



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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## Fiscal Year 2024 Expense Priorities

### **1. Increase baseline funding for community boards**

**Explanation:** Community Boards have not had a significant baseline budget expansion since 2014. The community boards need a significant budget increase to maintain their Charter-mandated duties which have become more technologically complex and costly since COVID. Boards need funding for consistent access to technology, functional office space, and expertise in land use and zoning. Most importantly, Boards need baseline funding for salaries both to hire staff with appropriate expertise and to retain staff in the competitive environment with other city agencies.

### **2. Increase funding for more Manhattan Outreach Consortium homeless outreach workers and supervisors (5 additional staff) (DHS)**

**Explanation:** These trained specialists develop trusting relationships with homeless people. The teams connect people in need of services such as medical and psychiatric care, food and shelter, while helping them transition into permanent housing. The increase in the number of people who are homeless on CD 3 streets along with the need to have some teams expanded to 3 people for safety require additional staff.

### **3. Runaway and Homeless Youth programs (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** these programs serve youth holistically, enabling them to obtain the services needed to place them on a path to independent living and stability. The three types of services include residential services, drop-in centers, and street outreach.

### **4. Increase funding for more Safe Haven and stabilization beds (DHS)**

**Explanation:** CB 3 is currently experiencing a crisis with the street homeless population. 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, especially in home neighborhoods, and people who are living on the street have had to wait for this form of shelter. Single-person units are needed to accommodate those who are not prepared to accept beds in 2-person units.

### **5. Increase funding to expand access to after school programs for elementary and high schools (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** CB 3 is home to more than 17,000 children under 18 years of age, many of whom attend after school programs through Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS a), which is made up of over 800 programs serving K-12 and SONYC serving grades 6-8. Many of these much-needed programs in the Lower East Side have waitlists.

### **6. Fair Futures Program (ACS)**

**Explanation:** this is a public-private partnership that provides dedicated coaches, tutors and education, employment and housing specialists for youth in foster care ages 11 to 26.

**7. Increased funding for Bridging the Gap program (DOE)**

**Explanation:** This program focuses investments to add social worker and support staff to schools with high homeless population.

**8. Increase funding for school nurses (DOE)**

**Explanation:** At the beginning of the pandemic less than 40% of schools had a full-time nurse on staff. Funding should be increased to ensure a full-time nurse at every school.

**9. Increase funding for senior meals and kitchen staff salaries in senior centers and home-delivered meals (DFTA)**

**Explanation:** No seniors are denied a meal through this program, which means some senior centers must dig deeper than others to keep up with demand, therefore more funding would help meet this need.

**10. Increase funding for home delivered meals (DFTA)**

**Explanation:** Home-delivered meals provide access to nutritious and balanced meals, promote overall health, and support their ability to live independently in their communities. As NYC is ending COVID emergency meals, it is necessary to ensure funding for home-delivered meal program.

**11. Rat Mitigation Zone Collection (DSNY)**

**Explanation:** DSNY has reduced collection services in rat mitigation zones. CD 3 is a rat mitigation zone because it has one of the most serious rodent problems in NYC. Outdoor dining has exacerbated the need for more extensive mitigation as well as more pick-ups needed. and loss of collection services will have rat mitigation back on track.

**12. (T) Increased Sanitation pick-ups for NYCHA developments (DSNY)**

**Explanation:** Some NYCHA developments, especially those without compactors, have bags of garbage sitting on the campus or at the curb for several days. This attracts other garbage and feeds rats. DSNY needs increased funding to add necessary additional pick-ups.

**13. 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.

**14. Curbside composting (DSNY)**

**Explanation:** Leftover food and yard scraps make up roughly a third of the city's residential waste stream. Composting greatly reduces the amount of garbage. Currently the vast majority of organic waste gets carted out of the city to landfills, where it emits [methane](#). Garbage left on the street also attracts rats, and CD 3 was one of 3 original rat reduction neighborhoods because of the number of rats. Curbside composting is available throughout Queens because the largest share of composting material is yard scraps. CD 3 needs composting extended to our district to reduce the rodent problem and the amount of garbage in bags on our streets.

**15. Parks Maintenance Staff (Parks)**

**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.

**16. Recreation Programs (Parks)**

**Explanation:** Playground Associates provide seasonal recreation activities for children and also maintain facilities and grounds and organize events.

**17. Increase funding for SYEP (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** This is the nation's largest youth employment program. Increasing and baselining funding will make sure more applicants are connected with job placements. The program was canceled in summer 2020 and reinstated at reduced level after demand from community and service.

**18. Increase funding for staffing for grounds maintenance and building maintenance (NYCHA)**

**Explanation:** The Manhattan staffing has not been adequate to meet the needs of building maintenance and grounds maintenance, which are crucial staff positions needed to support our NYCHA buildings.

**19. Increase funding for waste management staff and operations at NYCHA buildings (NYCHA)**

**Explanation:** Waste management staff and operations funding will help to combat waste and rodent issues and support important physical improvements, which address these problems but are below the capital project funding threshold. Bridge Training (HRA)

**20. WorkLearnGrow (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** This program builds off the experiences gained in SYEP. WLG provides SYEP participants who are between the ages of 16-19 and currently in-school with career readiness training and paid employment opportunities for up to 25 weeks from October to March

**21. Increase funding for Cornerstone programs (DYCD)**

**Explanation:** Cornerstone programs serves students and their families year-round in NYCHA community centers

**22. Forestry Staff / Tree pruning and stump removal (Parks)**

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

**23. Increased funding for Green Thumb Staff (Parks)**

**Explanation:** Increased funding for this staff was not baselined. This will allow Parks to maintain current level of staffing.

**24. Additional Parks Enforcement Police (Parks)**

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

**25. Increased Litter Basket Service (DSNY)**

**Explanation:** Basket service must be expanded as CD 3 is a rat mitigation zone and also has many restaurants resulting in more visitors/ overflowing litter baskets. Open Restaurants have increased the amount of garage and cessation of curbside composting has also increased garbage for pickup. Especially on weekends baskets are overflowing. CD 3 streets have become are filthy and have piles of garbage between sheds and sidewalk seating and residential garbage is places in whatever space available due to traditional locations now taken up with restaurant sheds.