



Fiscal Year 2017 Statement of Community District Needs and
Community Board Budget Requests
for
Bronx Community Board 5



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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and the Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter requirements and an integral part of the City's budget process. When developed through informed planning and careful consideration, CD Needs Statements and Budget Requests can play an important role in consultations of community boards with agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. These tools also provide a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and are used by a wide audience seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

This year, for the first time, community boards electronically submitted a CD Needs Statement combined with their Budget Requests. The goal of these improvements is to simplify preparation of both documents for the community boards and to make the information community boards provide more easily accessible for City agencies and other stakeholders. Simplified and more efficient processes will allow all parties involved in the budget process to consider budget decisions more thoroughly, with better results for all New Yorkers.

This report represents Bronx Community Board 5's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board which is displayed in italics.

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

1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community Board 5 provided the following overview of their district:

Bronx Community District 5, known as the West Tremont area, is located in the mid-West Bronx with a total land area of 1.5 square miles. It is bounded by the Harlem River to the West, in the Cross Bronx Expressway on the South, Webster Avenue on the East, and the northern boundary extends from Hall of Fame Terrace at Bronx Community College to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and 183rd Street, East to Jerome Avenue and North to Fordham Road. The major streets running East to West are Fordham Road, Burnside and Tremont Avenues. The major streets running North and South are Jerome Avenue, Grand Concourse, Bainbridge, and 3rd Avenue. The Grand Concourse is a major North/South corridor. Our district overlaps with City Council districts 14, 15, and 16.

Bronx Community District 5 is comprised of the following four neighborhoods: South Fordham, University Heights, Morris Heights, and Mount Hope.

The overall population count in this district was 131,879 in 2012, the last year the data was made available, and its population density (1,000 persons per square mile) was 87.4. There was a 2.8 percent increase in the population from the year 2010. The racial diversity of our residents is rich and the majority of the population is Hispanic and Black/African American. According to the 2010-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, 68.6 percent of the population in this district is of Hispanic origin; 33.7 percent of the residents are Black/African American; 1.1 percent of the residents are Asian or Pacific Islander; 12.9 percent of the residents are White; 0.8 percent of the residents are American Indian or Alaska Native. The ACS estimated that of the Hispanic/Latino group, 6.4 percent of the residents are Mexican; 18.3 percent of the residents are Puerto Rican; 0.5 percent of the residents are Cuban; 43.5 percent of the residents identify themselves as part of another Hispanic or Latino group.

There are also a significant proportion of residents that is foreign born. The population of foreign-born residents increased from 34.8 percent in 2000 to 43.4 percent in 2012. The ACS 2008-2012 data breaks down the region of birth of the foreign born population in our district: 12 percent of the foreign born population is African of which 11 percent is West African; 85 percent of the foreign born population is Latin American; 2 percent of the population is Asian; 1 percent of the population is European.

The growth of our foreign born population and the large population of Hispanic or Latino residents has potentially impacted the primary languages represented in our district. Of the residents living in our district for five years and more, 70.2 percent speak a language other than English and Spanish speakers make up 62.3 percent of this group.

In addition to race, the age groups contribute to the diversity of the residents living in this area. The population of residents in the 65 and older age group increased from 5 percent in 2000 to 8.2 percent in 2012. The households with children under 18 years old decreased from 55.4 percent to 43.9 percent from 2000 to 2012.

Although there is a range in the socioeconomic makeup of the residents in the district, the percent of households living near the poverty line and who are considered to be low-income is high. The proportion of residents with a household income below \$20,000 increased from about 35 percent to about 46 percent from 2000 to 2012. The poverty rate also increased from 40.6 percent to 42.3 percent from 2000 to 2012. It was ranked as one of the community districts with the highest number of households with the total income below the poverty level. For the year 2012, the median household income was \$21,959 which is significantly less when compared to the Bronx overall (\$33,006) and New York City (\$51,750). It was ranked as one of the community districts with the lowest median household income levels. The percent unemployed is about 20.9 percent. The proportion of residents who used supplemental security income was 18.3 percent. The proportion of residents who needed cash public assistance income was 12.3 percent. The proportion of residents requiring food stamps/SNAP benefits was significant at 50.6 percent.

Morris Heights is the lowest density area in District 5. Morris Heights is along the western ridge of the district, covering the area from Jerome Avenue valley to the Harlem River Valley. Here, the zoning ranges from R5 (typically 2 and 3-family row houses and small apartment buildings). In addition to the low density development, several high-rise developments including Sedgwick Houses, a NYC Housing Authority Development complex and several large private apartment towers along the Undercliff and Sedgwick Avenues, as well as River Park Towers along the Harlem River.

University Heights is part of the same rock ridge that characterizes most of Morris Heights, and is similar, architecturally. One of the key landmarks in this area is the beautiful Bronx Community College Campus, which gives the neighborhood its name. This public facility is the highest geographic point in New York City. University Heights is the least dense area of the district and benefits from a large proportion of 1-4 family housing stock.

