

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

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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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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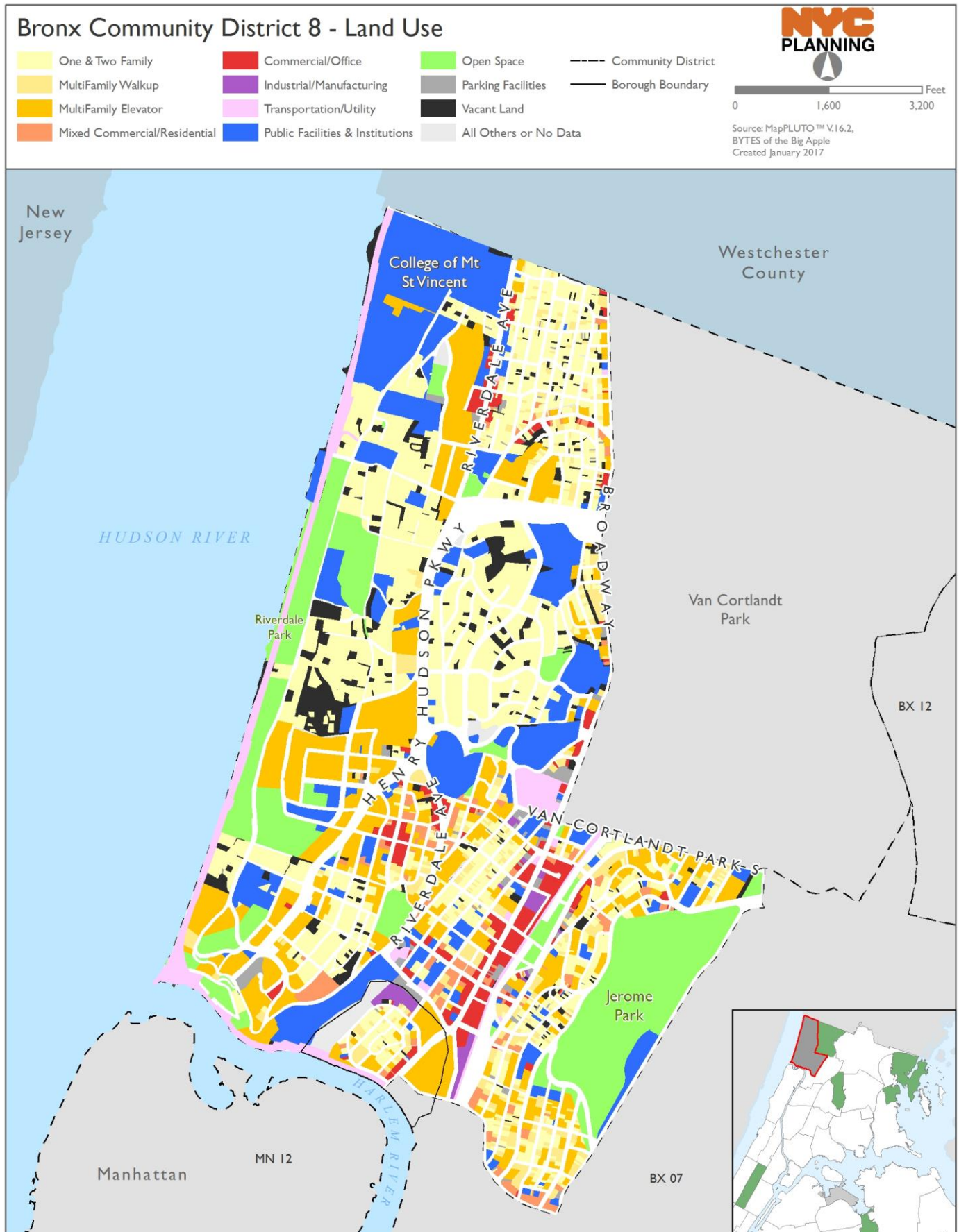
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2. Community District Land Use



3. Overview of Community District

Bronx Community Board 8 ("BXC8" or "Board 8") includes the neighborhoods of Fieldston, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil and Van Cortlandt Village. The majority of residents are between the ages of 18 and 64. There are, however, a significant number of children and senior citizens in BXC8.

Board 8 has various types of housing including cooperative apartments, condominium units, one family houses, 2-4 family houses and multi-family apartment buildings. Board 8 has three New York City Housing Authority Developments: Marble Hill, Fort Independence and Bailey Houses. Our community has 68 park sites, with two of the most prominent being Van Cortlandt Park and Wave Hill.

The NYCHA Developments are in need of major improvements. Our specific capital funding requests include funding for necessary work required on mechanical systems, including repair, maintenance, and replacement of heat and hot water systems and elevators. Funding for necessary exterior work, including repair, maintenance, and replacement of roofs and windows is also required. In addition, we request funding for the following: a) to maintain sufficient personnel for full staffing of all caretaker positions at Marble Hill, Fort Independence and Bailey Houses; and, b) to hire additional skilled trade workers to service Marble Hill, Fort Independence and Bailey Houses.

