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Priority	Tracking Code	Project Information	Executive Budget Response
01	302200901E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Hire Additional Staff at the Hudson Park Library In Order to Keep the Large Community Room Open During All Library Hours and to Create Youth Programming.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> There has been a dramatic increase in the number of toddlers in the West Village, but a dearth of indoor spaces in which they can recreate. Currently, the Hudson Park Library opens its large community room to the toddlers from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. In addition, this branch has no special youth programming or dedicated youth staff. We strongly urge the New York Public Library to provide the necessary funding to address this need.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> New York Public Library</p> <p><b>Supported by:</b> Hudson River Park Mothers Group</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: With the support of the community boards, the Mayor and the City Council, 5 and 6 day library service was restored in neighborhood libraries. NYPL needs continued board support to maintain this level of service and increase hours, materials and central library services.</p>
02	302200002E	<p><b>Request:</b> Fund to Create Assisted-Living Services for Moderate and Low Income Elderly Citizens Including Help with Shopping, Cleaning, Cooking and Other Everyday Functions.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Many seniors who strongly desire to remain independent and avoid institutionalization are hampered in their effort to live self-reliantly by the lack of a helping hand. Moreover, in a rental market where the ability of building owners to achieve substantial increases in income is often dependent on "turning over" apartments, the moderate incapacity of some elderly citizen may be used by some owners to leverage the removal of seniors from longtime domiciles and replace them with higher-paying tenants. For reasons of humanity and fiscal good sense, it is better to finance help for seniors who need it than to subsidize their residence in nursing homes.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department for the Aging</p>	<p>The agency will try to accommodate this request within existing resources.</p>

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03	302200003E	<p><b>Request:</b> Provide Funding for Development &amp; Training for a Defibrillator Pilot Program to Increase Survival Rates Following Cardiac Arrest Incidents in Our Area.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> The proposal would fund a pilot program to allow cardiac difibrillators to be made available in commercial establishments and residentia buildings in order to improve the very low (2%) survival rate now experienced in our area following cardiac arrest. The machines would be obtained and training offered by St. Vincents Hospital and the program would allow very rapid response to stabilize patients until EMS personnel arrive. Very often survival is decided by the number of minutes/seconds between onset and the administration of emergency care. The program would reduce the negative effect of NYC realities (i.e. heavy traffic, high-rise buildings with access problems, etc.) which are largely responsible for making our survival rate so poor.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Fire Department</p>	<p>The agency has not submitted a proposal to increase funding for this project. Therefore, OMB does not take any position.</p>
04	302200007E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funding for Increased Zoning Enforcement, Safety Inspections, and Review of Applications for Special Districts, Such as Little Italy, Soho, Noho, the Holland Tunnel Area, and Residential Areas with Commercial Overlay.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> The Dept. of Buildings has been unable to keep up with increased construction in the CB 2 area. In particular, inspectors have to apply special considerations to unusual districts such as MISA, areas near arterial highways, and Little Italy. Additionally, a need exists for increased and proactive elevator and structural safety inspections.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Buildings</p>	<p>Work on this project/program was completed in FY 2008.</p>

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05	302200801E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Provide a Continuous and Increased Police Presence in the Gansevoort/14th Street Area During the Late Evening and Early Morning Hours.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> CB 2 is concerned about quality-of-life issues stemming from the increase in nightlife activity in this area as a result of an increase in the number of clubs and bars. In addition, there have been complaints of drug-dealing in the area near the train station at Eighth Avenue and 14th Street.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Police Department</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.</p>
06	302200902E	<p><b>Request:</b> Purchase, Install, and Operate Portable Weight and Measuring Equipment (Scale) to Weigh Trucks in Lower Manhattan, Especially for Canal Street, Houston, and Broome Streets.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Currently, Manhattan has only one portable scale and it is used primarily near the George Washington Bridge. Meanwhile, numerous oversized and overweight trucks ride through Manhattan, especially near Canal Street on their way to the Holland Tunnel. While traffic enforcement is currently deployed there, they are handicapped through the lack of proper measuring equipment. These trucks damage Soho's Cast Iron District.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Police Department</p>	<p>The agency will try to accommodate this request within existing resources.</p>

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07	302200903E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Increase Enforcement in CB 2's District (e.g. Traffic Policing Near the Holland Tunnel, Enforcement of Idling Engine Laws and Enforcement of Motor Vehicle Laws for Trucks).</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> It has been reported that the entrance to the Holland Tunnel has the highest concentration of particulate matter in the City. Consequently, it is imperative that the City make every effort to ensure the strict enforcement of motor vehicle laws in that area and throughout the district.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Police Department</p>	The agency will try to accommodate this request within existing resources.
08	302200904E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds for the Hiring of Additional Enforcement Agents and to Cover Overtime Costs to Ensure That There Are Inspectors Working Every Weekend and On the Late Shift.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> One of the weaknesses in the enforcement of the sidewalk caf rules by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is that there are often no inspectors working when the violations are occurring. Currently, there are no inspectors assigned to work regular shifts on the weekends or after midnight. DCA should have inspectors working every weekend and in the early morning hours to prevent sidewalk caf violations during those times.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Consumer Affairs</p>	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. OMB supports the agency's position.

