

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

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INTRODUCTION

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

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Bronx Community Board 6'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.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

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

b) Policy Area- Specific District Needs

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

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the 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.

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1. Community Board Information

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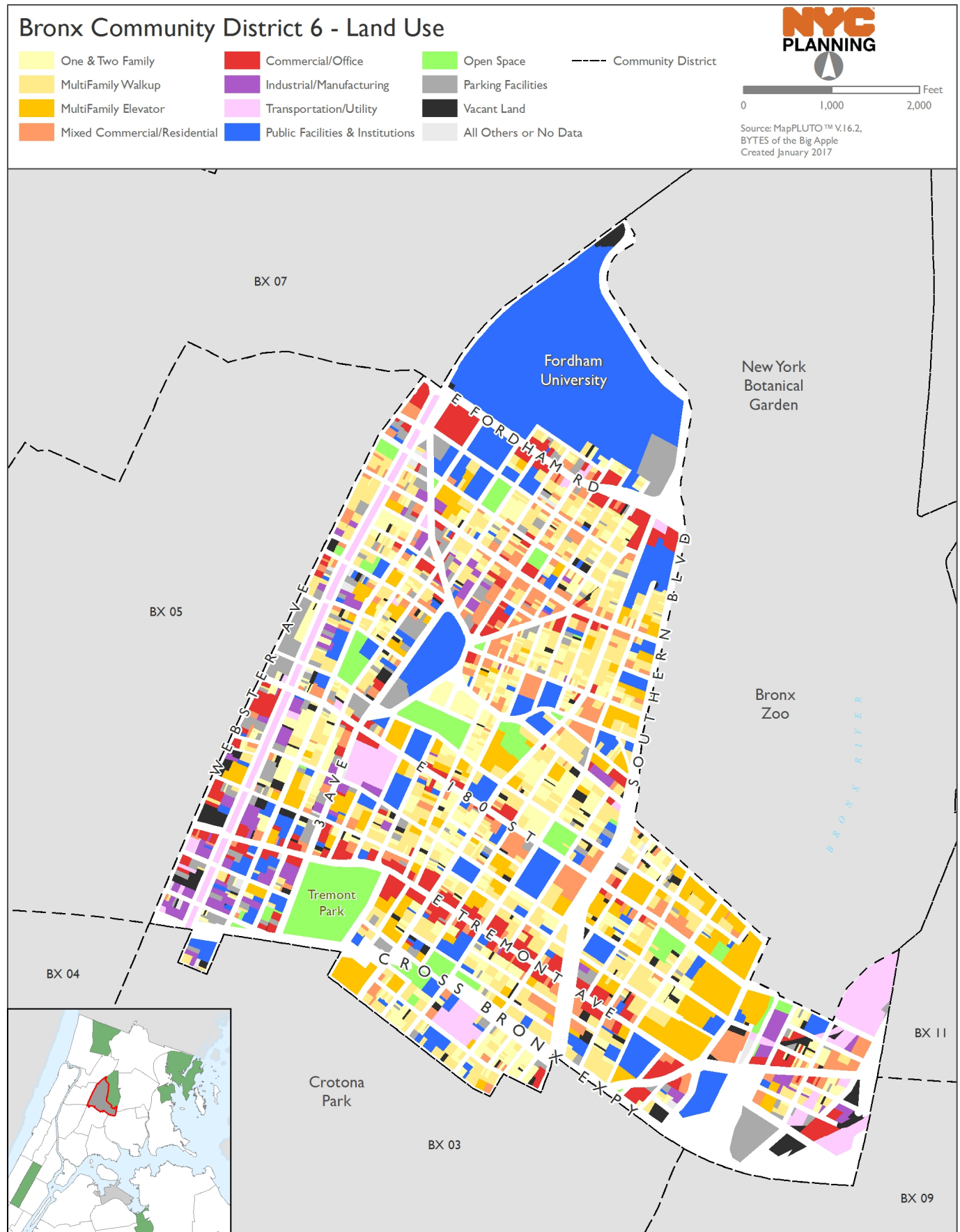
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Community Planning Board #6 is located in the Central part of the Bronx, serving the communities of Belmont, Bathgate, E.Tremont Ave. and West Farms with a total miles area of 983.8. According to the 2010 census, our population was 83,268. Bronx CB 6 is primarily populated by low and middle-income residents. 60% receive some form of income assistance. In fact, Bronx Community Board 6 ranks first among all other boards in the number of residents living under the federal poverty line (44%). At present Major Development is slated for community board 6 with over 1,000 new housing units and at least 72,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. These projects are based on mixed-use affordable housing schemes. The growing population means overcrowded schools and a need for additional day care facilities. Presently there is a need to develop Senior Housing to accommodate the baby boomers growing population. CB 6 has an increasing obesity problem and is presently working alongside Schools, the department of Health, Senior Citizen organizations in order to create healthier lifestyles i.e. more outdoor activities, distribution of food and vegetables/fruit vouchers, education on calorie counting etc.