Our senior citizens are very important to us, and we support independent healthy living for seniors. It is our determination to ensure that all of their concerns are addressed. Accordingly, we request funding: a) to address the unique mental health issues in the geriatric community, including dementia care; b) to monitor home care firms to ensure they effectively screen, train, and supervise home attendant staff to serve clients with physical and cognitive needs; c) to fund administrative costs of outreach and home visiting programs for frail homebound adults; d) fund programs to educate community on home safety design and modifications to allow older adults to safely remain in their homes; e) to increase count-down and audible crossing signals, and longer traffic light/walk changes on wide streets, especially near locations of large senior populations; and f) to fund community based mental health services for older adults in centers and home settings.

School aged children comprise approximately 23% of our population. Our children deserve a safe and supportive learning environment, and services to promote their development. We request funding for: a) PS 37: security system, including security cameras and monitors; b) In-Tech Academy: removal of the concrete from the existing track, and replace it with a synthetic surface with a longer life, to significantly reduce the risk of student injury; c) PS 95: AC units for all classrooms and new HVAC system in the auditorium, and upgrade classroom Smart Boards; d) PS 81: AC for gym, cafeteria, and auditorium, including electrical upgrade, AC units in 12 classrooms, including electrical upgrade, and for upgrading the computer room, library and school yard; e) for the creation of rooftop hydroponic gardens in PS 24, RKA 141 and MS 368; f) to support after school and evening programs at our community centers; g) for an upgrade of security to the many parks and playgrounds in our community.

Our parks engage people of all ages, from all around the City, in healthy outdoor activities. However, many of our parks are in need of maintenance, reconstruction, and repair. We request funding for: a) the construction and related plumbing repairs in Fort Four Park, plus required maintenance; b) the redesign and reconstruction of Bailey Avenue playground; c) construction of a rest room at West 251st Street in Van Cortlandt Park, adjacent to the parade grounds; d) construction of a pond wall at Spuyten Duyvil Park to prevent water runoff from the pond; e) erosion control measures in Ewen Park to prevent runoff downhill toward Riverdale Avenue; f) reconstruction of the steps of the historic south side entrance to the Van Cortlandt House Museum; g) resurfacing of the basketball courts at Seton Park; h) renovation of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium; i) renovation of the Strong Street playground; j) sufficient maintenance personnel in our parks; k) purchase of a small tractor to aid in the maintenance of the parks; l) a stump grinder, and a replacement tractor for Van Cortlandt Park; and m) increased horticultural personnel to assist in maintaining Greenstreets.

Our libraries are an invaluable cultural and educational resource. We request funding for a) Van Cortlandt Branch: façade rehabilitation, roof replacement, general interior renovation, and d) window replacement; b) Riverdale Branch: HVAC unit replacement, ADA upgrade – ADA bathrooms, full interior renovation; Spuyten Duyvil Branch: 5,000 sq. ft. expansion, boiler & HVAC unit replacements, ADA upgrade, general interior renovation.

3. Overview of Community District

Board 8 recognizes the need of programs to deal with food waste and collection of refuse in our community. We request funding for the following: a) NYC organic composting project to support education outreach and hiring of interns at two local organizations; b) expand organic recycling in Board 8; c) increase Sanitation Enforcement's staffing for enforcement of illegal dumping and pooper scooper laws; d) purchase of SUV to transport WEP workers with equipment to areas in the community requiring maintenance; e) to remove or modify the salt shed in Van Cortlandt Park to abate pollution caused by salt leaching into the wetlands;

We request funding for Department of Environmental Protection: a) to increase resources for sewer inspections, cleaning and repair of curb drains, catch basins and sewer lines to alleviate flooding; b) construction of Daylighting of Tibbets Brook both inside and outside Van Cortlandt Park to divert and prevent billions of gallons of water from overwhelming our Combined Sewer.

Board 8 is dedicated to the promotion of public safety. We request funding for Argus cameras for the 50th Precinct, with installations recommended at the following locations: Broadway and W 225 Street; Kingsbridge and University Avenues; Webb Avenue and Eames Place; Claflin Avenue and West 197 Street; Broadway and 231 Street; Broadway and West 241 Street; Johnson and Riverdale Avenues; Sedgewick Avenue, Reservoir Avenue to Fort Independence Street ; Independence Avenue at West 239 Street; Sedgewick Avenue, Van Cortlandt Avenue West; Bailey Avenue, Summit Place to West 234 Street; and, Riverdale Avenue, between West 236 and West 238 Streets.

BXCB8 recognizes the need to maintain safe streets in good condition, to promote the efficient flow of traffic and transportation throughout our community. We request funding for the following: a) increase resurfacing to fifteen lane miles; b) full reconstruction of the crumbling step street at Summit Place between Heath and Bailey Avenues; c) conduct a traffic survey in the vicinity of BJ's shopping center at West 237th Street and Broadway, due to car traffic being forced to Corlear and Tibbett Avenues; c) Installation of lighting for the Kappock Street underpass; d) restore full BX 20 service to level prior to 2011 cuts.

Finally, we request funding to enhance and promote the commercial areas in BXCB8 as follows: a) study for Beautification project at Broadway West 225th Street to West 242nd Street; b) benches and bike racks in commercial corridors, and planning funds for community merchant organization.