The area East of Jerome Avenue and Fordham Road encompasses two neighborhoods: South Fordham, North of Burnside to Fordham Road, and Mount Hope, South of Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Both extend east to Webster Avenue. The Mount Hope/South Fordham neighborhoods are densely populated mostly with five and six-story housing. At the eastern edge of these neighborhoods is a large residential development known as Twin Parks West, consisting of four residential towers.

At the northern portion of this area is the Fordham Road Shopping District, the third largest generator retail sales in the City of New York. Fordham Road has approximately 1-million square feet of retail space.

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3. MAIN ISSUES

As part of this year's process, community boards were asked to select from a list the three most pressing issues facing their district. Bronx Community Board 5 identified the following three issues:

- *Quality of life issues and neighborhood preservation*
- *Affordable housing*
- *Unemployment*

Bronx Community Board 5 provided the following explanation for their choices:

Community Board #5 has an old housing stock with over half our housing built before 1930, and it is defined as a primarily a multi-dwelling bedroom community. The homeownership rate in our district is categorized as having the lowest rates in the New York City community districts. It has a homeownership rate of 2.8 percent. Also, our district is ranked as having the highest number of renter households whose gross rent was more than 50 percent of their pre-tax income. Other issues affecting housing quality are increasing utility costs for landlords and homeowners; the percentage of housing with five or more maintenance deficiencies has increased over 35 percent; a lack of code enforcement (this district ranks in the top 20 in serious housing code violations throughout the City); an increase in building debts due to over-financing. Approximately 44.4 percent of the rental housing units considered overcrowded (our district ranks 6th overall in the City). Community Board #5 currently has an unemployment of 18% compared to the Bronx overall unemployment rate of 8%. We have more than 10,000 households on cash assistance and 34, 000 cases for the SNAP. Which has impacted our median income of \$24, 000 which ranks us as one of the five lowest within in the city according to the NYU Furman Center report. The objective of our district is to maintain, preserve, and increase the stock of affordable housing. The Mayor's Housing New York Plan aims to support mixed income developments to improve economic development in the neighborhood through zoning changes. We require assistance from HPD to develop cooperative apartments and condominiums to advocate for more mix-income housing and homeownership in our community, especially since homeownership rates are low.

4. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS

Community Boards were asked to identify their district's needs related to the following seven policy areas:

- Health Care and Human Services;
- Youth, Education and Child Welfare;
- Public Safety;
- Core Infrastructure and City Services;
- Land Use, Housing and Economic Development;
- Transportation; and
- Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities.

Based on the needs identified, community boards then had the opportunity to make budget requests to address these needs.

The following sections describe the specific needs and budget requests of Bronx Community Board 5 for FY 2017.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Services to reduce homelessness

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Our district has a poverty rate that is the third highest in the city. Therefore, makes us one of the severely rent burden households with low incomes which ranks us second in the city. Many of our families have less than living wage employment and are living from paycheck to paycheck or one household income. Loss of employment or illness will make them be major risk for homelessness. Prevention of homelessness is vital for the working poor as well as for the public assistance families.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Within the Bronx, the infant mortality rate (IMR) remains extremely high for black women (including African American, African immigrants, and non-Hispanic Afro-Caribbean women) compared to the average IMR in the borough at the community level. This statistic is relevant for Community Board 5, since 33.7 percent of our residents are Black/African American. From 2007 to 2009, the IMR surpassed 10 deaths per 1,000 live births for black women under the age of 20 in the University/Morris Heights neighborhood. We urge the Department of Health Services to increase funding to address this health issue in our district. Also, Bronx Community Board 5 has the 4th highest number of asthma hospitalization in the City. Our district requests the DHS to increase funding for asthma treatment. Our other requests are an increase of funding for the expansion of the Pest Control Unit to add additional personnel and field inspectors/Exterminators, and to improve the teen pregnancy obesity programs in our district.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

Budget Requests are listed for informational purposes only. OMB maintains the definitive list that may have more updated information on request for agencies, published in its Register.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Expense Requests related to Health Care Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
02	DOHMH	<i>Animal and pest control services</i>	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>Expand Pest & Animal Control Units to also include Animal Inspectors; additional Personnel Needed. CD5 is experiencing a major rat infestation. With major redevelopment, new construction and a growing population, rats are multiplying and moving into buildings/homes. Rats pose a health and safety danger with diseases they carry, especially to children.</i>		

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

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

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

The elderly population in our district continues to increase. The proportion of the population group of 65 and older has increased from 5 percent to 8.2 percent from 2000 to 2012. We are requesting that the city provides for the special needs of our seniors especially for the recent seniors which require services that will keep them active. Community Board 5 is requesting that long range planning include housing, health and mental health care, home care and senior centers. With this approach, Community Board 5 feels we can improve their quality of life and prevent the isolation which many of our elderly are at risk for. Our priorities include:

- Increase funding for the improvement of senior citizens' facilities in Community Board 5.
- Increase funding for senior housing
- Increase funding for innovative senior programs in Community Board District 5, such as a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

