

**Community Board #8  
Capital and Expense Budget Requests**

**Fiscal Year 2018**

**Please review this document  
and prepare your comments  
prior to next week's public  
hearing.**

The Fiscal Year 2018 budget process began in the spring for all 59 Community Boards. Fiscal years are always ahead of the current calendar year (please note that the city's fiscal year starts July 1<sup>st</sup> and is not based on the calendar year). Our District Needs Statement and Budget Requests are a critical part of the City's budget process and are intended to align city resources with community priorities. The District Needs Statement is a document that identifies all of the services needed in the community that are not currently present. Last year, the City created a new online process and standardized format for all community boards to enhance the City's ability to more efficiently and equitably align City resources with community priorities and needs.

Community Board 8 consulted with city agencies, CB8 Committees, and community residents on the capital and expense needs of the district and compiled a comprehensive list for both budget priorities and the District Needs Statement. Please note that any new requests submitted during the public hearing will be submitted in next year's document.

Next week's public hearing is to help formulate the priorities for up to 40 capital and 25 expense budget requests which the agencies review and respond to in the Register of Community Board Requests for the Preliminary Budget in January. We ask that if you desire to provide input, please limit your testimony to the top 5 items in each category you would like to see funded. Written comments will be accepted as well under the same guidelines. We may also assign **Continued Support (CS)** to a project which received funding for construction in any year of the Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019.

Explanation of items: The Expense Budget funds current city government services, including the salaries of government employees, pensions, debt service, and routine operating expenses. Expense items are ongoing, reusable items that are needed for daily maintenance of services.

On the other hand, the Capital Budget is a separate budget covering one fiscal year, funding physical infrastructure used either in support of government operations (such as government offices, schools, and fire stations) or for general public use (such as roads, bridges, libraries, and parks). To be included in the Capital Budget, individual projects must have a value of at least \$35,000 and a period of probable usefulness of at least five years.

# COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS FISCAL YEAR 2017

## HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS AND REQUESTS

### Capital

- Provide a new health care facility/hospital in District 8 (HHC)
- Create a burn center in Brooklyn (HHC)

### Expense

- Provide additional HIV/AIDS information and services (DOHMH)
- Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc. (DOHMH)
- Create or promote programs that destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment (DOHMH)
- Create or promote outpatient health clinics that cater to women's health care issues (DOHMH)
- Provide Dementia and Alzheimer's services (DOHMH)
- Provide longer clinic hours for asthma treatment (DOHMH)
- Provide greater services to reduce rodent populations (DOHMH)

## FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING FOR OLDER NEW YORKERS

### Capital

- Convert District 8's seniors centers into innovative senior centers (DFTA)

### Expense

- Enhance educational and recreational programs for seniors, primarily in the field of internet services (DFTA)
- Create one-stop service centers for seniors to apply for or receive information about services (DFTA)
- Increase home delivered meals (DFTA)
- Enhance home care services, especially for those populations that earn too much for Medicaid and do not qualify for Medicaid paid services (DDFTA)
- Increase transportation services (DFTA)
- Enhance elder abuse programs (DFTA)

## FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS

### Expense

- Expand homelessness prevention programs (DHS)
- Provide programs for homeless veterans (DHS)
- Provide rental assistance/vouchers for permanent housing (DHS)

## **SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING FOR LOW-INCOME AND VULNERABLE NEW YORKERS**

### Expense

- Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults (HRA)
- Provide, expand or enhance job training (HRA)
- Provide, expand, or enhance adult protective services (HRA)
- Provide funding for domestic violence services (HRA)
- Provide funding for Kinship and Caretaker care programs for the homebound elderly (HRA)

## **SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING RELATED TO EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS**

### Capital

- Provide a new middle/intermediate school in Prospect Heights (SCA)-Continued support
- Renovate or upgrade elementary school PS 243 located at 1580 Dean Street (SCA)
- Renovate or upgrade middle/intermediate school MS 584 located at 130 Rochester Avenue (SCA)
- Provide smart boards to all schools in district 13, 16, and 17 (SCA)