Thank you for your consideration.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

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

- *Senior services*
- *Youth and children's services*
- *Other/NYCHA Housing Developments in BXCB8 are in dire need of repairs and upgrades to its properties from new roofs, elevators, heating and hot water systems; and increase in buildings and grounds staffing. Additionally, surveillance cameras are needed as a measure to help thwart crime.*

NYCHA: There are three New York City Housing Developments in Community Board 8: Marble Hill, Fort Independence and Bailey Houses, all of which are in need of major improvements. All of our children, families, and elderly residents deserve a safe place to live. The tenants in these developments should not have to endure another season without adequate heat and hot water, and deal with leaks from roofs that are in disrepair. Our capital funding requests include funding for necessary repairs, maintenance and replacement of heat and hot water systems, new roofs and elevators. Senior Services: We are committed to the care and the improvement of the quality of life for our senior citizens. As our population ages, more services must be provided to respond to the unique needs of our seniors. We are determined to support community based geriatric mental health services, homecare, home safety, and innovative programs at our senior centers. Youth and Children Services: Children are the largest age based population in our community. They are the future, and we have a duty to care for them. We support their development by the maintenance of decent housing, provision of supportive learning environments, and a manifest commitment to a clean, healthy, safe community. These were considered as top pressing issues because: i) the residents in the NYCHA developments are powerless to make the necessary repairs themselves to provide heat and hot water to their families in their homes, and we have a duty to provide the resources to ensure the tenants apartments are habitable; ii) the elderly have spent their lives providing for us, and we have an obligation to respect them and care for their particular needs in a timely manner; and iii) in addition to our duty to provide for their immediate needs, the example of our actions in supporting the development and welfare of our youth will promote their determination to care for our community as they mature into adults.



Health Care and Human Services

Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Programs, services or facilities for seniors

There is a pressing need for Dementia Care programs owed to the fact that Bronx Community Board 8 has high population of seniors, and there is a need for outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, person centered caregiver support; and expansion of tuition assistance to allow eligible middle class participants to attend accredited social day services.

Community District Needs Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

Funding for Innovative Services for Seniors (ISS) geriatric mental health program. Funding for Communal meal services for seniors. DFTA liaison for BXCB 8.

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

The following programs and services are critical for Bronx Community Board 8's Aged population: Dementia Care, Homecare, Home Safety, Safe Crossings, Innovative Programming, Geriatric Mental Health services.

Community District Needs Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

BXCB8 does have some homeless individuals sleeping on sidewalk and park benches. They also pan handle at shopping plazas and other public areas in BXCB8. Counselors are needed to assist them with shelter resources.

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Schools and educational facilities (Maintenance)

The track at MS/HS 368 is used by 1000 students. The rehabilitation and maintenance of the track will reduce the risk of student injury. The provision and maintenance of air conditioning units in our schools are needed to improve the children's learning environments. Library upgrades provide support for curriculum, instruction and specialized efforts geared to improve student literacy.

Community District Needs Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

The track at MS/HS 368 is used by 1000 students. The rehabilitation and maintenance of the track will reduce the risk of student injury. The provision and maintenance of air conditioning units in our schools are needed to improve the children's learning environments. Library upgrades provide support for curriculum, instruction and specialized efforts geared to improve student literacy.

Community District Needs Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

Funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the after school and evening programs of the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center that provides services to over 500 young people during a regular school year. For the past 42 years KHCC has been a hub of interconnected neighborhood and family based programming, including essential youth support services during the typically unstructured out of school hours.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/24	NYCHA	Repairs and replacements for mechanical systems	Fund work and replacement of mechanical systems	NYCHA Houses District 8
2/24	NYPL	Library Expansion 5,000 sq ft	\$7,300,000 for Library Expansion	Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library 650 West 235th Street
3/24	DPR	Construct new restroom	Fund new restroom construction	Fort Four Park
4/24	NYCHA	Exterior work, roofs replacement and masonry work	New roofs and exterior repairs including window replacements	Ft Independence / Bailey Houses
6/24	DOE	Schools and educational facilities	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	In-Tech Academy / MS/HS 368 2975 Tibbett Avenue
8/24	DOE	AC units HVAC for auditorium	AC units HVAC for auditorium, Smartboards	PS 95
9/24	DOE	Schools and educational facilities	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS 81
11/24	NYPL	HVAV replacement, renovation ADA upgrade	Renovation and upgrades	Riverdale Branch Library
15/24	DOT	Rehab step street	Rehab Step Street	Summit Place Heath Avenue Bailey Avenue
16/24	DPR	Basketball Court resurfacing	Resurface Seton Park Basketball Courts	Seton Park
20/24	DOT	Street resurfacing increase	Increase resurfacing miles	
21/24	DSNY	SUV for WEP Workers job site transportation	Purchase van to transport WEP workers around district	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
22/24	DSNY	Remove or modify salt shed	Remove or modify salt shed	Salt Shed Van Cortlandt Park
23/24	DOT	Commercial corridor benches	Benches in commercial corridors	
24/24	DOT	Construction of walkway	Walkway construction	Arlington Avenue West 261st Street
CS	DOE	Schools and educational facilities	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	2975 Tibbett Avebue
CS	DOE	Schools and educational facilities	Renovate or upgrade a high school	660 West 237th Street