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16	DFTA	Senior center programs	Enhance educational and recreational programs	Community Board #5 is Requesting funding for Stay Well exercising programs for seniors who are fit and for those with disabilities. Seniors are in dire need of Aerobic exercise as well as routines designed to enhance balance, build muscle strength and aid in the performance o task associated with daily living.		BronxWorks Innovative, East Concourse, Heights Neighborhood &; Roberto Clemente Center
17	DFTA	Senior center programs	Other senior center program requests	Requesting funding for computer labs and training. This will assist seniors to navigate computer and complex systems. The elderly have been an integral part of this community for generations. Seniors today live longer and despite some disabilities generally live better overall than their counterparts of pervious generations. Many older adults are isolated, frail, homebound, vulnerable to fraud and intimidation.		BronxWorks Innovative, East Concourse, Heights Neighborhood &; Roberto Clemente Center

4.1.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

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

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
06	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Provide Independent Living Skills Programs for Single Mothers. Community Board #5 is in dire need of funding for the Independent Skills Services program in our district. This program will provide a solid support system to single mothers who are working to make the transition from public dependency to self sufficiency.		Community Board #5 Health & Human Services Committee; Hope Program

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Capacity of educational facilities

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

A large proportion of our residents fall under the youth category. The 2010 U.S. Census showed that about 42 percent of our population is under the age of 18. Also, Community Board 5 is ranked as the district with the 4th highest number of households with children under 18 years old. Students are performing at the lower levels of the city wide average scores in reading and math subjects; only 14.4 percent of the students were performing at grade level in math and only 12.3 percent of the students were performing at grade level in reading. Thus, it is very important for the Department of Education to assist our district to provide adequate services intended for this age group. We are requesting that as housing developments occur in our district, there are sufficient funds available for the

Community District Needs and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.2.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

The development and improvement of youth services is integral for the future of our community. As stated earlier, 42 percent of our residents are under the age of 18 and we have the 4th highest number of households with children under 18 years old in NYC. We commend the work of the Kips Boys and Girls Club which is a major contributor to assisting the youth in our district. However, there is still more that needs to be done for our community. An establishment of a Beacon School in our district is a necessary initiative because it would assist the youth of our community regarding: skills necessary to graduate from school (i.e. tutoring and homework help), career awareness and transition programs, civic engagement, health and fitness, anti-gang prevention programs, and improving cultural arts and music programs. This initiative can also provide services to the adults in our community wishing to pursue education and obtaining skills related to parenting and education. Also, we urge the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) which oversees the Sedgwick Houses and Twin Parks buildings to create more youth services related to education and recreation.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Youth and Community Services and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
31	ACS	Vacant Lot Property/Site Acquisition (property transfer)	1801-1805 Davidson Avenue property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation	Request for 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue Property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. 1801-1805 Davidson Avenue is extremely deteriorated, dangerous and eyesore in he community. Community Board #5 is in desperate need of open space.	1801-1805 Davidson Avenue	New Roots; Mount Hope Housing Company

Expense Requests related to Youth and Community Services and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
01	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs	Provide additional funds for CD 5 area youth programs: Fair Share Delinquency prevention, specialized programs and a Beacon School. Youth programs remain at funding levels of ten years ago. Youngsters make up approximately 40% of population. Needs far outweigh ability to provide services/programs.		Community District #5 Youth Committee

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

Main Issue

General crime

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community residents feel that the 46th police pct physical appearance and chaotic parking, sanitation, are contributing to the quality life of local residents, like the broken window theory.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Safety in our community is a major concern, and we believe more investment and efforts should be dedicated to strengthening the capacity of the police force in our district since District 5 still has some of the highest crime rates in the City. Also another primary objective is to expedite the process of acquiring and constructing a new 46th Precinct with parking facilities. This will definitely improve police department services and consequently improve the quality of life of our residents. In addition, we request that the local police precinct increase funding for the Operation Clean Hallways program. It should work with the City's Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) agency to stop indoor drug dealing and loitering. This has been a quality of life and public safety issue for our community. In order to maintain security and enhance livability in our community, we require that there be more attention focused on the indoor drug dealing issue in our district. Our priorities for the NYC Police Department in our district include: · Allocate funding to build a new front entrance ramp to make the existing 46th Police Precinct ADA accessible · Increase funding for 911 emergency dispatchers to improve response time · Increase funding to purchase noise meter devices and fire hydrant wrenches · Increase funding for Narcotics' Enforcement · Increase funding for School Crossing Guards to assist students to navigate the wide street crossing corridors such as the Grand Concourse, University Avenue, and W. Tremont Avenue. · Conduct a pilot initiative on Community Policing to enhance safety in our neighborhoods

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
01	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house	Construct New 46th Precinct Facility. The 46th Precinct is in need of a new facility. The current facility is old, dilapidated, archaic and most of the furniture is old & broken. There is no space for parking, causing the streets to be congested with very little space for pedestrians. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.	46th Precinct 2120 Ryer Avenue	Mount Hope Organization; 46th Precinct Community Council
22	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide surveillance cameras	New York Police Department Surveillance Cameras along Burnside Avenue Shopping District from Grand Concourse to Harrison Avenue. Burnside Avenue Shopping district is Vibrant. Merchants and shoppers have	Burnside Avenue Grand Concourse Harrison	Burnside Avenue Shopping Steering Committee

