i>		
57/87	SBS	<i>Provide or expand occupational skills training programs</i>	<i>As the community evolves, some of our residents are being left behind. These residents need occupational, vocational, and entrepreneurial training in order to maintain their residency and ability to exist in a changing community.</i>		
58/87	DFTA	<i>Enhance programs for elder abuse victims</i>	<i>Too often, our elders are too ashamed or afraid to speak up for themselves. Additional services must be provided to ensure that they do not fall prey to scam artists and abusive individuals that will take advantage of their frailty.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
59/87	HRA	<i>Other domestic violence services requests</i>	<i>We support expanded funding for existing Domestic Violence Victim and Intervention Programs. It is extremely important that we protect our families welfare and well-being from destructive forces within the community, regardless of whether it comes from the home or local environment. Preventive, protective, and counseling services for families must be provided in order to maintain the health and security of our youth, elderly, and overall family structure. Funding should be provided for preventative services to educate individuals of all ages on the telltale signs of all forms of abuse physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological and how to exit a situation that could be potentially life threatening, not only for themselves, but for any children in the home as well.</i>		
60/87	DFTA	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>As informational resources proceed further into the digital era, and fewer services are provided without the use of online tools, it is imperative that our older population acquire the technical skills needed to navigate the world wide web to gain access to services. Too often, seniors do not possess the technical savvy to research their problem online or access the help available from online resources. Computer literacy programs and purchase assistance programs will help remedy this.</i>		
61/87	DOHMH	<i>Provide more HIV/AIDS information and services</i>	<i>Central Brooklyn is still considered the epicenter for HIV/AIDS infections. As such, adequate education should be provided regarding the use of prophylactics and engaging in safe sexual practices.</i>		
62/87	DFTA	<i>Increase home delivered meals capacity</i>	<i>The Home Delivered Meals program has proven to be a success. To make sure the program continues, funds for car insurance and additional vehicles to deliver the meals are needed.</i>		
63/87	DFTA	<i>Increase transportation services capacity</i>	<i>The elderly have a difficult enough time traveling. Unreliable public transportation options are at times their only choice. An increase in senior transportation, whether via para transit or some other form of transport, should be provided--especially for those that live alone and have minimal contact with the outside world.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
64/87	HRA	<i>Provide funding for Kinship and Caretaker care programs</i>	<i>Additional services are needed for the homebound elderly to limit the burdens placed on kindhearted friends, significant others, spouses, and other relatives who assume complete responsibility for the care of their loved ones. Support services must be provided to these individuals who do an invaluable service to the community. These additional services will reduce the stress of having to care for semi-incapacitated individuals and can also reduce the risk of abuse by overworked and anxious relatives and friends encumbered with the financial and mental cost of care. We urge the Department to provide funding for the Kinship and Caretaker care programs.</i>		
65/87	ACS	<i>Expand options for kinship foster care services</i>	<i>To prevent children from entering the foster care system and living with strangers, it is imperative that we garner a greater appreciation for kinship care programs so that the child(ren) will have some semblance of family structure.</i>		
66/87	DFTA	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	<i>Create one-stop service centers where seniors can apply for employment, transportation, healthcare, and receive nutrition and wellness information.</i>		
67/87	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Corner baskets are prone to become victims of improper use as people dump household trash in them regularly. This causes the baskets to overflow and create unsightly messes in the community. More trash collection for corner baskets would help reduce this problem. 6 day a week service is requested. Currently, baskets are collected 4 times per week.</i>		
68/87	DSNY	<i>Increase vacant lot cleaning</i>	<i>Lots that are not used as community gardens are havens for illegal dumping. Better efforts should be made to monitor vacant lots and ensure their cleanliness to avoid vermin and blight.</i>		
69/87	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>Illegal dumping creates blight and makes it appear as though the community does not care about itself. It must be stopped and penalties strengthened for the act.</i>		
70/87	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of canine waste laws</i>	<i>Canine waste has the potential to create health hazards for humans and other dogs. Dog owners must be held responsible for properly caring for their pets. The District office has received numerous complaints of dog feces strewn about the community. It is imperative that Pooper Scooper laws be enforced and that signs alerting dog owners that it is their responsibility to clean up after their dogs are installed. As a result, we are asking that funding to re-instate the signage unit be provided. Furthermore, additional Sanitation Police Officers are also needed to issue summonses to dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
71/87	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	Too often, we get complaints about trash in neighborhood parks and playgrounds. We urge the Parks Department to increase efforts to keep our parks and playgrounds litter free. Of course, this request does not absolve those that utilize our parks and playgrounds from doing their part to keep the parks clean as well.		
72/87	BPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Financial/economic literacy programs for teens are direly needed. Learning to save and invest is essential for economically disadvantaged residents. This information needs to be learned during adolescence so that as adults, residents will be financially stable. The Brooklyn Public Library should engage residents with financial literacy programs and make such programs accessible to all.		