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/24	DOE	Schools and educational facilities	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	PS 37
3/24	DFTA	Innovative Services for Seniors	Funding for Geriatric Program - Innovative Services for Seniors	
4/24	DFTA	Aging Dementia Care	Dementia Care Programs	
5/24	DPR	Parks Maintenance Personnel and Enforcement	DRP Personnel for Lawns and Landscaped areas and Enforcement	
6/24	DFTA	Seniors Home Saftey Education	Programs for seniors education on home safety	
8/24	DOT	Audible Crossing Signals	Count Down and Audible crossing signals	
9/24	DYCD	After school and evening programs	100000	Kingsbridge Heights Community Ct 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace
10/24	DOE	Educational programs	Other educational programs requests	
11/24	DEP	Funding to increase resources for infrastructure inspection and maintenance	Upgrade Infrastructure due to new development	
13/24	NYCTA	Bus service BX20 to prior 2011 cuts	Restoration of full bus service BX20 and decrease BX10 headways	
14/24	DSNY	Expand organic recycling	Fund organic recycling DSNY Sections 81 and 83	
15/24	DSNY	Hire interns for organic composting education	Funding for organic composting education outreach	
16/24	DSNY	Enforce pooper scooper and illegal dumping laws	Increase enforcement for ticketing Pooper Scooper and Dumping violators	
17/24	DOE	Create hydroponic gardens	Hydroponic Gardens o school rooftops	
18/24	DFTA	Fund opportunities for senior centers innovative programs	Fund Innovative programs for senior centers	
19/24	DFTA	Monitor screening; Fund home visitin programs	Monitor Home Care firms; Training for cognitive needs; Fund home visiting programs	



Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
20/24	DPR	<i>Small tractor and trailer</i>	<i>Provide small tractor and trailer for regular park maintenance</i>	
21/24	DOT	<i>Underpass lighting</i>	<i>Lighting at Kappock Street Underpass Lighting</i>	<i>Kappock Street Underpass Kappock Street</i>
22/24	DPR	<i>Stump grinder/tractor for Van Cortlandt Park</i>	<i>Stump grinder and tractor</i>	<i>Van Cortlandt Park</i>
23/24	SBS	<i>Small Business Administration Satellite Office</i>	<i>SBA Satellite Office</i>	
24/24	DPR	<i>Horticulture personnel</i>	<i>Increase horticulture personnel</i>	

**Public Safety and Emergency Services**Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services*General crime*

Anti crime focus -In response to reports of robberies, we support the installation of Argus cameras in designated areas of our community to deter criminal activity, and to create a documentary record of any crimes or conditions in said areas.

Community District Needs Related to Policing and Crime

In response to reports of robberies, and in consideration of the many school aged children travelling through our community, the Argus project, installing cameras at designated sites, will hopefully serve as a deterrent to crime, and also provide law enforcement with a tool to document the commission of any criminal activity, to assist them in the investigation of such activity.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/24	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests

Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency



Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Sewer capacity

Upgrade infrastructure due to new developments. Increase sewer inspections, cleaning and repair of curb drains, catch basins and sewer lines to alleviate serious local flooding problems. In addition, we need to divert millions of gallons of water from overwhelming our sewer system by construction for daylighting of Tibbets Brook both inside and outside of Van Cortlandt Park.

Community District Needs Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Funding for the completion of the Tibbett Brooks Daylighting Research

Community District Needs Related to Sanitation Services

District 8 Sanitation requires the purchase of an SUV to enable WEP workers/interns to be transported with needed equipment to areas in the district requiring work. Funding for NYC Organic Composting project to support education outreach and hiring of interns at two local organizations - Friends of Van Cortlandt Park and Kingsbridge Heights Community Center in order to increase community participation and collection options. Funding to expand organic recycling in BXC8's Sanitation Districts 81, and 82 that is currently in District 83. Measures needed to abate pollution caused by salt leaching into the wetlands from the salt shed in Van Cortlandt Park.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
19/24	DEP	Water supply system	Other water supply system upgrade requests	Tibbetts Brook/Van Cortlandt Pk

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

Condition of public housing

The NYCHA Developments are in need of major improvements. Our specific capital funding requests include funding for necessary work required on mechanical systems, including repair/maintenance /replacement of heat and hot water systems and elevators, and funding for necessary exterior work, including repair/maintenance/replacement of roofs masonry and windows. In addition, we request funding: a) to maintain sufficient personnel for full staffing of all caretaker positions at Marble Hill, Fort Independence and Bailey Houses; and, b) to hire additional skilled trade workers to service Marble Hill, Fort Independence and Bailey Houses.

Community District Needs Related to Land Use

We need a planning consultant to work with the land use Committee to develop a responsible plan and report.

Community District Needs Related to Housing Needs and Programming

Restore HPD inspectors to FY 2009 level (25% increase of 2 additional employees), additional Enforcement Officials in Bronx office to reduce current backlogs, and better follow up of complaints against building owners. Hire 2 additional inspectors and provide vehicles necessary to reduce DOB backlog and allow for more timely attention to open complaints. Maintain full staffing of all caretaker positions at NYCHA Marble Hill Houses, Bailey Avenue Houses, and Ft. Independence Houses. Hire additional skilled trade workers to service NYCHA Marble Hill Houses, Bailey Avenue Houses, and Ft. Independence Avenue Houses. Funding for roof maintenance and roof replacement at Ft. Independence Houses.

Community District Needs Related to Economic Development

A Small Business Association satellite office would encourage economic growth in our community.