### Expense

- Increase funding to hire additional teachers in school districts 13, 16, and 17 (DOE)
- Hire more non-teaching staff to provide social, health and other services (DOE)
- Provide more funds for teaching resources such as classroom material (DOE)
- Expand or improve nutritional programs, for example, school meals (DOE)
- Provide funding for exam assistance to assist minorities with preparing for specialized school exams (DOE)
- Allow for additional staff development days to properly train teachers (DOE)
- Provide funding for a feasibility and site identification study for a culturally relevant standalone academic enrichment center that can be partnered with middle schools (DOE)

## **SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND CHILD WELFARE**

### Capital

- Provide more child care centers that cater to alternative work shifts (ACS)

### Expense

- Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs (ACS)
- Provide funding for Safe Sleep Program to increase awareness about dangers of sharing a bed with infants (ACS)
- Expand options for kinship foster care services (ACS)
- Provide, expand, or enhance funding for youth programs for young adults ages 18-21 who have aged out of or been discharged from foster care (ACS)

- Provide additional juvenile justice programs (ACS)
- Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services for juveniles in danger of entering the juvenile justice system (ACS)

## **SERVICES FOR YOUTH (DYCD)**

### Expense

- Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle/intermediate school students (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance fatherhood programs for non-custodial fathers, for example, parenting skills training (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance street outreach services for runaway and homeless youth (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance residential services for runaway and homeless youth (DYCD)
- Provide services for immigrants and immigrant families, especially as it relates to strengthening intergenerational family ties (DYCD)
- Provide, expand or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth programs for job training and employment services (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance skills training and employment services for high school students at risk of dropping out (DYCD)
- Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program (DYCD)

## **POLICING AND CRIME (NYPD)**

### Capital

- Provide NYPD parking facilities for the 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Precincts
- Provide surveillance cameras along the following corridors:
  - Buffalo Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway
  - Franklin Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway
  - Kingston Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway
  - Nostrand Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway
  - Schenectady Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway
  - Utica Avenue between Atlantic and Eastern Parkway
  - Ralph Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway
  - St. John's Place between Troy and Ralph Avenues
  - Sterling Place between Troy and Ralph Avenues
  - Park Place and Albany Avenue Intersection

### Expense

- Assign additional uniformed officers to the 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Precincts and PSA 2
- Assign additional housing police officers for the Sterling Houses on Sterling Place between Ralph and Utica Avenues
- Assign additional staff to address specific crimes in the area bounded by Albany to Ralph Avenues from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway
- Increase staffing levels of Detective Units at the 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Precincts and PSA 2
- Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives
- Increase resources for domestic violence prevention programs
- Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs
- Increase resources for other crime prevention programs

## **FIRE SAFETY (FDNY)**

### Capital

- Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations district wide

## **WATER, SEWERS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)**

### Capital

- Provide new or expand green infrastructure, for example, greenbelts, bioswales

### Expense

- Expand Catch Basin cleaning program to avoid ponding issues

## **SANITATION**

### Expense

- Increase vacant lot cleaning
- Provide more frequent litter basket collection along commercial corridors
- Provide additional street cleaners
- Increase enforcement of alternate street parking cleaning rules on St. Marks Avenue between Schenectady and Rochester Avenues
- Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
- Increase enforcement of canine waste laws
- Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for NYCHA Developments
- Expand community composting programs
- Expand NYC organics collection program citywide
- Provide more frequent garbage/recycling collection service for schools and institutions
- Provide more frequent organics/recycling collection service for schools and institutions

- Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

## **LAND USE (DEPT. OF CITY PLANNING) (DCP)**

### Expense

- Study land use and zoning to better match current use or future neighborhood needs for the manufacturing district bounded by Grand and Franklin Avenues between Atlantic Avenue and Bergen Street (blocks 1125, 1126, 1133, 1134, 1141, and 1142)

## **BUILDINGS (DOB)**

### Expense

- Expand code enforcement to encourage landlords to make repairs for long term tenants rather than just focusing on improving the habitability for higher rent paying tenants (DOB)

