

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
FY2024 EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

1. **PARKS - DPR - PEP Personnel sufficient to monitor CD08 Parks:** PEP Personnel to properly enforce rules and regulations with assistance of NYPD: illegal use of Putnam Greenway by electric bikes, motor bikes and ATVs; Seasonal problem of unlawful BBQs in CD08 parks; chronic double-parking along Broadway adjacent to Van Cortlandt Park (VCP) Parade Grounds, and to enforce regulations in VCP and other CD08 parks, in particular by bicycle-mounted PEP officers.
2. **ELCA: NYPL-Maintain 6-day programs in our 5 branches**(Van Cortlandt, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, Jerome Park)
3. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT – Step Street Repair:**

Repair damaged features and reset misaligned stone steps on step streets and repaint railings and lampposts at:

- West 230th Street between Riverdale Ave and Johnson Ave
- West 230th Street between Edgehill Ave and Netherland Ave
- West 232nd Street between Johnson Ave and Netherland Ave
- West 232nd Street between Riverdale Ave and Irwin Ave
- West 238th Street between Irwin Ave and Waldo Ave
- Godwin Terrace between West 231st Street and Naples Terrace
- Adjacent to 3860 Bailey Avenue between Bailey Ave and Orloff Ave

Repair and repaint railings and fill the gaps in the cobble stone to prevent weed overgrowth on the step street at:

- West 238th Street between Orloff Avenue and Cannon Place
- West 238th between Irwin Ave and Waldo Ave

4. **AGING COMMITTEE – DFTA – Older Adult Centers Funding:** Increase dedicated funding to ensure qualified staff, access to mental health services, funding for licensed social worker, technology infrastructure internally, technology support externally, increase outreach to lessen isolation and potential abuse, provide food security, and meet all service delivery funding requirements.
5. **E&S & HOUSING – DSNY- Increased funding for manual litter patrol and splinter groups** for the removal of trash throughout CB8, especially in Environmental Justice designated areas of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, and Broadway commercial corridor and around vacant lots.

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6. **AGING COMMITTEE – DFTA – Food Programs**: Food insecurity has become increased within our community. There is increased need for congregate food programs, additional food pantries, plus meals for individuals who are temporarily homebound.

7. **HOUSING - NYCHA-**
 - Security: Sufficient Personnel to adequately monitor cameras at Marble Hill Houses
 - Sanitation Services: Additional personnel for NYCHA Sanitation Teams and additional trash receptacles.
 - Laundry Room: Restoration of building #9 laundry room at the Marble Hill Houses.

8. **TRAFF&TRANS / ELCA/PUBLIC SAFETY – NYPD/DOE/DOT – Increase Crossing Guard Funding**: Increase funding for school crossing guards at P.S. 95, P.S. 344 and P.S. 168 schools at the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West

9. **HHSS – DOHMH/DSNY – Funding for Rat Mitigation**: Increase in funding for rat inspections, mitigation tools and rat academy for CB8 affected neighborhoods.

10. **Eco Dev –SBS – Emergency Response** - Increase funding for SBS emergency preparation and response services for CB 8 small businesses.

11. **E&S–DEP: Increase funding for maintenance contracts** for Jerome Park Reservoir to maintain cleanliness of DEP property, specifically with concerns to illegal dumping and littering.

12. **JOINT – PUBLIC SAFETY + YOUTH + EDUCATION – (NYPD) - Police Athletic League Funding**: Police Athletic League (PAL) after school programs and Youth crime prevention services.

13. **YOUTH - DYCD –SYEP Expansion**-of the program for 14- & 15-year-olds – Request for additional hours and stipend amount for participants under the age of 16

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14. PARKS - DPR CD08 Parks Equipment: Serious and increasing trash conditions in all our parks, necessitates Parks Department needs:

- One large garbage truck Currently equipment is shared with another district.
- Crew Cab Pickup: to transport staff & equipment/tools around CD08. Necessary to address maintenance needs of District.
- Deere Tractor with Cutting Unit: Constantly need maintenance, especially with hilly topography, such machinery is essential for mowing.

15. PARKS - DPR Van Cortlandt Park Equipment –

- Mini-Packer: to deal with growing trash problem in VCP, particularly to reach remote and difficult areas.
- Gator for Van Cortlandt Park: VCP Alliance requests a replacement Gator for use by Landscape Management and Maintenance & Operations staff to maintain park; Existing Gator is in disrepair.