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/24	NYCHA	<i>Public housing maintenance, staffing and management</i>	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	
7/24	NYCHA	<i>Public housing maintenance, staffing and management</i>	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	
12/24	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Roadway maintenance

The roadways throughout the district are in constant need of repairs. The annual resurfacing/paving miles allocations are grossly inadequate to cover all of District 8's roadways that are in disrepair. Further, we are still playing catch-up on resurfacing requests created from pot hole conditions resulting from the harsh winter of 2014. Our community deserves to have streets with smooth surfaces to prevent risk of personal safety and vehicle damage.

Community District Needs Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The pedestrian overpass of the Henry Hudson Parkway at West 235/236th Streets is becoming increasingly in need of reconstruction. Cement casing on the underbelly are in decay showing some of the steel reinforcement, there have been holes in the pedestrian overpass that have been patched up, and cement work on many of the stairs on both sides of the pedestrian bridge have had to be done to fix the crumbling steps. This pedestrian bridge is used by hundreds of people every day and even more students during the school year to cross the busy HHP. Construction of a contiguous side walk north side of West 254th Street from Netherland Avenue to MTA Railroad Terrace. Construction of a walkway to connect Arlington Avenue to West 261st Street where it dead ends at the Skyview Apartment complex (about West 260th Street) reconstruction of deteriorating curbing where needed.

Community District Needs Related to Transit Services

Restore full BX 20 service to level prior to 2011 cuts. These cuts have caused a tremendous issue with overcrowding.



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Park care and maintenance

Bxcb 8 parks are not being properly maintained due to lack of staff, and projects that are needed are not being done such as - Fort Four Park restroom reconstruction, Bailey Avenue playground redesign and reconstruction, Spuyten Duyvil Park pond wall construction, Ewen Park erosion control measures, Strong Street playground renovation, Seton Park basketball court resurfacing, and in Van Cortlandt Park the construction of a restroom at Broadway and West 251st Street (next to the parade grounds), Renovation of the steps on the historic south side entrance to the VCP Museum, and renovation of the VCP stadium which has or should be condemned.

Community District Needs Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Bronx Community Board 8 has a longstanding request for construction of a new restroom and related plumbing repairs in Fort Four Park, a heavily used park. Partial funding has been provided by elected officials, but more is needed. At the community's request, we strongly urge that the remaining funds needed to complete this project be granted in a timely manner to carry this project forward. We continue to request implementation of the Bailey Avenue playground redesign and reconstruction, Spuyten Duyvil Park pond wall construction, Ewen Park erosion control measures, Strong Street playground renovation, Seton Park basketball court resurfacing, and in Van Cortlandt Park the construction of a restroom at Broadway and West 251st Street (next to the parade grounds), as well as renovation of the steps on the historic south side entrance to the VCP Museum, and renovation of the VCP stadium.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Bronx Community Board 8's five branch libraries- Jerome Park, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil and Van Cortlandt are heavily used resource and programming centers. The libraries are home to all from seniors to students and toddlers. Funding the requests of the libraries are essential to ensure full purpose operation. BXC8 supports the following requests for critical upgrades: Riverdale - HVAC replacement, ADA upgrade, and full interior renovation; Spuyten Duyvil - HVAC and boiler replacement, including ADA upgrade, with general interior renovation, Van Cortlandt - Façade Rehabilitation, roof replacement, general renovation, window replacement, HVAC replacement, ADA upgrade

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Bailey Avenue Playground
10/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	Van Cortlandt Park Broadway & West 251st Street
12/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	SPUYTEN DUYVIL SHOREFRONT PARK
13/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Ewen Park Bronx
14/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Van Cortlandt Park
17/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Van Cortlandt Park Stadium
18/24	DPR	Park, buildings, and access improvements	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Strong Street Playground
CS	NYPL	Library facilities, equipment and	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	3874 Sedwick Avenue

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/24	NYCHA	Repairs and replacements for mechanical systems	Fund work and replacement of mechanical systems	NYCHA Houses District 8
2/24	NYPL	Library Expansion 5,000 sq ft	\$7,300,000 for Library Expansion	Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library 650 West 235th Street
3/24	DPR	Construct new restroom	Fund new restroom construction	Fort Four Park
4/24	NYCHA	Exterior work, roofs replacement and masonry work	New roofs and exterior repairs including window replacements	Ft Independence / Bailey Houses
8/24	DOE	AC units HVAC for auditorium	AC units HVAC for auditorium, Smartboards	PS 95
11/24	NYPL	HVAV replacement, renovation ADA upgrade	Renovation and upgrades	Riverdale Branch Library
15/24	DOT	Rehab step street	Rehab Step Street	Summit Place Heath Avenue Bailey Avenue
16/24	DPR	Basketball Court resurfacing	Resurface Seton Park Basketball Courts	Seton Park
20/24	DOT	Street resurfacing increase	Increase resurfacing miles	
21/24	DSNY	SUV for WEP Workers job site transportation	Purchase van to transport WEP workers around district	
22/24	DSNY	Remove or modify salt shed	Remove or modify salt shed	Salt Shed Van Cortlandt Park
23/24	DOT	Commercial corridor benches	Benches in commercial corridors	
24/24	DOT	Construction of walkway	Walkway construction	Arlington Avenue West 261st Street

Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/24	DFTA	Innovative Services for Seniors	Funding for Geriatric Program - Innovative Services for Seniors	
4/24	DFTA	Aging Dementia Care	Dementia Care Programs	
5/24	DPR	Parks Maintenance Personnel and Enforcement	DRP Personnel for Lawns and Landscaped areas and Enforcement	
6/24	DFTA	Seniors Home Safety Education	Programs for seniors education on home safety	
8/24	DOT	Audible Crossing Signals	Count Down and Audible crossing signals	
9/24	DYCD	After school and evening programs	100000	Kingsbridge Heights Community Ct 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace
11/24	DEP	Funding to increase resources for infrastructure inspection and maintenance	Upgrade Infrastructure due to new development	
13/24	NYCTA	Bus service BX20 to prior 2011 cuts	Restoration of full bus service BX20 and decrease BX10 headways	

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Other Expense Requests

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
14/24	DSNY	Expand organic recycling	Fund organic recycling DSNY Sections 81 and 83	
15/24	DSNY	Hire interns for organic composting education	Funding for organic composting education outreach	
16/24	DSNY	Enforce pooper scooper and illegal dumping laws	Increase enforcement for ticketing Pooper Scooper and Dumping violators	
17/24	DOE	Create hydroponic gardens	Hydroponic Gardens o school rooftops	
18/24	DFTA	Fund opportunities for senior centers innovative programs	Fund Innovative programs for senior centers	
19/24	DFTA	Monitor screening; Fund home visitin programs	Monitor Home Care firms; Training for cognitive needs; Fund home visiting programs	
20/24	DPR	Small tractor and trailer	Provide small tractor and trailer for regular park maintenance	
21/24	DOT	Underpass lighting	Lighting at Kappock Street Underpass Lighting	Kappock Street Underpass Kappock Street
22/24	DPR	Stump grinder/tractor for Van Cortlandt Park	Stump grinder and tractor	Van Cortlandt Park
23/24	SBS	Small Business Administration Satellite Office	SBA Satellite Office	
24/24	DPR	Horticulture personnel	Increase horticulture personnel	

7. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Bronx Community Board 8 Capital Requests

Bronx Community Board 8 submitted 24 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority /
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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/24	NYCHA	<i>Fund work and replacement of mechanical systems</i>	<i>HOUSING - New York City Housing Authority - Funding for necessary work required on mechanical systems at Marble Hill Houses and Fort Independence/Bailey Houses, including necessary repair/maintenance/replacement of heat and hot water systems and elevators. According to the Physical Needs Assessment provided by NYCHA staff, estimated expenditures required for immediate repairs are \$7,943,908, with long term needs being significantly higher.</i>	<i>NYCHA Houses District 8</i>	
2/24	NYPL	<i>\$7,300,000 for Library Expansion</i>	<i>LIBRARIES - Spuyten Duyvil Branch - 5,000 Square Foot Branch Expansion - Request Amount: \$7,300,000 (carried over from Committee FY 17 Capital requests) Boiler & HVAC Unit Replacements - Request Amount: \$1,000,000 (mimics NYPL FY 17 Capital request) ADA Upgrade - Request Amount: \$500,000 General Interior Renovation - Request Amount: \$5,600,000</i>	<i>Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library 650 West 235th Street</i>	
3/24	DPR	<i>Fund new restroom construction</i>	<i>PARKS & RECREATION - Construction of a new restroom and related plumbing repairs in Fort Four Park, plus required maintenance. DPR estimates the cost as somewhat in excess of \$3 million. Because this has been the committee's top priority for several years and because this park is on the border between council districts, it was suggested that the committee ask Councilmen Cohen and Cabrera to make funding the restroom a priority.</i>	<i>Fort Four Park</i>	
4/24	NYCHA	<i>New roofs and exterior repairs including window replacements</i>	<i>HOUSING - New York City Housing Authority - Funding for necessary exterior work required at Fort Independence/Bailey Houses, including necessary repair/maintenance/replacement of roofs, masonry and windows. According to the Physical Needs Assessment provided by NYCHA staff, estimated expenditures required over the next several years are \$5,311,687, with long term needs being significantly higher.</i>	<i>Ft Independence / Bailey Houses</i>	

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5/24	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Argus Cameras for: Broadway & West 225th Street including the area of West 225th Street to Exterior Street & Broadway to 230th Street; Kingsbridge & University Avenues, Webb Avenue & Eames Place, Claflin Avenue & West 197th Street; Broadway & West 242nd Street west & Manhattan College Parkway; Johnson & Riverdale Avenues from West 230th to West 232nd Street; Sedgwick Avenue, Reservoir Avenue to Fort Independence Street; Independence Street at West 239th Street including south to West 235th Street; Sedgwick Avenue, Van Cortlandt Avenue West; Orloff Avenue to Saxon Avenue; Bailey Avenue, Summit Place to West 234th Street; Riverdale Avenue, West 236th to West 238th Streets		
6/24	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	EDUCATION - In-Tech Academy (MS/HS368) - Athletic Track/approximately 1,000 students use the concrete athletic field on a daily basis for gym and recess. The track is shared with school X721, a District 75 school. It is also used for afterschool sports and recreation programs (Riverdale Neighborhood House) as well as summer camp and community programs. There are drainage issues with this track and several students fell during games and one student sustained a bloody contusion to his face and the other to the back of his head. It is necessary at this time to remove the concrete, address the drainage issue and replace it with a cushioned, synthetic surface that will have a longer life and will significantly reduce the risk of student injury.	In-Tech Academy / MS/HS 368 2975 Tibbett Avenue	
7/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	PARKS & RECREATION Redesign and reconstruction of the Bailey Avenue playground. DPR estimated the cost at \$5.36 million	Bailey Avenue Playground	
8/24	DOE	AC units HVAC for auditorium, Smartboards	EDUCATION - PS 95 - AC units for all classrooms and new HVAC system in Auditorium, Upgrade classroom Smart Boards	PS 95	
9/24	DOE	Renovate or upgrade an elementary school	EDUCATION - PS 81- AC for gym, cafeteria and auditorium, including electrical upgrades, and 12 AC units in classrooms, including electrical upgrades, Computer Room upgrade, Library upgrade, School Yard upgrade.	PS 81	