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<i>concerns about public safety. Surveillance cameras would enhance public safety and would serve as deterrent.</i>	<i>Avenue</i>	
23	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Resurfacing These Two City-Owned Lots Used as Parking Lots by 46 Police Precinct Officers on 180th Street & Ryer Avenue and 180th Street & Valentine Avenue. These two parking lots are quality y life eye sore they need to be cleaned and repaved.</i>	<i>46 Police Precinct lots 180th Street & Ryer Avenue and 180th Street & Valentine Avenue.</i>	<i>Valentine Homeowners Association</i>
27	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Aqueduct Homeowners Request Surveillance Camera's for Grand Avenue, Davidson Avenue and West 181st Street. Homeowners have public safety concerns. Surveillance camera's would enhance public safety and quality life. Cameras will serve as a deterrent.</i>	<i>Aqueduct Homeowners Request Surveillance Camera's for Grand Avenue, Davidson Avenue and West 181st Street.</i>	<i>Community Board #5</i>
32	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>Handicap Accessibility in Front of the 46th Precinct. Seniors and physically challenged residents are requesting a ramp and hadrails to the entrance of he 46th Precinct to make it ADA accessible.</i>	<i>46th Police Precinct</i>	<i>Community Board #5; 46th Precinct Council</i>

Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
09	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Feasibility Study for the Expansion of the Existing 46th Precinct. Increase in personnel has made it extremely crowded in this old dilapidated and archaic building. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.</i>	<i>46th Police Precinct</i>	<i>Community Board #5</i>
12	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Hire Additional Clerical Workers for the 46th Precinct. The addition of 100 new officers to the 46th Precinct over the next 24 months will require additional support staff to process paper work and service community requests/complaints.</i>	<i>46th Police Precinct</i>	

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

4.3.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Emergency Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Our priority for the NYC Fire Department is to increase funding for 911 dispatchers Emergency Response Time for Ambulance Services. The average response time from the 2013 Mayor's Management Report for the city was 4:06 for structural fires, and the response time in the Bronx was 4:12. We believe it is necessary to improve the capacity of our Fire Department to maintain the safety of our residents. We also request additional funding for carbon monoxide detectors, and medical kits for: each of our Engine Company and Juvenile fire setters program.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Emergency Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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17	FDNY	FDNY facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations	Fund Firehouse Renovations/Upgrades. Funding is needed for firehouse renovations and upgrades in CD5 such as new roof (waterproofing), apparatus floor replacements, emergency generators, window replacements, pointing, electrical as well as kitchen and bathroom. Engine Company 42, Engine Company 43 and Engine Company 48	Engine Company 42, Engine Company 43 and Engine Company 48	

Expense Requests related to Emergency Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
15	FDNY	FDNY programs and staffing	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives	Funding fire safety education outreach. The fire department needs to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distributing to the public.		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Water runoff and flooding

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Community Board #5 has been a lock down community board with custodial hydrant locks since the early nineties. For the past ten years we have been top three in complaints. In the past four years we have been chosen for the HEAP Initiative. Community Board #5 welcomes this initiative but with changes for example: 1. the initiative is not operational until July, we would like to see it implemented earlier either late April or early May. 2. DEP should incorporate a speakers bureau consist of DEP, FDNY, NYPD personnel and Community Boards in order to speak on the impact full running hydrants have on public safety property damage and the exorbitant cost of the city. 3. CB #5 recommends DEP change its policy on what agency is issued hydrant wrenches e.g. DSNY hydrants can be shut during am hours

Community District Needs and Requests

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
11	DEP	Water supply system	Monitor and address water quality issues	Hire additional Inspectors for the Department of Environmental Protection. Personnel Inspectors to Monitor Fire Hydrants (Opening and Closing). Community District 5, for the last three years, has experienced the highest rate of hydrant openings in the borough of the Bronx. Ranking in the top three citywide.		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Although sanitation has improved in the district, it still has the lowest sanitation score card rating in the borough related to sidewalk and street cleanliness. Sanitation has continued to be an important priority for Community Board 5 to improve the quality of life and economic stability and growth within our district. Therefore, we are requesting an increase of funding for cleaning personnel for our six commercial districts on Fordham Road, South Grand Concourse (Fordham Road), Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, West Tremont Avenue and University Avenue, and Featherbed Lane. Also, we request funding for our Canine Unit, additional personnel for the 13 Step Streets, cleaning personnel for Grand Concourse and University Malls, sanitation equipment (for cleaning the Grand Concourse and the University Malls, tree pruning, and weed whackers), and for personnel to service garbage baskets in our district (especially in commercial areas).