CB 6 has the East Tremont commercial corridor which has several small businesses, but also several vacant commercial spaces. This corridor has great potential, but the small businesses need assistance in getting organized to fulfill it.

The vitality of the district is improving, but there is an opportunity to better leverage the major institutions in our district such as Fordham University, The Bronx Zoo, Botanical Garden, the Bronx River Art Center, and the Fordham Road and Belmont BIDs.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 6 are:

- *Crime*
- *Schools*
- *Unemployment*

1. **SCHOOLS:** Bronx Community Board #6 schools are severely overcrowded and underperforming. The School Construction Authority's most recent capital plan states that there is a 1,144 student seat need between the Fordham/Belmont and Tremont/West Farms neighborhoods. This does not include the 912 seats funded in Tremont/West Farms that are not in the design and scope phase. It is imperative that with increased housing development that there is also infrastructure investment in schools to support the growing population. When it comes to school performance, more than 70% of students in CB 6 are not proficient in Math and Reading based on NY State Test scores for 3rd - 8th graders. Overcrowded and underperforming school districts are a major deterrent to new families thinking of moving into the neighborhood.

2. **UNEMPLOYMENT:** Community Board 6 has the highest unemployment rate of any community board in NYC (20%). Also, due to the fact that only 18% of residents older than 25 have a college degree, it is vital that there are increased job opportunities for those with a high school diploma and those without it. Unemployment rates are correlated to crime rates and it is an issue that if improved can have ripple effects in other areas.

3. **CRIME:** Certain areas of crime are increasing in the district. As of October 2016, the district has seen an increase in Grand larcenies, murders, public housing crimes, transit crimes, petty larcenies, misdemeanor sex crimes, shooting incidents, and shooting victims compared to 2015. The impact of shootings is especially troublesome as it discourages city residents from moving into the neighborhoods, businesses from opening in the district, and other stakeholders from investing in the area due to a perception of danger. While increased NYPD presence is important so are the underlying causes of crime that must be addressed through efforts to reduce unemployment, supporting the previously incarcerated, and steering low-level offenders toward diversion and educational programs.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services to reduce or prevent homelessness

Many Health and Human service issues derive from Homelessness. For example, low-income residents who are homeless do not have access to healthy food options, are most likely to get an infectious disease, have mental issues and prone to Domestic violence.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Health issues are of great concern to Community Board 6 which is arguably the district most in need of improved health care and wellness in NYC. CB 6 ranks first in the percentage of adults that are obese (35%) , ranks 3rd in the percentage of adults with diabetes, 4th in child asthma hospitalizations, and 6th in the number of hospitalizations due to stroke. These statistics are exacerbated by CB 6 ranking last in supermarket square footage per 100 people.