16. AGING COMMITTEE - HPD – Affordable Housing Serving Older District Residents: To reduce homelessness and allow older residents with low/moderate income to continue to age in their familiar communities, increase funding for housing subsidies for current residents to avail themselves of neighborhood preferences in new and existing affordable senior housing buildings, to prevent evictions from current units, and provide support for other programs that allow seniors to age independently and in place.

17. PUBLIC SAFETY + YOUTH + EDUCATION – (NYPD) – School Safety Officers for John F. Kennedy Campus : Additional School Safety Officers for John F. Kennedy HS due to an increase in violence.

18. E&S-DSNY: Increase funding for NYC Compost Project to expand education and outreach for curbside pick-up program and on-site composting

19. EDUCATION-DOE- PS310- Marble Hill Complex Bronx Outdoor green space to advance their sustainability and STEAM initiative

20. E&S-DEP: Increase funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village

21. EDUCATION-DOE: PS24 Bronx-Construct a green house where their garden is now

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22. **E&S/Parks-DEP**: Daylight Tibbetts Brook: Fund continual maintenance and operation to ensure efficiency and good housekeeping of Daylighting Project in Van Cortlandt Park and along the Putnam South Greenway

23. **AGING– DFTA – Older Adult Center Transportation**: Dedicated permanent transportation service funding in Older Adult Center contracts. Walkability in many sections of our community is difficult: steep hills, steep streets and long blocks. Regular bus service provides limited North-South routes and even fewer East-West routes. Additionally, transportation services can provide vital food access for older adults.

24. **HHSS – DSS/HRA - Counseling Services**: Increased agency outreach for those affected by COVID-19, family crisis counseling, and other mental health problems, including service staff for suicide prevention hot-lines and other mental health professionals.

25. **AGING COMMITTEE - DFTA – Increase to funding in Dementia Care**: Non-subsidized social adult day programs have closed, leaving only one non-profit social adult daycare (SADC) in Bronx CB8. Expand tuition assistance for non-profit programs to allow more eligible seniors to afford SADC and fund outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, safety issues, and caregiver support opportunities.

26. **E&S-DSNY: Restore e-cycling program** to include community drop-off for buildings with less than 10 units in Bronx District 8

27. **AGING COMMITTEE – DOT – Safe Crossings**: Increase funding to inspect and maintain pavement at cross-walks throughout the district to mitigate falls that often lead to health decline and death; refresh cross-walk lines striping to increase driver and pedestrian visibility; lengthen pedestrian walk signals and add audible crossing signals near large senior populations and shopping areas.

28. **YOUTH – DYCD/DOE – Expanding College access for all** – Continue funding College Access for All programs be expanded throughout all CB8 middle schools

29. **AGING COMMITTEE – MTA – Access-A-Ride**: Increased service for Access-a-Ride for older adults with disabilities within CD08 because of its particularly hilly topography.

30. **E&S–DEP: Increase funding for catch basin inspection, cleaning, and maintenance in flood prone areas** along Broadway and Bailey Avenue and on roadways in Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village

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31. **AGING COMMITTEE** DFTA - Internet access for older adults in CD08.

32. **AGING COMMITTEE DOT** – Bus shelter and countdown clocks on East side of West 231st Street between Broadway and Albany Crescent Avenue.

33. **EDUCATION-DOE-PS 310 Marble Hill Complex Bronx-Auditorium Renovation**-Replace broken seats, motorized display screen, stage and curtains.

34. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT** – Broadway Corridor Parking Study: Conduct a parking study of the Broadway corridor to better understand future capital or expense priorities to balance supply and demand of parking including commercial parking

35. **TRAFF&TRANS – DOT** – Study Putnam Greenway Connections: Study of safe pedestrian and bicycle connections to Putnam Greenway from Bailey Avenue and from Broadway/Broadway Bridge

36. **YOUTH - DOITT** – Boosting existing wi-fi signals – Requesting that wi-fi signals at tax funded locations (police departments, fire departments, libraries etc.) be given wi-fi booster to create more access

37. **HHSS- DOHMH/NYSDOH** – Provide additional funding for covid-19 home test kits to help decrease the covid-19 infection rate within CB8 and to assist decreasing clinic and hospital visits.