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
08	DSNY	Street and lot cleaning	Other cleaning requests	Create a Step Street Task Force to Clean the City's 128 Step Streets. Until the recent use of Work Experience Program (WEP) workers for cleaning step streets, DOS had abandoned its responsibility for these public streets. CD5 has 12 step streets which are mad unsightly and dangerous by litter.		
13	DSNY	Sanitation Enforcement	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws	Increase Illegal Dumping Task Force from Current Low Level. Sanitation police personnel cannot serve the ire need of our district. Must improve ability of Department to conduct surveillance and apprehend illegal dumpers. his is a major quality of life concern in CD5.		

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Zoning review and enforcement, and code enforcement

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

Jerome Avenue: Jerome Avenue is a major street in our district running North and South, and the section we wish to focus on is an auto-body corridor from the Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. The physical appearance of this corridor has a negative impact on the residents' quality of life. Even though this corridor provides some employment opportunities (but not necessarily to residents in our community), we believe that the businesses should be relocated to another location. The objective is to change the existing C8 zoning along Jerome Avenue with the support of stakeholders and community members. We believe this is an opportunity area for mixed-use development, and request for a zoning change to residential with a commercial overlay. This is also an opportunity for afforda

Community District Needs and Requests

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study: Jerome Avenue is a major street in our district running North and South, and the section we wish to focus on is an auto-body corridor from the Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. The physical appearance of this corridor has a negative impact on the residents' quality of life. Even though this corridor provides some employment opportunities (but not necessarily to residents in our community), we believe that the businesses should be relocated to another location. The objective is to change the existing C8 zoning along Jerome Avenue with the support of stakeholders and community members. We believe this is an opportunity area for mixed-use development, and request for a zoning change to residential with a commercial overlay. This is also an opportunity for affordable housing on Jerome Avenue, and the establishment of an Inclusionary Housing Program can be a tool to incentivize this type of housing development along the corridor. Many community stakeholders have suggested that Jerome Avenue be revitalized to meet existing area needs and plan for the future. Through the planning process, City Planning and sister agencies will seek to address the needs of local residents, businesses, and institutions. The study and resulting community plan will evaluate and identify opportunities to promote a range of elements to support community vitality: affordable housing, job growth and training, economic development, cultural activities, pedestrian safety, parks, schools and daycare, retail and services. The study and plan will promote coordinated investments in infrastructure and services to shape a resilient, sustainable community. The study and plan will include land use and zoning changes and the application of a mandatory Inclusionary Housing program within the area to promote affordable housing. Bronx Community Board #5 is waiting for the Department of City Planning zoning and planning framework for Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study.

At this time, the Community Board does not have any budget requests for this need category.

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

4.5.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Housing Needs and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Housing Needs and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
15	HPD	Affordable housing programs	Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings	Increase Funds to 8A Loan Program for Upgrading and Ongoing Maintenance Needs in Rehabilitated Buildings. New focus is to preserve existing housing of what has been rehabilitated. HPD indicates the fund is drying up.		

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Economic Development (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
08	SBS	Commercial district revitalization	Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building	Requesting Phase II of Mount Hope Housing Inc. Project to Construct Indoor Gymnasium, Parking Facility as Well as a Useable Pavilion Roof top on City Owned Land. The Mount Hope Housing project has just completed phase I a state of the art Community Center. In order to make this facility viable it needs parking facilities to accommodate conference hall and gymnasium participants.	Mount Hope Housing Inc.	Mount Hope Housing Company

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Traffic / traffic flow

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

A large proportion of our residents, about 68.2 percent, use public transportation to commute to work. Other popular modes of commuting to work include driving to work alone (11.5 percent) or carpooling (5.8 percent), or walking (9.6 percent). The objective of Bronx Community Board 5 is to improve the existing transportation infrastructure. The resurfacing of our most important street, the Grand Concourse from 175th to Fordham Road, is an important priority for our district. The objective is to initiate a greening project which would be vital for enhancing the beautification and improving economic development in the area. Also, due to the heavily utilized major thoroughfares in our district (including Grand Concourse, Fordham Road, University Avenue, and Tremont Avenue), traffic and ro

Community District Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
03	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Rehabilitate Step Street at Davidson Avenue between Featherbed Lane and Davidson Avenue Proper is seriously deteriorated. Many steps are loose and pose a danger to pedestrian access to the subway station. Heavy pedestrian traffic, vandalism and weather have caused severe deterioration of the step street. Include hand railings and better lighting.	Davidson Avenue Featherbed Lane and Davidson Avenue Proper	
04	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Reconstruct Step Streets from Palisades Place to Sedgwick Avenue. Step Streets are important access points. These are in extremely dangerous condition which must be addressed promptly.	Palisades Place Palisades Place and Sedgwick Avenue	
05	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Create Step Street at Kingsland Place (between West Tremont Avenue and Harrison Avenue) This location is in poor condition. DOT has paved and resurfaced this location in the prior fiscal year, however it remains unsafe and is heavily used by pedestrians and children. Creating a step street would improve pedestrian mobility.	Kingsland Place Between West Tremont Avenue and Harrison Avenue	M. S. 306 Parent Association
10	DOT	Transportation	Upgrade or	Reconstruct Step Street from Sedgwick	Sedgwick	Roberto