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

Seniors are in need of more education on Safety i.e. many seniors are at risk when they go to Parks, the Cashier, Banks etc. They are also vulnerable of break- ins and scams and elder abuse.. Health issues due to poor nourishment, and tight budgets.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

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

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

According to the Census Tract, from 2009 -2013, the median income for Bronx residents was 34,388, and the percentage of people living below the poverty line was 29.8%. Residents in District 6 are among this population. District 6 serves as a home to many immigrants. Due to documentation issues, lack of experience and education needed, many of these residents may not have access to high paying jobs. Thus they may become pan handlers, or work at fast food or retail jobs which merely pay minimum wage. Many undocumented residents also risk their lives working in unhealthy circumstances and dangerous jobs such as construction sites. The low income population of District 6 is a disturbing issue and great concern because it affects other aspects of their lives, i.e. health care, education, and may also augment cases of domestic violence. Seniors who do not have food stamps or have a fixed budget cannot afford to eat properly and are prone to health issues.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
12/13	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	



Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/26	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</i>	
6/26	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support</i>	
15/26	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	<i>SUNY Bronx EOC 1666 Bathgate Avenue</i>
21/26	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	
23/26	DOHMH	<i>Healthy life styles programs</i>	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Youth workforce development and summer youth employment

Although all the issues mentioned herein are of utmost importance, the development of a youth workforce force and summer employment is a priority when it comes to the livelihood and growth of our youth. The lack of jobs means more youths in the streets, with no money and in danger of doing the wrong thing. Sometimes a summer job takes away the pressure from parents who are trying to make ends meet.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

CB 6 has a 1,144 school seat need between the Belmont/Fordham and Tremont/Wst Farms neighborhoods as well as 912 seats that are funded but not in the scope and design phase. This great student seat need does n not account for the nearly 2,000 additional units of housing that will be developed in the district in the next 10 years. The district needs more elementary and middle schools to ease overcrowding.

Community District Needs Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Provide more day care centers so that parents can get jobs. Enhance funding for child protective services.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Expand Beacon programs, adolescent & adult literacy programs, young fathers parenting skills.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/13	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	
3/13	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school</i>	
6/13	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	
9/13	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</i>	



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/26	CJC	Juvenile justice programs and preventive services	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Avenue
3/26	DYCD	Youth Centers	Provide a new or upgrade, renovate or expand an existing youth center or other facility for youths	
5/26	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program	
8/26	ACS	Child care	Expand child care services	
12/26	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Ave
13/26	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	
18/26	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Ave
19/26	ACS	Foster care and child welfare	Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services	
20/26	DYCD	Youth workforce development	Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment services	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

While crime has largely declined across the city, there are still categories of crime that have increased in CB 6. As of October 2016, the district has seen an increase in grand larcenies, murders, public housing crimes, transit crimes, petty larcenies, misdemeanor sex crimes, shooting incidents, and shooting victims compared to 2015. We anticipate that the recently implemented NCO program will help reduce crime, but it still is a concern to many. This District has a large stretch of local businesses along the East Tremont strip, including bodegas, which are sometimes burglarized.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

There is a crucial need in our district for additional police officers in order to prevent crime from rising to levels that were seen in the 1990s and early 2000s. However, In order those police officers to serve the community effectively, they need the necessary tools, i.e. additional sector cars, modern technology, radios, security cameras, and protective equipment.

Community District Needs Related to Emergency Services

Agencies such as the Fire Department , EMS ,and NYPD should be equipped to service the public with adequate equipment and manpower.

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/26	NYPD	<i>NYPD programs</i>	<i>Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs</i>	<i>MS 118 577 E 179th Street</i>
9/26	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	
17/26	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles</i>	<i>48th Police Precinct</i>



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

Trash collection has always been an issue in this District. It is not uncommon to see heaps of trash on streets, on corners, Plazas in open spaces, such as parks. It is also common to see overflowing trash cans all over the District. We have gotten numerous complaints about there not being enough trash cans at bus stops, especially in the shopping strips causing residents to throw trash on the ground. This is undoubtedly a hazard to all residents, as it contributes to the overall pollution and rodent infestation in the District.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Sewers need to be inspected and cleaned frequently so as to avoid clogging, dumping. Hydrants should also be inspected in order to ensure that water flows properly or that they are always in working order.