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09	302200103E	<p><b>Request:</b> Fund a "Safe Space" Shelter Program for Homeless Transgender Individuals in the NYC Shelter System.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Transgendered individuals are special targets for abuse and violence within the shelter system as constituted now. Transgendered individuals require separate facilities.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Homeless Services</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: DHS is committed to accomodating all people in need and servicing all clients with understanding, dignity, and respect. The agency has recently instituted a shelter policy to ensure respectful treatment of transgender clients, starting at intake.</p>
10	302200201E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Support Underserved HIV Population Which Will Enable People Living With AIDS to Access &amp; Maintain HAART.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Mindful support is needed by many with HIV-AIDS who utilize sophisticated drug treatments to inhibit virus production. Without support, many will neglect the regimen and defeat the effect of the treatment and worse, cause a resurgence of the virus in themselves in a resistant form impervious to treatments now available.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>	<p>The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. OMB supports the agency's position.</p>

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11	302200101E	<p><b>Request:</b> Fund an Adult Daycare Facility Program for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease Who Reside in Chinatown.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> There are currently no daycare services for Alzheimer patients in the Chinatown area, thus causing premature nursing home placements. As Alzheimer patients fall back to their original language, daytime services must be provided in their original language when that language is other than English (e.g. Chinese). We recognize that DFTA was hired in the Alzheimer's Long Term Care Unit to assist with appropriate referrals, but we repeat our request for the creation of an Adult Daycare Facility Program.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department for the Aging</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: At this time, DFTA has very limited or no funding for this purpose. We will continue to advocate for federal and state funds and to work with other city agencies toward the goal. When funding is available, we are required to conduct an open competition. Community board and community agency solicitations are conducted by DFTA.</p>
12	302200905E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds for the Hiring of Additional Patrol Officers to be Assigned to the 6th Precinct to Combat the Increase in the Number of Prostitutes in the Far West Village.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> There has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of prostitutes walking the streets of the Far West Village. The number of complaints coming into the CB 2 office has also increase significantly. It is unacceptable that this problem is recognized but not attacked in an effective manner.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Police Department</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.</p>

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13	302200906E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Hire Additional Enforcement Agents to respond to the Growing Number of Noise Complaints.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Community Board 2 has the second highest number of noise complaints in Manhattan. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) should hire additional enforcement agents so they can do more than respond to a call made to "311." When a hot spot is identified, DEP should proactively send enforcement agents into the area to address the problem.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Environmental Protection</p>	<p>The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. OMB supports the agency's position.</p>
14	302200907E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Ensure That the Litter Patrol in CB 2 is Active Seven Days a Week.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Keeping the streets clean is a primary goal of the Department of Sanitation. Consequently, CB 2 strongly urges the Department to allocate funds to ensure the the Litter Patrol is on the street every day.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Sanitation</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.</p>
15	302200908E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds for the Hiring of Additional Traffic Enforcement Agents in the Following Areas: Gansevoort Plaza, Houston Street/Bowery, and Bleecker Street from Sixth Avenue to Bowery.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> These locations are frequently congested, resulting in slow traffic flow, threats to pedestrian safety, and the unremitting honking of car horns. Additional traffic enforcement agents at these locations could alleviate some of these problems.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Police Department</p>	<p>The agency will try to accommodate this request within existing resources.</p>

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16	302200209E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funding to Hire Additional Enforcement Officers and Inspectors to Target the Installation of Illegal Advertising Signs Throughout the District, as Well as Other Enforcement Needs.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> CB 2 receives a large number of complaints about the installation of illegal advertising signs in the district. There has been a proliferation of the illegal signs, necessitating the hiring of additional enforcement agents to address this problem. The additional hires may also be used to allow a return to certification of buildings by DOB inspectors rather than self-certification by building owners, and to allow for better enforcement of use regulations in our residential, commercial and manufacturing districts.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Buildings</p>	<p>In the Executive Budget, Citywide personnel/program/equipment funds are increased in FY 2009. After Adoption, agencies will schedule specific allocations.</p>
17	302200105E	<p><b>Request:</b> Fund the Acquisition of an Accessible Youth Center for Teenagers in the Southeast Section of Community District #2.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> There are no services for teenage youth in this area and youth population is growing.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Youth &amp; Community Development</p>	<p>This project was not recommended by the agency at the time of the Departmental Estimates</p>
18	302200106E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Make the Necessary Alterations to the Interior of the Proposed Youth Center Building, for Which Funding Was Requested for Acquisition, so That It Will be Viable as a Youth Center.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> The property for the Youth Center will require adaption for use by youth clients (e.g. appropriate spaces for study, consultation with advisors, recreation facilities, etc.)</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Youth &amp; Community Development</p>	<p>This project was not recommended by the agency at the time of the Departmental Estimates</p>

