

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
FY2015 BUDGET REQUESTS
Approved 10/8/2013**

FY2015	FY2015 CAPTAL BUDGET REQUESTS
1.	<p>EDUCATION - The allocation of funds to immediately repair schools and infrastructure of the schools.</p> <p>1. <u>PS 7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern for School and Student safety: Need for replacement of 15 internal doors that do not open or close properly. The doors do not have modern panic bars and 16 exit doors (external) coming off frames. <p>2. <u>IN-TECH ACADEMY-MS/HS 368X</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Upgrade for Computer Lab-room 321 • Electrical Upgrade for Library Media Center
2.	LIBRARIES - Full Interior Renovation and New Roof for the Spuyten Duyvil branch library. This includes life safety systems, HVAC replacement, and interior renovation including ADA compliance.
3.	PARKS & RECREATION - Construction of a new restroom and DPR maintenance in Fort Four Park and related plumbing repairs
4.	EDUCATION - Upgrade of all gymnasium equipment in all schools in Bronx Community Board 8 to help reduce the epidemic of obesity among students.
5.	LIBRARIES - Partial interior renovation of the Riverdale branch library including upgrading life safety systems, HVAC replacement and changes for ADA compliance, new furniture and equipment, replace HVAC), and rehabilitation of the entrance, sidewalks, retaining wall, doors, and upgrade drainage.
6.	PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the Bailey Avenue playground.
7.	LIBRARIES - Full interior renovation of the Van Cortlandt Park branch including rehabilitation of the façade, a new roof, renovation of the interior spaces, including the staff room, new windows, new furniture and equipment and changes for ADA compliance.
8.	EDUCATION - To continue exploring site acquisition opportunities for annexes to our existing educational facilities.
9.	PARKS & RECREATION - Repair of the Henry Hudson Park basketball and handball courts
10.	HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES (FDNY) – The acquisition and establishment of a site for an EMS restocking and decontamination station in Community Board 8 to replace the temporary station at the 50 th Precinct that closed in mid-2011.
11.	PARKS & RECREATION - Construction of a restroom at Broadway and West 251 Street adjacent to the VCP Parade Grounds

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12.	PARKS & RECREATION – Renovation of the Marble Hill Playground
13.	PARKS & RECREATION - Installation of a pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway in Van Cortlandt Park.
14.	PARKS & RECREATION - Reconstruction of the pond wall at Spuyten Duyvil Park to prevent water runoff onto the roadway in the parking lot at the Metro-North station.
15.	PARKS & RECREATION - Renovation of the Strong Street Playground
16.	PARKS & RECREATION - Resurfacing of the Seton Park tennis courts and basketball courts and related repairs.
17.	PARKS & RECREATION - Renovation of Van Cortlandt Park Stadium.
18.	PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) - Firehouse Renovations - In Community Board 8, Engine 52 has requested a new kitchen. Design and construction of a new kitchen for this would be approximately \$500,000. This would include the temporary kitchen needed during renovations.
19.	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - Request for Dual-Bin Trucks for Recycling – A recent Independent Budget Office (“IBO”) study showed that recycling collection is most cost-effective and productive when the city increased its use of dual-bin trucks, which eliminate the need for sending two trucks on a recycling route, one to pick up paper, the other metal, glass, and plastic. Community Board # 8 was not listed as having this equipment.

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FY2015	FY2015 EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS
1.	Increase budgetary allocation of Bronx Community Board No. 8 to \$350,000 to maintain charter mandated services.
2.	AGING – Increase funding for Senior Center programs, including expansion of Innovative Senior Center demonstration program in the Bronx to provide nutritional, educational programs and health initiatives to maintain the highest function of older adults and foster aging in place.
3.	HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES - Increase funding for the Innovative Services for Seniors (ISS) Program, a geriatric mental health program run by Riverdale Mental Health Association.
4.	YOUTH - Allocate \$600,000 through Out of School Time (OST) and/or Teen Action for programs specifically located within Community Board 8.
5.	AGING - Provide funding for communal meal service at Ft. Independence Senior Center.
6.	PARKS & RECREATION - Personnel sufficient for maintenance and enforcement in CB8 parks, especially on weekends and at times of high use.
7.	EDUCATION - Funding for after-school educational/recreational programs in particular remediation and enrichment programs for all of the schools in Community Board 8 including non-title No.1 schools.
8.	PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) – In Community Board 8, Engine 52, Ladder 52 has requested an emergency generator.
9.	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DEP) - More Inspectors for Enforcement of the City’s Noise Codes – The Hansen Reports issued monthly by the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) show a high number of community complaints concerning noise from: Alarms, Construction Before and After Hours, Construction Equipment, Air Conditioning and Ventilation Equipment, Jack Hammering and Other Sources.
10.	AGING - Support geriatric mental health services for healthy independent living (jointly sponsored by Health, Hospitals and Social Services committee).
11.	AGING – Provide additional funding for senior transportation programs including accessible cabs/vans.
12.	AGING – Provide funding for support organizations to provide support and training for caregivers.
13.	AGING – provide funding for the development and implementation of telehealth programs to remotely monitor health for seniors.

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14.	YOUTH – Allocation of additional funds for Marble Hill Community Center’s Children’s Arts and Science Workshop, Inc. for purchase of equipment and hiring of Activity Specialists (science, literacy or art) for the 110 children served daily.
15.	PARKS & RECREATION - Two stump grinders for Van Cortlandt Park.
16.	PARKS & RECREATION – Purchase an additional wood chipper to aid in removing tree debris from CB8 parks.
17.	LIBRARIES – Continue funding to provide robust six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions at all branches.
18.	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - Request for Staffing for Dual-Bin Trucks - A recent Independent Budget Office (“IBO”) study showed that recycling collection is most cost-effective and productive when the city increased its use of dual-bin trucks, which eliminate the need for sending two trucks on a recycling route, one to pick up paper, the other metal, glass, and plastic. IN addition to Capital Budget request for this specialized equipment, we request staffing for this important recycling effort.
19.	EDUCATION - Allocations of funds to provide for a meaningful reduction of class size in all grades.
20.	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DSNY) - Request for Additional Sanitation Officers for the Enforcement of Sanitation Laws_– At recent Environment & Sanitation Committee meetings in the various neighborhoods of CB # 8, the members have heard numerous requests for increased enforcement of the city’s sanitation laws especially littering, illegal dumping and “pooper-scooper” laws.
21.	PUBLIC SAFETY (NYPD) – Purchase of Community Affairs vehicle, Auxiliary vehicle and new uniforms for the Explorers.
22.	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DSNY) – Request to Reinstate the Manual Street Cleaning Crews to Remove Litter from the Streets – excellent method of keeping the streets free of litter.
23.	ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (DEP) - More Workers to Routinely Clear Clogged Catch Basins which Cause Flooding - The Hansen Reports from DEP show a high number of community complaints monthly concerning clogged catch basins.
24.	PUBLIC SAFETY (FDNY) –Funding to purchase smoke detectors (\$170,000), carbon monoxide detectors (\$160,000) and nine volt replacement batteries (\$20,000) for distribution to the public throughout the year in all five boroughs. This budget allocation would cover the cost of 10,000 smoke detectors, 10,000 carbon monoxide detectors and 20,000 batteries.
25.	PUBLIC SAFETY (OEM) - Requisition of CERT Team banner and pop-up