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10/24	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	PARKS & RECREATION - Restroom Construction at Broadway and West 251st Street in Van Cortlandt Park adjacent to the Parade Grounds.	Van Cortlandt Park Broadway & West 251st Street	
11/24	NYPL	Renovation and upgrades	LIBRARIES - Riverdale Branch - HVAC Unit Replacement - Request Amount: \$1,000,000 (mimics NYPL FY 17 Capital request) ADA Upgrade ADA Bathrooms - Request Amount: \$500,000 (mimics NYPL FY 17 Capital request) Full Interior Renovation - Request Amount: \$2,300,000 (carried over from Committee FY 17 Capital requests)	Riverdale Branch Library	
12/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the Pond Wall at Spuyten Duyvil Park to prevent water run off onto the roadway in the parking lot of the Metro North station.	SPUYTEN DUYVIL SHOREFRONT PARK	
13/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	PARKS & RECREATION - Erosion control measures in Ewen Park to prevent runoff downhill toward Riverdale Avenue. It was noted that the slope is used for sledding in the winter and that this should be considered if and when erosion-control measures are undertaken.	Ewen Park Bronx	
14/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the steps on the historic south side entrance to the Van Cortlandt House Museum.	Van Cortlandt Park	
15/24	DOT	Rehab Step Street	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION Rehab step street at Summit Place from Heath Avenue to Bailey Avenue.	Summit Place Heath Avenue Bailey Avenue	
16/24	DPR	Resurface Seton Park Basketball Courts	PARKS & RECREATION - Resurfacing of the basketball courts in Seton Park.	Seton Park	
17/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	PARKS & RECREATION Renovation of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium	Van Cortlandt Park Stadium	
18/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	PARKS & RECREATION - Renovation of the Strong Street Playground.	Strong Street Playground	

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19/24	DEP	Other water supply system upgrade requests	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION: Reduce Combined Sewer Overflow: Funding for construction for Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook both inside and outside of Van Cortlandt Park in order to divert and prevent billions of gallons of water from overwhelming our Combined Sewer. Step 1: Inside Van Cortlandt Park, south of Van Cortlandt Lake, west to where the Weir ends; Step 2: north of the Henry Hudson Parkway NY State DOT BMP Basins (clean and enhance); Step 3: South along the CSX abandoned property from Van Cortlandt Park South to West 230th Street; Step 4: overflow from West 230 to the Harlem River (may have to be piped).	Tibbetts Brook/Van Cortlandt Pk	
20/24	DOT	Increase resurfacing miles	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION Increase resurfacing to fifteen lane miles for FY 2017		
21/24	DSNY	Purchase van to transport WEP workers around district	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - Funding to purchase a van to enable WEP workers/interns to work around the district. They are currently limited to locations where they can walk to while carrying equipment from the 215 Street garage.		
22/24	DSNY	Remove or modify salt shed	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - Funding to remove or modify (i.e. using plastic liner BMP) the salt shed located in Van Cortlandt Park in order to abate pollution caused by salt leaking into the wetlands.	Salt Shed Van Cortlandt Park	
23/24	DOT	Benches in commercial corridors	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Benches in commercial corridors		
24/24	DOT	Walkway construction	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION Construction of walkway connecting Arlington Avenue north end dead end (at Skyview complex) to West 261st Street	Arlington Avenue West 261st Street	
CS	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	LIBRARIES Major renovation of the Van Cortlandt Library through expansion in back of library to include new furniture, new equipment, new roof, new windows, HVAC unit for ADA compliance.	3874 Sedwick Avenue	
CS	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a middle or intermediate school	EDUCATION MS/HS 368 Bronx Gymnasium Divider (curtain) Bleachers, Boys & Girls Locker Room upgrade (includes larger & stronger lockers).	2975 Tibbett Avebue	
CS	DOE	Renovate or upgrade a high school	EDUCATION Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy gym expansion for high school students from middle school only gym.	660 West 237th Street	