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19	302200102E	<p><b>Request:</b> Fund Purchase of Books, Furniture, and Other Necessary Equipment for a New Library in the Southeast Corner of the District.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> The proposed new library will require books, etc. in order to properly function.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> New York Public Library</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: With the support of the community boards, the Mayor and the City Council, 5 and 6 day library service was restored in neighborhood libraries. NYPL needs continued board support to maintain this level of service and increase hours, materials and central library services.</p>
20	302200204E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Develop a Comprehensive Plan for Placement of Telecommunication Equipment.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Need to deploy a coherent strategy, as exists in other communities, for the placement of telecommunications equipment.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of City Planning</p>	<p>Further study by the agency of this new request is needed. Therefore, OMB does not take any position.</p>
21	302199107E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Support Intensive Outreach Services to Homeless People Living in the Subway Stations, Parks, Streets, Tunnels &amp; Other Public Places in CD2, Including But Not Limited to Broadway-Lafayette St. or Underground Areas Around 14th St./8th Ave, and the Spring Street IND.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> We need a professional outreach program into the tunnels and stations, notably in the tunnels adjacent to the stations noted above. This must be backed up by the requisite slots for treatment as required i.e. drug treatment slots, mental illness slots and alcoholism treatment slots and increased transient housing facilities.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Transit Authority</p>	<p>OMB supports the agency's position as follows: The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.</p>

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22	302198706E	<p><b>Request:</b> Fund Adolescent Crisis Shelter Program &amp; Group Home for Cross-Dressing Youth.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Community District #2, Manhattan attracts many youth from throughout the City who are homeless. Many of these youth are lesbian and gay. We are requesting funding for a full service crisis shelter and funding for a group home to be specifically committed to provide safe and appropriate services to gay and lesbian cross-dressing adolescents.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Administration for Children's Services</p>	<p>More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The agency will contact the board.</p>
23	302199805E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate Funds to Supervise AIDS, T.B. and Mentally ill Patients Who are Discharged Into the Community Board #2 Area.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Funds are needed to supervise AIDS and mentally ill patients who are discharged in the area with little ability to maintain themselves. Supervision is needed for the homeless and SRO-occupants so they can enhance their chances for better health and minimize the health risk they pose to others.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>	<p>This request is too broad to address. Please contact the DOHMH with more specific details.</p>

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24	302199703E	<p><b>Request:</b> Allocate funds to Reactivate the Token Booth at the Downtown #6 Bleecker Street Subway Station.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> This token booth should never have been closed. It had an enormous negative effect on subway users who must go blocks out of their way to enter the subway. In this day of subway crime, the lack of a person at this booth creates a dangerous environment. The token booth should be opened immediately. The closing of this token booth has turned many people away from what has been the greatest subway system in the world.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Transit Authority</p>	<p>This project was not recommended by the agency at the time of the Departmental Estimates</p>
25	302198902E	<p><b>Request:</b> Increase Community District #2's YDDP Funds.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> Community District #2, Manhattan attracts a large transient youth population and the numbers of these youths has increased significantly in the district. It is imperative that the minimum Fair Share allocation that Community District #2 receives in YDDP funds be increased from the current level of \$40,000 to a new level of \$75,000.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Youth &amp; Community Development</p>	<p>Use the agency's application/RFP procedure. Contact the agency.</p>

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26	302199105E	<p><b>Request:</b> Provide Expanded Funding for Education, Outreach, Prevention and Treatment of People Living With HIV/Aids, Including Directly Observed Prevention and Treatment of Multi-Drug Resistant AIDS and TB.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> This request reflects the increasing need for treatment as a means of forestalling the onset of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis and AIDS as well as treating PWA's and the need to expand funding for HIV-testing, Tuberculosis and AIDS treatments. Treatment is also needed for prison populations and for people in treatment for mental health, substance abuse, and venereal disease.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>	<p>The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. OMB supports the agency's position.</p>
27	302200104E	<p><b>Request:</b> Make Necessary Alterations to the Interior of the Building (Requested of the DHS in Capital Budget Requests) so that It Will Be Viable as a Transitional Facility and Shelter for Homeless Youth.</p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> The property acquired for a youth shelter and transitional facility will need adaption for use by young, homeless clients: sleeping spaces, congregate eating facility, spaces for consultation, recreation, etc. will be needed.</p> <p><b>Responsible Agency:</b> Department of Homeless Services</p>	<p>More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The agency will contact the board.</p>