

New York City Budget Cycle

Calendar for community participation in budget process through the community board

June	Review District Needs Statement and create budget consultation agendas
July	Submit agenda questions for group budget consultations Revise District Needs Statement If desired, have district level budget consultations with agencies
August	Community Board submits District Need Statement to City Planning
September	Community Board holds public hearings for budget priorities Community Board consults with agencies regarding priorities
October	Community Board submits Budget Priorities –40 capital projects and 25 expense requests to Office of Management and Budget
January	Mayor’s Preliminary Budget Agencies respond to priorities.
March	Community Board responds to preliminary budget. This can be testimony at City Council hearing and/or written testimony. Public can participate directly. This is opportunity to testify on general citywide priorities, such as funding for Green Thumbs, etc., and major projects. You should also advocate for your project to make sure you get “buy in” from Parks Dept.
March	Borough President holds public hearing on budget priorities. Borough Board votes on budget priorities for the borough
April	Mayor’s Executive Budget Agencies again respond to priorities. Community Board and public can again lobby for their priorities.
June	Budget adopted

Advocacy for specific projects should continue year round. Making a budget priority list is like making a shopping list. After you have the list, you need to go shopping. This means meeting with elected officials and agencies to advocate for priorities.