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		infrastructure	create new step streets	Avenue to Cedar Avenue. Step Streets are important access points. This particular step street provides access from Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar Avenue which is the gateway to Roberto Clemente State Park. This location is in extremely poor condition and must be addressed promptly.	Avenue Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar Avenue	Clemente State Park; Con Edison
13	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or provide new street lights	Install Higher Intensity Lighting along Jerome Avenue, from the Cross Bronx Expressway to Fordham Road. Special lighting is needed for streets with elevated rail lines. Presently, Jerome Avenue is dark and unsafe because of improper lighting. This is a public safety measure.	Jerome Avenue From the Cross Bronx Expressway to Fordham Road	
14	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Rehabilitate bridges	Reconstruct Grand Concourse Bridge over 175th Street-Walls over 175th Street/ Part of Subway System. Walls on east and west side of Grand Concourse over 175th Street have been damaged by years of leaking water. The community youth mural project is on hold as a result.	Grand Concourse Bridge 175th Street	Transit Authority; Promesa Neighborhood Council
20	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	The Redesign and Expansion of existing Green Street Median on University Avenue, 174th Street and Cross Bronx Expressway. Community Board #5 feels that the existing median is too narrow, the location would be enhanced if medians were redesigned and expanded as a traffic calming device as well as provide a beautiful Green Street which will enhance the South West gateway presences of Community Board #5.	University Avenue 174th Street and Cross Bronx Expressway	Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Corp.; Community Board #5
21	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Install streetscape improvements	The Placement One-for-One of regular COBRA-Head Street lights with "M" Pole-Type Distinctive Lamp Posts is an appropriate design that would be most compatible with the Vision for Residential, Burnside Avenue Shopping District from East Burnside Avenue & Valentine Avenue to University Avenue & Burnside Avenue. The "M" Pole-type of street lights is the preferred street amenities and streetscape enhancements in our neighborhood.	Burnside Avenue Shopping District from East Burnside Avenue & Valentine Avenue to University Avenue & Burnside Avenue.	Burnside Avenue Shopping Steering Committee
30	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Upgrade or create new step streets	Reconstruct Step Street from Marion Avenue to 187th Street. The Step Street has been seriously deteriorated. There is heavy pedestrian traffic e.g. students, patrons and residents. Request additional lighting.	Marion Avenue to 187th Street	Marion Avenue Tenants Association

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
03	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Conduct traffic or parking studies	On Street Parking Study for Community Board 5 Area. On Street Parking is a priority Quality of Life issue for district 5. CB 5 is highly dense bedroom community. In addition, we have 7 Commercial Shopping Districts (Fordham Road, Webster Avenue, South Grand Concourse, Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, University Avenue/West Tremont Avenue and Featherbed Lane) and street parking is vital for our Community Board area.	7 Commercial Shopping Districts (Fordham Road, Webster Avenue, South Grand Concourse, Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, University Avenue/West Tremont Avenue and Featherbed Lane)	Community Board #5
14	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Increase Staff in Bureau of Highways Maintenance Division: Additional Staff Persons Needed. With an increase in the need to repair streets as well as sidewalks and radways, there is a serious need for additional manpower in the Bronx Highways Maintenance Division. One gang is not sufficient to address the street repair needs in the borough.		

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transit Services

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
02	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Install an Elevator/Escalator at the IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station. The IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station is heavily used in Bronx Community Board 5. It is highly elevated facility having three sets of stairs before a passenger arrives at the mezzanine level. Disabled individuals, people with carriages/strollers and seniors have a difficult time getting to the platform of this station serves as a main gateway to Bronx Community College, Roberto Clemente State Park and other institutions in our district. The community has signed a petition with over 1000 signatures for an elevator/escalator at this station.	IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station Jerome Avenue	Morris Heights Health Center, Bronxworks,; Alliance for Community Services, Davidson Community Center

Expense Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
10	NYCTA	Transit Service	Other transit service requests	Create a NYC Transit Authority Clean Team. A special team is needed to clean and paint elevated subway line stations, fight graffiti and work with communities on anti-litter/ant-graffiti activities.		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Quality of parks and park facilities

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

According to the Furman Report, 100 percent of the residential units in District 5 are located within ¼ mile of a park. The report required that the park was at least ¼ of an acre in size and it included the Greenstreets program. However, there is still a small amount of usable open space available, about 32 acres of open space, especially considering the high density of our neighborhoods and the number of hidden open space areas (such as Bridge Park, Echo Park, Cedar Park, and Aqueduct Walkway). New Yorkers for Parks stated that the Bronx has the second lowest number of residents per park acreage when compared to other NYC boroughs. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) defines underserved open space areas as “areas of high population density in the City that are generally the