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1/24	NYCHA	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>HOUSING (NYCHA) - Hiring of sufficient personnel for full staffing of all caretaker positions at Marble Hill Houses, Bailey Avenue Houses and Fort Independence Houses.</i>		
2/24	DOE	<i>Renovate or upgrade an elementary school</i>	<i>EDUCATION - PS 37 Bronx Security System with Cameras and monitors (for student safety).</i>	<i>PS 37</i>	
3/24	DFTA	<i>Funding for Geriatric Program - Innovative Services for Seniors</i>	<i>HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES - Funding for the Riverdale Mental Health Association Geriatric Program (Innovative Services for Seniors (ISS) Program)</i>		
4/24	DFTA	<i>Dementia Care Programs</i>	<i>AGING - Dementia Care (a) target funding for outreach programs to educate family caregivers on dementia, person-centered care, safety issues, and caregiver support opportunities, and (b) expand tuition assistance to allow eligible middle class participants (i.e., non-Medicaid) to attend accredited social adult day services programs, and provide respite for caregivers.</i>		
5/24	DPR	<i>DRP Personnel for Lawns and Landscaped areas and Enforcement</i>	<i>PARKS & RECREATION - Personnel sufficient for maintenance, especially of lawns and landscaped areas, and enforcement in CB8 parks, especially on weekends and times of high use.</i>		
6/24	DFTA	<i>Programs for seniors education on home safety</i>	<i>AGING - Home Safety fund programs to educate community on home safety design and modifications (ease of access, fall prevention, security, etc) to allow older adults to safely remain in their homes.</i>		
7/24	NYCHA	<i>Other public housing maintenance, staffing and management requests</i>	<i>HOUSING Hiring of additional skilled trade workers to service Marble Hill Houses, Bailey Avenue Houses, and Fort Independence Houses.</i>		
8/24	DOT	<i>Count Down and Audible crossing signals</i>	<i>AGING - Safe Crossings increase count-down and audible crossing signals, and longer traffic light/walk changes on wide streets, especially near large senior populations.</i>		
9/24	DYCD	<i>100000</i>	<i>YOUTH Funding in the amount of \$100,000 for Kingsbridge Heights Community Center to support of the after school and evening programs that provide services to youth of Bronx Community Board 8.</i>	<i>Kingsbridge Heights Community Ct 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace</i>	
10/24	DOE	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>EDUCATION - Library upgrade to provide support for curriculum, instruction and specialized efforts geared to improve student literacy.</i>		

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11/24	DEP	Upgrade Infrastructure due to new development	DEP - Upgrade Infrastructure due in part to new development. Funding to increase resources for sewer inspections, cleaning, and repair of curb drains, catch basins, and sewer lines in order to alleviate serious local flooding problems in high-flow topographic areas.		
12/24	DOB	Expand code enforcement	HOUSING Increase expense budget of Bronx office of DOB in order to hire two additional inspectors and provide for two additional vehicles as necessary to reduce backlog and allow for more timely attention to open complaints.		
13/24	NYCTA	Restoration of full bus service BX20 and decrease BX10 headways	TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION- NYCTA- Restore full BX 20 service to level prior to 2011 cuts. Decrease BX10 headways during peak periods.		
14/24	DSNY	Fund organic recycling DSNY Sections 81 and 83	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION Funding to expand organic recycling in Bronx Community Board 8 Sanitation Sections 81 and 83.		
15/24	DSNY	Funding for organic composting education outreach	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION Funding for NYC organic composting project to support education outreach and hiring of interns at two local organizations, The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park and Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, in order to increase community participation and collection options.		
16/24	DSNY	Increase enforcement for ticketing Pooper Scooper and Dumping violators	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION Funding to enable the enforcement branch to increase ticketing of pooper-scooper scofflaws and illegal dumping.		
17/24	DOE	Hydroponic Gardens o school rooftops	EDUCATION Creation of rooftop hydroponic gardens in schools in Bronx Community Board No. 8 PS 24, RKA 141, MS 368 specifically requested.		
18/24	DFTA	Fund Innovative programs for senior centers	AGING - Innovative Programming provide funding opportunities for all senior centers to adopt specific innovative programs based on their current population profiles and to attract next generation participants, e.g., updated technologies, job/volunteer seeker support, caf style meal service, on-site benefit sign-ups, community outreach.		
19/24	DFTA	Monitor Home Care firms; Training for cognitive needs; Fund home visiting programs	AGING - Homecare (a) monitor homecare firms to ensure they effectively screen, train and supervise home attendant staff to serve clients with physical and cognitive/memory needs, and (b) fund administrative cost of outreach and home visiting programs for frail homebound adults.		
20/24	DPR	Provide small tractor and trailer for regular park maintenance	PARKS & RECREATION - Purchase of a small tractor such as a Toro or John Deere and accompanying trailer to aid in regular maintenance of CB8 parks.		

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21/24	DOT	<i>Lighting at Kappock Street Underpass Lighting</i>	<i>TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION - Requesting lighting at Kappock Street Underpass.</i>	<i>Kappock Street Underpass Kappock Street</i>	
22/24	DPR	<i>Stump grinder and tractor</i>	<i>PARKS & RECREATION - Purchase of one stump grinder and one replacement tractor for Van Cortlandt Park.</i>	<i>Van Cortlandt Park</i>	
23/24	SBS	<i>SBA Satellite Office</i>	<i>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request Small Business Administration Satellite Office to be located in Bronx Community Board No. 8</i>		
24/24	DPR	<i>Increase horticulture personnel</i>	<i>PARKS & RECREATION - Increase horticulture personnel to assist in maintaining Greenstreets.</i>		