73/87	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Re-instate the B 71 bus line. This line serviced an array of cultural institutions along Eastern Parkway and was an integral part of accessing the cultural icons of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Grand Army Plaza Library, and Prospect Park.		
74/87	NYCTA	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Weekend service along the B45 and B 65 has been a source of complaint for users of the bus lines for many years. We encourage additional service, especially on the weekends when there is a lot of subway work being done.		
75/87	ACS	Other child care requests	Expand funding for Safe Sleep Program to increase awareness among parents and other caregivers about the potentially fatal risks of sharing a bed with an infant, and how to prevent injuries and deaths associated with other unsafe sleep practices, such as excessive bedding, bumpers and toys in cribs.		
76/87	SBS	Provide or expand assistance to obtain licenses and permits	Certain individuals with the desire to establish a business lack the essential knowledge of what they need to do in order to open their business. They do not know which permits are needed and/or where to get them from. They need this type of assistance to help them establish a successful business.		
77/87	SBS	Support immigrant, minority, veteran and women-owned, as well as local and new small businesses	Support is needed at different levels of development. Mid range and transitional businesses (inter-generational businesses) need just as much assistance as start-up businesses.		
78/87	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	NYCHA properties are often the greatest source of garbage complaints from our residents. Either the garbage needs to be stored in a fit facility or picked up daily at a set time. The unsightly mess it creates causes an increase in dirt and litter on the street and decreases the scorecard. For Albany Houses, Weeksville Houses, and Kingsboro Houses.		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
79/87	DSNY	<i>Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal</i>	<i>The Department should have a weekly or even monthly regular pick up day for electronics just as it has for glass, aluminum, plastic, and paper. This would increase the likelihood of people actually recycling their electronic waste rather than placing it in a black garbage bag for disposal.</i>		
80/87	DSNY	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</i>	<i>Most schools have no separate space to house their garbage and recycling. As such, it is put curbside daily, creating an unsightly mess. Daily pickup of garbage and recycling will reduce this problem.</i>		
81/87	DPR	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>We are pleased with the number of new trees that have been planted in the district over the last few years. However, many of the recently planted trees are either dead or dying. Better street tree maintenance is needed to prevent these issues from plaguing a valuable resource. Additionally, older trees need better care such as pruning and larger tree pits to remain healthy and vibrant.</i>		
82/87	HPD	<i>Provide emergency housing for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders</i>	<i>People displaced by fires and City-issued vacate orders are a unique population. No one ever expects to be in a position to suddenly find themselves homeless and in need of housing. The shelter should not be their only option; programs that assist with providing emergency housing for stable individuals are needed to prevent taxing the system even further.</i>		
83/87	DYCD	<i>Other services for immigrants and immigrant families requests</i>	<i>Efforts must be made to bridge the cultural gaps between families of immigrants and their Americanized children. Family ties will be strengthened if and when children of immigrant parents are able to learn more about their home culture while also learning how to deal with their new American culture.</i>		
84/87	DOHMH	<i>Other programs to address public health issues requests</i>	<i>Out-patient health clinics that cater to womens health are scarce in the community. Lack of sufficient gynecological, prenatal and post-natal care, cancer screening, and attention to other womens health issues forces women to wait longer than necessary for care. In many cases, this prolongs treatment and contributes to unwarranted suffering and unnecessarily early death. Ample health provisions and treatment centers for women in each neighborhood is crucial. As the number of dementia and Alzheimers disease cases grow in the community, additional funds to maintain services are required. Asthma rates have increased due to harsh conditions within the community (i.e. massive construction projects, demolition, and renovation efforts). Longer clinic hours need to be initiated.</i>		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 8 submitted 87 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
85/87	DPR	Forestry services, including street tree maintenance	The recently planted trees and grass along historic Eastern Parkway between Washington Avenue and Grand Army Plaza are severely neglected and in dire need of TLC. It is imperative that the Parks Department either take the reigns on maintenance or hold the independent contractor hired for the job accountable for upkeep and maintenance.	Eastern Parkway Washington Avenue Grand Army Plaza	
86/87	DOT	Address traffic congestion	At many intersections within our District, traffic congestion abounds. It is imperative that signal timing be checked along certain segments of roadway to ensure smooth traffic flow.		
87/87	DSNY	Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules	ASP rules are designed to help the city keep its streets clean. In conjunction with property owners doing their part and sweeping in front of their property and 18 inches into the street, it is an effective tool. However, there are areas where vehicle owners feel compelled to disobey ASP parking regulations. Additional enforcement is needed to ensure that they adhere to the regulations.	St. Marks Avenue Schenectady Avenue Rochester Avenue	