Community District Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this need category.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
06	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Request Funding for Lighting Via Flood lights from the Light Post for the Steps of the park. Also funding Stage/Presentation/Community area at the top of the park. Restoration of walls, railings and update the fencing. To shift the current physical conditions and negative community perceptions of University Woods and help other communities use their parks to improve the conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods.	University Woods	Friends of the Woods
07	DPR	Park facilities and access	Provide a new or expanded park or playground	Transfer & Develop the Greenthumb Property at Townsend Avenue & East 175th Street to the Department of Parks & Recreation. This Greenthumb, maintained by the Mount Hope Housing Company, is a beautiful resource with the potential of becoming a playground for neighborhood children.	Townsend Avenue & East 175th Street	Mount Hope Housing Company
09	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Improve & Develop the Environment Walk at Aqueduct Land from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. Build a Pedestrian Bridge, ADA Compliance Step Street or Ramp. Aqueduct Walk is adjacent to the newly constructed Morton Playground & Morton	Aqueduct Walk	Morton Place Homeowners Association

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<i>Place Homeowners Association. Walkway is in dire need of improvement.</i>		
11	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Increase Funds to Parks Department for Miscellaneous Park Repairs. (P-245) Contract is Needed for Replacing Play Equipment-\$150k Per Borough. This funding is used for a variety of basic renovation efforts such as paving, fencing and benches. This line is primarily used to stress rehabilitation, rather than new construction.</i>		
12	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Replace Lighting in Aqueduct Park from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. During the rehabilitation of this park the lighting was not replaced and subsequent vandalism has incapacitated all of the lights. It is necessary to replace all of the park lights in Aqueduct Park from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue.</i>	<i>Aqueduct Park</i>	
16	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Acquire Block 3194, Lot 27 to Extend Existing Parks Managed Property/ West 181st Street & Grand Avenue. Additional Funding to repair retaining wall. The retaining wall is crumbling and created dangerous conditions in the playground.</i>	<i>Block 3194, Lot 27</i>	<i>Aqueduct Homeowners Association</i>
18	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Improve access to a park or playground</i>	<i>Acquire & Develop Empty Lot Block 2877, Lot 531 on Montgomery Avenue corner of Popham Avenue. This lot has been neglected for many years. The development of a tot lot at this location will enhance the quality of life for the children of our community.</i>	<i>Block 2877, Lot 531</i>	<i>Popham Homeowners Association, South Bronx Job Corporation,; BronxWorks, Bronx West YWCA Early Learning Center</i>
19	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Community Board #5 is Requesting the Redesign of the University Avenue Park Malls. University Avenue from West Tremont Avenue to 175th Street. Community Board #5 is requesting that these malls be redesigned to accommodate some benches as well as some additional spaces for tree pits.</i>	<i>University Avenue Park Malls</i>	<i>Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Corporation; Community Board #5</i>
24	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Phase II Construction for University Woods Park to Develop the Plaza/Stage area of the park. University Woods Park construction improvements will enhance public safety perception and will increase environmental and recreational programming activities within the park.</i>	<i>University Woods Park</i>	<i>Department of Parks and Recreation</i>
25	DPR	<i>Park facilities</i>	<i>Reconstruct or</i>	<i>Renovation of Galileo Playground. Galileo</i>	<i>Galileo</i>	

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Priority	Agency	Need and access	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Playground is an outdoor science playground classroom with play equipment that stimulates children's imagination. It focuses on the Solar System and the individual planets. This playground is in disrepair and in need of capital improvement.</i>	<i>Playground</i>	
26	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Funding for Capital Reconstruction of Echo Park. Echo Park is in poor physical condition. We are requesting the following enhancements basketball courts, playground area, park house and construct an amphitheater. In addition improve parks natural landscaping, plant new shrubs and trees.</i>	<i>Echo Park</i>	<i>Community Board #5</i>

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
04	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Hire Parks Enforcement Police Officers for Bronx Parks. Our parks are becoming increasingly dangerous and are often unattended/un-patrolled by NYPD. Many parks are becoming havens for drug dealers.</i>		
05	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Restore Parks Maintenance Employees (to include the Division of Forestry and a Greenthumb Crew). Bronx Community District #5 has several playgrounds and parks which need to be properly maintained. Essential increases in maintenance staff are needed.</i>		
07	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Improve the quality of programs offered in parks or recreational centers</i>	<i>Hire Parks Recreation Specialist-Consider Seasonal Hires for Cost Containment. Our parks and playgrounds are in dire need of adequate staff with which to provide recreational activities for the tens of thousands of young people using our parks. We presently have only one recreation staff person for all our parks and playgrounds.</i>		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Immigration: The foreign born comprises more than one-third of the population within Community Board #5. In order to serve our immigrant residents a increase in funding is needed to enable our immigrant population to integrate into the social and economic fabric of Community Board #5.

