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**FY '20 Expense Priorities**

**1. Baseline funding for city funded NORCS (DFTA)**

**Explanation:** NORCs in CD 3, of which there are six, provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents. Many of the City's NORCs can access health and social services in their own buildings, building complexes or locally within their neighborhoods. These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods

**2. Increased staff funding for social workers and guidance counselors in schools with high homeless population (DOE)**

**3. Fully fund senior centers – increase funding for over-utilized senior centers (DFTA)**

**Explanation:** Many senior centers in CB 3 have experienced a recent increase in membership without an increase in funding. This is in addition to centers that have historically been over-utilized and under-funded. A large number of senior centers are currently funded by DFTA with each DFTA funded senior center being contracted for a specific number of meals and other services. However, the senior centers that do not receive enough funding go to the City Council. DFTA should fully fund all senior centers and more equitably allocate resources to meet service needs in over-utilized centers.

**4. Increased funding for social workers in family shelters (DHS)**

**Explanation:** There are 362 social workers in 72 families with children sites. CB 3 has social workers in only 2 facilities. (confirm these numbers) There should be 2 social workers in every family shelter

**5. Increase funding for Runaway Homeless Youth (DYCD) (figures need to be updated with Safe Horizon)**

**Explanation:** Runaway and homeless youth need protection and help reuniting with their families whenever possible. According to Safe Horizon, there were over 2,000 homeless youth under 24 years old in NYC in 2017. Funding is needed for programs that provide services such as drop-in centers, crisis shelters, transitional independent living programs, and street outreach and referral services. Funding is also needed for specialized programming for runaway and homeless pregnant and parenting youth, as well as LGBTQ youth.

**6. Funding for additional safe haven beds (DHS)**

**Explanation:** Community Board 3 is currently experiencing a crisis with street homeless. There are not only more homeless, some of the beds previously designated for street homeless have been re-designated for subway homeless, which is also dramatically increasing. Safe haven beds are low-threshold housing that enable street homeless to transition to housing and have proven effective. Currently there are not always beds available and street homeless have had to wait for this form of shelter.

**7. Increase funding for Youth aging out of foster care (ACS)**

**Explanation:** There is increased need for additional resources and services to support activates for this population

**8. Funding for Early/Learn program (DOE Division of Early Childhood)**

**Explanation:** This program is in transition from ACS to DOE. It is a program for low-income infants through 4 years that provides developmentally and educationally appropriate instructions, nutritious meals, medical services. This program makes all homeless children in shelter eligible for subsidized child care.

**9. Funding for wrap-around care for early childhood (DOE Division of Early Childhood)**

**Explanation:** Ensure 3 and 4-year olds have access to wrap around care, including before and after the school day and during the summer months. This will increase the capacity of the subsidized early childhood system to serve more infants and toddlers

**10. Increase Funding for DHS Certified Recovery Peer Advocate program (DHS)**

**Explanation:** This program will engage homeless in recovery to outreach in shelters to provide guidance to substance abusers. They are also certified which can start them on a path to career development.

**11. Neighborhood 360 Funds (SBS)**

**Neighborhood 360 grants provide funding to non-profit organizations to address key findings and commercial revitalization opportunities identified in each Neighborhood 360 Commercial District Needs Assessment (CDNA).**

**12. Park Maintenance Staff (DPR)**

**Explanation:** Additional funds are needed to increase year-round workforce for parks maintenance so that there is less of a need to rely on temporary or seasonal staff.

**13. Playground Associates (DPR)**

**Explanation:** Playground Associates provide seasonal recreation activities for children.

**14. Funding for CB 3 Community Gardens (DPR)**

**Explanation:** General expense funding for gardens, soil, and garden related programming is needed.

**15. Additional Parks Enforcement Police (DPR)**

**Explanation:** Parks Enforcement Police provide a uniformed presence where they safeguard Parks properties and facilities and enforce rules and regulations in regard to quality-of-life conditions.

**16. Tree pruning and stump removal (DPR)**

**Explanation:** Funding would go towards keeping up with demand for pruning and stump removal requests.

**17. Increase City-funded contributions to the streamlined Family Homelessness & Eviction Prevention Supplement (FHEPS) program (HRA)**

**Explanation:** The different voucher programs have been combined into one rental assistance program to help people moving from shelter to stable housing or for those in danger of eviction. There is increasing need to expand assistance programs

**18. Funding to hire additional building inspectors and expand their training programming. (DOB)**

**Explanation:** Response time and knowledge of regulations must be improved to ensure compliance in residences and business

**19. Funding for staff and programming to support Local Law 136 which will create data tracking systems for the start and expiration dates of all HPD regulatory agreements and associated affordability requirements. (HPD)**

**20. Funding for additional staff at the Office of the Tenant Advocate. (DOB)**

**Explanation:** this is a newly created office that currently has only 1 staff member

**21. Increased funding for Cornerstone Programs (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** CB 3 currently has four Cornerstone Programs, which provide engaging, high-quality, year-round programs for adults and young people that enhance skills and promote social interaction, community engagement, and physical activity. CB 3 programs are run by Chinatown YMCA, Henry Street Settlement, University Settlement, and Grand Street Settlement. Increased funding is necessary for summer programming

**22. Increased funding for Compass Programs (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** CB 3 is home to more than 20,500 children under 18 years of age, many of whom need programs like the Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS), which is made up of over 800 programs serving K-12. Many programs in the Lower East Side have waitlists and there is a lack of funding particularly for neighborhood-based elementary as well as high school slots that need to be increased. Increased funding is necessary for summer programming.

**23. Funding for needed FDNY heavy equipment: Tow Trucks and Grapplers (FDNY)**

**Explanation:** Funding will allow FDNY to purchase their own equipment rather than borrowing from other City agencies.

**24. Funding for additional staff at the Office of the Tenant Advocate. (DOB)**

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**25. Funding to increase community board liaison staff for Manhattan. (DOB)**

**Explanation:** For FY 19 Manhattan CBs requested an additional Manhattan staff person as two liaisons could not adequately address Manhattan issues resulting from increased construction. There is now less staff as one of these liaisons is now covering 6 Manhattan CBs and the office of Tenant Advocate.

**26. continued Funding for Community Land Trusts (HPD)**

**Explanation:** CLTs are not-for-profits formed to own land and maintain control and oversight, including resident organizing and education, of residences. The current Enterprise grant will fund operations and start up support. The grant will end in June 2019 and continued funding is needed

**27. Increased Funding for Chamber on the Go (SBS)**

**Explanation:** SBS deploys specialists to small businesses. CB3 would like this expanded to our district.