## **HOUSING NEEDS AND PROGRAMMING (HPD)**

### Capital

- Expand loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings
- Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households
- Provide more housing for medium income households
- Provide more housing for special needs households, senior citizen housing, and for people transitioning out of homeless shelters
- Increase energy efficiency and environmental performance of housing developments (NYCHA)

### Expense

- Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs
- Provide emergency housing for households displaced by fires or City-issued vacate orders
- Expand tenant protection programs
- Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness (NYCHA)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### Capital

- Expand programs to support local businesses and entrepreneurs (EDC)

### Expense

- Expand tax incentive programs to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space (EDC)

- Expand financial incentives for job creation and retention (EDC)
- Expand BID formation planning for commercial district revitalization (SBS)
- Conduct a commercial district needs assessment (SBS)
- Provide or expand district marketing, branding, and promotion (SBS)
- Support merchant organizing (SBS)
- Improve public spaces including management, maintenance, and programming (SBS)
- Provide or expand retail attraction and retention assistance (SBS)
- Provide or expand assistance to obtain licenses and permits (SBS)
- Provide or expand occupational skills training programs (SBS)
- Support immigrant, minority, veteran and women-owned, as well as local and new small businesses (SBS)

## **TRANSPORTATION (DOT)**

### Capital

- Provide an increase in technological capabilities to better transportation services
- Resurface the following roadways or repair potholes:
  - Bergen Street from Ralph Avenue to New York Avenue
  - St. Marks Avenue from Classon to Franklin Avenue
  - Carlton Avenue from Pacific Street to Flatbush Avenue

### Expense

- Address traffic congestion by assessing signal timing to ensure smooth traffic flow at key intersections

## **TRANSIT SERVICES (NYCT)**

### Capital

- Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure at the Park Place stop on the Franklin Avenue Shuttle (Franklin Avenue between Park and Prospect Places)

### Expense

- Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation along the B45, B46, B65 and B47 buses
- Reinstate the B71 bus line

## **PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING (PARKS)**

### Capital

- Reconstruct netball courts at Lincoln Terrace Park
- Construct comfort station at Lincoln Terrace Park near tennis court
- Refurbish/reconstruct toddler parks located between 162 and 180 Troy Avenue near Albany Houses

- Reconstruct/upgrade playground at Lincoln Terrace Park
- Replace equipment in adult fitness area at Lincoln Terrace Park
- Provide funding for the expansion of the St. John’s Recreation Center
- Create a dog park/run in Brower and Lincoln Terrace Parks
- Enhance park safety through design interventions such as better lighting at Brower Park
- Install lamp posts around Dean Street Playground

Expense

- Improve trash removal and cleanliness in parks and playgrounds
- Enhance park safety through design interventions such as better lighting at Dean Street Playground
- Enhance park safety through more security staff (parks enforcement personnel (PEP Officers))
- Provide forestry services, including street tree maintenance at Eastern Parkway between Washington Avenue and Grand Army Plaza
- Provide greater forestry services, including street tree maintenance in District 8
- Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers
- Provide organized sports and exercise activities in local parks and playgrounds such as Brower Park, Lincoln Terrace Park, Stroud Playground and Dean Street Playground

**CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMING**

Capital

- Provide a concrete retaining wall at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum (Dept. of Cultural Affairs)
- Provide indoor auditorium at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum (Dept. of Cultural Affairs)
- Acquire land within District 8 for community use to be used for cultural events such as steel band, art exhibits, pop up art galleries, etc. (Dept. of Cultural Affairs)
- Renovate/Upgrade the Brower Park Library branch to be made ADA accessible (BPL)

Expense

- Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs at Brower Park Library (BPL)
  - Provide financial/economic literacy programs for teens
  - Provide financial literacy programs for economically disadvantaged residents

**COMMUNITY BOARDS**

Capital

- Acquire a mixed use residential/commercial space for the District office of Community Board 8 to share with other not for profit organizations (DCAS)

Expense

- Increase the budget for Community Boards citywide (OMB)