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
22/26	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	
24/26	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	

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

Small Business services/support

A huge segment of this district is the East Tremont strip, which boasts of numerous small businesses and several vacant commercial spaces. Due to this, it is incumbent that the District pays attention to these small businesses and their needs. In 2015 after handing out numerous surveys about what these business owners needed, the Community Board hosted a meeting with the Small Business Owners and representatives of city agencies, to address their concerns. During that meeting, it was obvious that these business owners had severe issues. Ranging from issues with landlords, garbage pick-up, etc. Community Board 6 is host to 2 BIDS, Fordham Road and Belmont . These two BIDS are very successful in educating their merchants on their rights and responsibilities.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Community board #6 is the second smallest board in the Bronx. Almost all of the city-owned land has been built on. Two major rezonings have allowed for additional housing to be developed. Today there are several more privately owned buildings which are going into contract with the city in order to provide much-needed housing to the continuously growing population of this district.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

Although Community Board 6 has two Business Improvement Districts,(Belmont and Fordham) the East Tremont merchants on the commercial corridor have been trying to become a BID with no success. Always in transition due to high rents, businesses cannot thrive. Many are 99 cent stores, nail salons, that occupy the E. Tremont strip. Meetings have been hosted by community board #6 with city agencies, i.e. Small Business Services, Consumer Affairs to no avail. East Tremont has slowly become a gritty area and an unpleasant place to shop. There are also more than half a dozen vacant commercial spaces in the district which discourages investment in the area.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/13	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for medium income households</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/26	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Support BID formation planning</i>	
11/26	HPD	<i>Housing oversight and emergency programs</i>	<i>Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Other|The following are among the many issues that affect community board #6 when it comes to transportation: Traffic Enforcement, Parking on Commercial Strips,(double and many times triple parking exists due to deliveries) designated Bicycle Lanes, often bicycle lanes are in congested and narrow streets, many of which have potholes that make it extremely dangerous for cyclists) pavement markings are not regularly painted on angle parking and freshly paved locations. Lighting throughout the commercial strip is vital for the safety of businesses as well as patrons.

Just like any other part of New York City, District 6 has its fair share of unavailability of Parking spots for residents. To add to this problem, however, is the fact that District 6 has many automobile shops that illegally park unlicensed cars at spots that belong to residents. This makes the already burdensome issue of parking simply unbearable for most residents in this District, the automobile repair shops have these unlicensed cars on the streets at all times for sales and repair; depriving residents of these parking spots. Community board 6 along with NYPD and DOS are organizing towing details to curb this illegal practice.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The department of City Planning and State & City DOT have projects pending for the Sheridan Expressway, the West Farms area. During Fiscal year 2014 these agencies were successful in the Webster Ave. Fordham Road area where they implemented traffic calming measures. The Fordham Road Plaza project implemented bus only route on Third Ave. and rerouted streets.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Residents often complain of subways not working, running on time etc. MTA does not communicate with riders regarding projects schedule disruption. MTA does not have in place cleaning crews for the upkeep of surrounding areas, cutting weeds, garbage etc. Additional personnel is needed.

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
26/26	NYCTA	Transit Service	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	East 180th Street Station



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Although this District is endowed with numerous parks, most residents are not comfortable being there, because of the low level of parks care and maintenance. frequently, residents, have reported trash in our parks. There have also been complaints about our parks not being open or closed on time. In some instances, there have been reports of homeless people sleeping in the parks. Due to the poor maintenance, the trees in some of these parks are old and dangerous to the safety of residents Recently, a tree in one of our parks fell on children. Many of our parks need to have trees inspected frequently.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Additional Parks personnel is needed for the upkeep, i.e. cleaning, monitoring, pruning of all parks, malls.

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

Although community board 6 will host a state of the arts cultural center (Bronx River Arts Center) more support is need for after school programs, beacon programs to fulfill the need of the growing youth population in our district.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Community Board #6 has always been supportive of Libraries. To date because of our recommendations our libraries have received funding for capital as well as expense budgets. According to a recent memo received from the Vice President for Government and Community Affairs of NYPL, our continued support has allowed the NYPL to provide essential programs and services, such as ESOL classes, after school programs, technology training and world class research services, to the residents of this community.