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
29	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Site Acquisition of 1800-1808 Grand Concourse. 1800-1808 Grand Concourse is an art-deco property known as the United Pilgrim Church. This building has numerous outstanding violations. The Community Board has identified this site for the Mount Hope Center for the Arts. Currently, not one cultural arts center exists within the community board five area.	1800-1808 Grand Concourse	

Expense Requests related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
18	DCLA	Cultural facilities and resources	Other cultural facilities and resources requests	Requesting Funding for Special Needs Services for Immigrants. For example, citizenship applications, residency, employment applications, spousal waivers, accessing resources and other legal documents. The foreign born are more than one-third of the population in Community Board #5. By addressing these immigrant specific concerns will ultimately enable the foreign born to contribute even more to the economic vitality of the community.		Bronxworks

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Library Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Community Board 5 (Bronx) has two branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Francis Martin and Sedgwick

- *Based on a 2015 report from the Center for an Urban Future, libraries in the Bronx saw the biggest increase in program attendance and circulation out of the five boroughs. The Bronx has seen a 225 percent increase in program attendance and a 35 percent increase in circulation. Data shows that these statistics will continue to increase throughout the New York public Library system.*
- *The libraries are especially important to low and moderate income residents who depend on the libraries for access to books, internet access, job search and film and as the only quiet place to read or do homework or other work.*
- *Residents who have laptop computers but cannot afford internet fees use the library for internet access.*
- *The arts and cultural programming along with English for Speakers of Other Languages and Out-of School Time programs in the neighborhood are extremely important to many residents, particularly families with children and seniors, who cannot otherwise afford access to commercial alternatives.*
- *The NYPL received an increase of \$18.860 million in operating funding in the FY 16 City Budget. This represents the largest single year increase in city funding in the Library's history. However, the funding was not baselined and the Library will continue to work with the Mayor's office with the goal of having the increased funding baselined. The restoration of expense funding in the city's FY 16 budget will allow NYPL to increase hours, programs, services, materials and staff throughout the system. We seek to baseline the current level of library funding in order to preserve these systemwide enhancements.*
- *The NYPL libraries within CB 5 (Bronx) are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation. We will provide a more detailed list of capital needs for the libraries in the district in the coming weeks.*
- *The NYPL will continue to work with the Mayor, Speaker, City Council and local elected officials to increase capital funding.*

The Community Board submitted the following budget requests:

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Capital Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
28	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Partial Renovation of Francis Martin Library Branch. Francis Martin Library Branch needs the front faade rehabilitated, HVAC replaced additional units), electrical system upgraded, PC Refresh and VoIP Technology, 1st floor and lower level, (including ADA compliance), including elevator and bathrooms upgraded.	Francis Martin Library Branch	Community Board #5
33	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	The Library is seeking much-needed capital funding to ensure that our branches can continue to meeting the growing needs of our communities. Anticipated projects range from major renovations to targeted upgrades, including: -Heating and cooling system updates -New roof, windows and doors -Fire alarm, security and technology upgrades -ADA compliance -Elevator	Francis Martin 2105 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (University	Community Board #5

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation <i>replacement</i>	Location	Supporters
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Expense Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
19	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and programs</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>New York Public Library Request the City Restore Funding. The New York Public Library requests that the City restore funding to provide robust six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. in these challenging economic times, the services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers more than ever.</i>		<i>New York Public Library; Community Board #5</i>

4.7.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Community Boards

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this need category.

5. SUMMARY TABLES OF ALL PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

5.1. Table of All Capital Requests (Prioritized)

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Priority No. / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
02	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
03	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Upgrade or create new step streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
04	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Upgrade or create new step streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
05	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Upgrade or create new step streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
06	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
07	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Provide a new or expanded park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
08	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Support non-profit organizational development and capacity building</i>	<i>Land Use, Housing and Economic Development</i>
09	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
10	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Upgrade or create new step streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
11	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
12	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
13	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
14	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Rehabilitate bridges</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
15	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings</i>	<i>Land Use, Housing and Economic Development</i>
16	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
17	FDNY	<i>FDNY facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
18	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Improve access to a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>

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19	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
20	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
21	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Install streetscape improvements</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
22	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
23	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
24	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
25	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
26	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
27	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
28	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
29	DCLA	<i>Cultural facilities and resources</i>	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
30	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Upgrade or create new step streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
31	ACS	<i>Vacant Lot Property/Site Acquisition (property transfer)</i>	<i>1801-1805 Davidson Avenue property transferred from ACS to DCAS then be transferred to NYC Department of Parks and Recreation</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
32	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
33	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>

5.2. Table of All Expense Requests (Prioritized)

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Priority No.	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
02	DOHMH	<i>Animal and pest control services</i>	<i>Other animal and pest control requests</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
03	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Conduct traffic or parking studies</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
04	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
05	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
06	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
07	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Improve the quality of programs offered in parks or recreational centers</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
08	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
09	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
10	NYCTA	<i>Transit Service</i>	<i>Other transit service requests</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
11	DEP	<i>Water supply system</i>	<i>Monitor and address water quality issues</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
12	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Other NYPD staff resources requests</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
13	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
14	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
15	FDNY	<i>FDNY programs and staffing</i>	<i>Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
16	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
17	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Other senior center program requests</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
18	DCLA	<i>Cultural facilities and resources</i>	<i>Other cultural facilities and resources requests</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
19	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>