Community District Needs Related to Community Boards

Although the budgets for community planning boards have increased, the current budget only allows for the hiring of a third staff person. The responsibilities of the community board are monumental , there are at least 50 volunteer board members, numerous meetings, issues on a daily basis that require immediate attention.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/13	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Tremont Park</i>
4/13	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Quarry Ballfields</i>
5/13	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Mapes Ballfield 2107 Mapes Avenue</i>
8/13	DCLA	<i>Cultural facilities and resources</i>	<i>Purchase equipment for cultural facility</i>	<i>Bronx River Art Center 1087 E Tremont Avenue</i>
10/13	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Vidalia Park</i>
11/13	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>West Farms Branch Library 2085 Honeywell Avenue</i>
13/13	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>D'Auria-Murphy Triangle</i>



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
10/26	OMB	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Other community board facilities and staff requests</i>	<i>Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Ave</i>
14/26	NYPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	
16/26	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Provide better park maintenance</i>	
25/26	OMB	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Additional Documents

[Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Vidalia Park](#)

[Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Tremont BID](#)

[AM Sepulveda Letter of Support E Tremont BID](#)

[Sen. Rivera Letter of Support E Tremont BID](#)

[AM Pichardo Letter of Support E Tremont BID](#)

[Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Tremont Park Recreation Center](#)

[Sen. Rivera Letter of Support Tremont Park Recreation Center](#)

[AM Pichardo Letter of Support Quarry Ballfield](#)

[AM Pichardo Letter of Support Tremont Park Recreation Center](#)

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 submitted 13 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/13	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Bronx Community Board #6 requests that funding be allocated for the Parks and Recreation Department's Master Plan to construct an indoor recreation center on the former site of Bronx Borough Hall which has been vacant since 1969. If complete funding is not possible, we request that the Parks Dept. release a RFP for a licensing agreement with a non-profit organization that can provide the additional capital funding.	Tremont Park	United States Congressman Jose E. Serrano; New York City Councilmember Ritchie Torres
2/13	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. We request that an elementary school is built to accommodate the over 2,000 units of housing being built between 2015-2025 which will result in a larger student population. We also request that SCA accelerates its timeline to design and scope the 912 seats that are funded.		New York State Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; New York State Assemblymember Luis R. Sepulveda
3/13	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediate school	SCA states that School District 12, which is largely in CB 6, has an unfunded need of 572 seats. School District 12, which is in CB 6, currently has a greater than 160% utilization rate for its middle schools. We request that a middle school is built to accommodate the over 2,000 units of housing being built between 2015-2025 which will result in a larger student population. A new school is necessary to ease overcrowding. We also request that SCA accelerates its timeline to design and scope the 912 seats that are funded.		
4/13	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The Quarry Road Recreation (Soccer) Field is in a deteriorated condition. Funding is requested for the installation of an artificial turf, additional bleachers, re-sodding, renovation of the field's comfort station and the creation of an on-site play area for younger children. If complete funding is unavailable we request that the department release a RFP for a licensing agreement with a non-profit to provide additional capital funds.	Quarry Ballfields	New York City Councilmember Ritchie Torres; New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 submitted 13 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority / Continued

Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
5/13	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Mapes Field is in a deteriorated condition. A total renovation of the field is needed in order to increase the usefulness and accessibility of this community resource. Funding is requested for the installation of additional bleachers, re-sodding, the planting of trees, renovation of the field's comfort station and the creation of an on-site play area for younger children. If complete funding is not possible, we request that the Parks Department release a RFP for a licensing agreement with a non-profit that can provide the additional capital funding and help operate the park.	Mapes Ballfield 2107 Mapes Avenue	New York City Councilmember Ritchie Torres; New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera
6/13	DOE	Provide a new or expand an existing high school	With the influx of housing units, a quality high school should also be built to serve the elementary school students in the district.		
7/13	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	HPD has been doing an admirable job in providing income for low and extremely low-income households. However, in order to spur more development it is important that more housing is provided for middle-income households in the form of rentals and home ownership opportunities in order to have people more invested in the community.		
8/13	DCLA	Purchase equipment for cultural facility	We request funding for the purchase of sound equipment for the Bronx River Art Center's theater.	Bronx River Art Center 1087 E Tremont Avenue	New York State Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.
9/13	DOE	Renovate site component	CB 6 would like to see additional after school facilities established in its district. The facilities should project job placement assistance programs, and alternative educational opportunities for our youth.		
10/13	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Construct a track path around the open field in Vidalia Park.	Vidalia Park	New York City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca Jr.; New York State Assemblymemb er Luis R. Repulveda
11/13	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	For the West Farms Library we are requesting \$500,000 for ADA Upgrades to the restrooms and \$1,000,000 for a new roof.	West Farms Branch Library 2085 Honeywell Avenue	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 submitted 13 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
12/13	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>A recent City audit found that an inexcusable number of homeless shelters/facilities have open building code violations and dilapidated conditions. We are requesting that funds be allocated for immediate repairs and upgrades to shelters, hotels and other facilities providing temporary housing for the homeless.</i>		
13/13	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Funding is requested for needed improvements to the D'Auria-Murphy Triangle which is located on Adams Place between Crescent Avenue and East 183rd Street. Specific improvements would include installation of a water spray, new play equipment for young children, new benches and rubber safety matting where appropriate.</i>	<i>D'Auria-Murphy Triangle</i>	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 submitted 26 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/26	SBS	Support BID formation planning	We request support from SBS to form a bid on East Tremont Ave from Webster Avenue to West Farms. There are numerous businesses on this strip but also, a growing number of vacant commercial spaces. A BID would help with marketing, street clean ups, and facade improvement. It is greatly needed for the economic development of CB 6.		New York City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca, Jr.; New York City Councilmember Ritchie Torres
2/26	CJC	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	ACS should explore releasing an RFP to contract with a non-profit provider to run a Bronx Youth Court at the office of Bronx CB 6 to handle cases involving young people, ages 10 to 18, who have been cited for low-level offenses such as vandalism, fare evasion, assault, and truancy. It would also prevent young people from being in the official court system.	Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Avenue	
3/26	DYCD	Provide a new or upgrade, renovate or expand an existing youth center or other facility for youths	DYCD should release a RFP and provide funding to contract with an existing non-profit community center in CB 6 to expand their afterschool programming.		
4/26	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	There are over 2,000 housing units being constructed in the district and residents should be trained in construction and maintenance jobs for these future units. Due to the ongoing nature of construction residents should be prepared and able to work in their communities. HRA should release an RFP and contract with a construction company that is committed to training local residents on a large scale.		
5/26	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the young adult internship program	The HS graduation rate in CB 6 hovers between 60-65% and HS drop-outs have the highest rate of unemployment in the country. We request more funding for slots for the Young Adult internship Program to help our youth out of school find jobs and go back to school if they so choose. DYCD should release an RFP for service providers to serve more of these students.		
6/26	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance job search and placement support	There needs to be stronger job placement support for those without college degrees in CB 6. Only 7.2% of residents over the age of 25 have a college degree and as a result job placement needs to be targeted to the population for jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree ie (construction or tech industry).		
7/26	NYPD	Increase resources for youth crime prevention programs	The Police Athletic League is proven to prevent youth from committing crimes. We request an increase in funding for the PAL site at MS 118 in order to serve more students from Community Board 6.	MS 118 577 E 179th Street	
8/26	ACS	Expand child care services	With our district's growing population, there exists an urgent need for additional day care centers in our community. We believe that many of our existing day centers are already at capacity levels. Funding should be increased for day care centers so ACS can release RFPs for providers.		

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 Expense Requests

Bronx Community Board 6 submitted 26 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
9/26	NYPD	Assign additional uniformed officers	Currently our local precinct is understaffed. Additional officers are needed to reduce the level of gun violence, drug sales, robberies and other crimes. We are requesting that funding be provided for the hiring of additional police officers for the 48th Police Precinct.		
10/26	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	We request that funding is provided to allow the Community Board to be a host agency for the NYC Urban Fellows program. This prestigious fellowship allows fellows to work in various city agencies and it should definitely include community boards as they are the most local form of government.	Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Ave	
11/26	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Increase funding for the Proactive Preservation Initiative in The Bronx to give HPD the tools it needs to identify building distress and survey more buildings. There are thousands of violations in CB 6 apartment buildings and HPD needs more staff to address them.		
12/26	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program	Expand the NYC Ladders for Leaders Program and designate Community Board 6 as a viable site. This will ensure high performing students can serve the community and learn about the most local form of government in the community board.	Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Ave	
13/26	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Although our community is fortunate to have two Beacon Program in the district (one primarily serving the Belmont community and the other primarily serving the West Farms community) we urgently needed funding for a third Beacon Program. This third Beacon should be sited in the southwestern portion of our community so as to serve the youth of Bathgate and central Tremont.		
14/26	NYPL	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	We are requesting that funding be provided to our three local libraries (East Tremont, West Farms, and Belmont) in order that they may maintain 6-day a week services, purchase additional books and materials, and maintain staffing at sufficient levels.		
15/26	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	HRA should allocate additional funding to contract with the SUNY Bronx EOC to support their educational programs such as GED classes and career certifications to serve more Bronx residents.	SUNY Bronx EOC 1666 Bathgate Avenue	
16/26	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	Provide funds to hire additional park maintenance personnel, including pruners and cleaners.		
17/26	NYPD	Provide additional patrol cars and other vehicles	We are requesting that funding is allocated for the purchase of a van for Community Affairs Officers of the 48th Police Precinct. Officers currently have to use patrol cars or their personal cars. A dedicated van to Community Affairs would help the 48th Precinct and the community greatly.	48th Police Precinct	

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18/26	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Provide funding to allow each Bronx Community Board to serve as a Work, Learn, and Grow Employment Program site. Several SYEP interns work at CB offices, but are unable to continue in the fall. This would also help engage the youth with community boards.</i>	<i>Bronx Community Board 6 1932 Arthur Ave</i>	
19/26	ACS	<i>Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services</i>	<i>CB 6 has the highest indication rate of child neglect or abuse in The Bronx at 40.7% and the third largest number of children involved at 2,810. Funding should be increased for these investigations and for preventative services.</i>		
20/26	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the out-of-school youth program for job training and employment</i>	<i>DYCD should release an RFP to contract with Bronx organizations that train out of school youth in web development, coding, and other tech fields. The RFP should also include employers willing to hire residents who go through a paid training program through them.</i>		
21/26	DFTA	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>Funding should be increased for direct outreach services for senior citizens. These services, including nutrition counseling, recreation, and assistance handling financial matters, should be provided both on site at community organizations and at local senior citizens centers. This funding should also be provided for increased home visitation services for those seniors who are no longer able to travel to centers and service providers' offices.</i>		
22/26	DSNY	<i>Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers</i>	<i>There is a desperate need in our district for additional street corner garbage collection cans. The Sanitation Department should purchase and allocate additional collection cans to our district. The need for additional collection cans is particularly acute along our district commercial strips (Arthur Avenue, East Tremont Avenue, Fordham Plaza/Road).</i>		
23/26	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Increased funding should be provided to community organizations to encourage healthy eating as well as encourage bodegas to sell more fruits and vegetables</i>		
24/26	DEP	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	<i>We request that additional workers be hired for the maintenance and repair of our district's catch basins.</i>		
25/26	OMB	<i>Provide more community board staff</i>	<i>The expansion of the community board staff will allow for better service delivery to our constituents. At minimum, community boards' budgets should be increased to \$350,000.</i>		
26/26	NYCTA	<i>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</i>	<i>The hiring of additional maintenance workers is needed to address cleanliness and repair issues at the IRT's East 180th Street and West Farms/East Tremont elevated train stations.</i>	<i>East 180th Street Station</i>	

Appendix - Supporting Materials

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

Additional Information and Requests

AM Pichardo Letter of Support Tremont Park Recreation Center

<https://a002-oom03.nyc.gov/IRM/Handlers/Campaign/Attachments.ashx?attachmentId=5F02BF00-EC91-44F4-8F91-40AFBF0DC5E3>

AM Pichardo Letter of Support Quarry Ballfield

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Sen. Rivera Letter of Support Tremont Park Recreation Center

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Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Tremont Park Recreation Center

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AM Pichardo Letter of Support E Tremont BID

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AM Sepulveda Letter of Support E Tremont BID

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Sen. Diaz Letter of Support Vidalia Park

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