



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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FY25 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 (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 require more staff. Also, the case load management has increased due the increase in unhoused people. We understand the process for calling 311 to obtain services, please do not use this as the answer to the request.

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 and beds in the community are not immediately available for those needing services. Safe Haven beds are low-threshold housing that enable street homeless to transition to housing and have proven effective. Single-person units are needed to accommodate those who are not prepared to accept beds in 2-person units.

5. Increase funding for Cornerstone programs (DYCD)

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

6. 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), 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, and with the large number of new asylum seekers there is more need than ever for these services.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Increase funding for senior meals and kitchen staff salaries in senior centers (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.

11. Clean Curbs program (DSNY)

Explanation: Clean Curbs program provides locations on each block for garbage bags to be placed in rodent-proof containers at locations on each block. This program should be expanded and include Community District 3.

12. Funding for more noise enforcement cameras and staff for the program (DEP)

Explanation: small pilot program is underway that includes the use of a roadside sound meter and camera to capture evidence of vehicles emitting noise in violation of New York State's Vehicle and Traffic Law and the City's Noise Code

13. Increased funding for home health care services (DFTA)

Explanation: The Department for the Aging works with case-management agencies to provide in-home care for people ages 60 and older.

14. 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.

15. Recreation Programs / Playground Associates (Parks)

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

16. 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.

17. Vacant Readiness Program: (NYCHA)

Explanation: This program reduces turnover time for vacant NYCHA apartments, which can take up to a year. Currently there are delays and reduced operations capacity that have created a backlog.

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. City NORCs (DFTA)

Explanation: NORCs in CD 3, of which there are eight, provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents. This program allows seniors to 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. Current needs are for more social workers and nurses, more in language capacity, and to expand the number of NORCs.

20. Increase funding for SYEP (DYCD)

Explanation: Increasing and baselining funding for this youth employment program will ensure more applicants are connected with job placements.

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

Explanation: Funding would go towards keeping up with demand for pruning and stump removal requests. This is necessary for public safety.

22. Increased funding for Green Thumb Staff (Parks)

Explanation: Increased funding for this staff was not baselined. Baselined funding would allow Parks to maintain current level of staffing.

23. 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.

24. Baseline Real Time Passenger Information (DOT)

Explanation: This program installs Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) bus signs to provide time until the arrival of the next bus. Each sign also provides push-button activated audio announcement of the real-time bus arrival information.

25. Increased Litter Basket Service (DSNY)

Explanation: Litter 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 filthy and have piles of garbage between sheds and sidewalk seating and residential garbage is placed in whatever space available due to traditional locations now taken up with restaurant sheds.

26. Fire Safety Education Unit (FDNY)

Explanation: Educational fire prevention programs provide a special focus on the city's most vulnerable populations and at-risk communities.

27. \$8.6M for Precision Cleaning initiative Explanation (DSNY)

Explanation: This program targets work that addresses conditions like illegal dumping and persistent littering.

28. E-waste program (DSNY)

Explanation: There is no E-waste program in Manhattan, except for special waste pickup every Sat/last Friday of month at Pike Slip. The rise in e-bike battery (lithium) caused fires, and consistent increase in electronics creates an expansion of this program.

29. 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.

30. Increase HPD inspectors staffing. (HPD)

Explanation: There are currently 18 inspector vacancies in Manhattan. Funding will help hire more inspectors to monitor building complaints and shorten the average time taken to close emergency and non-emergency complaints. This will also help preserve housing.

31. Affordable Housing Preservation Programs (HPD)

Explanation: various programs under HPD jurisdiction preserve affordable housing. HPD works with non-profits to acquire buildings and maintain affordability, providing tax exemptions and homeowner repair loans, energy-efficiency updates, and more. There are also RFPs for programs to organize and ensure code enforcement.

32. WorkLearnGrow (DYCD)

Explanation: This program continues SYEP experiences by proving 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

33. Promise NYC (ACS)

Explanation: childcare assistance (vouchers) for families with children between 6 months to 13 years who previously did not qualify for other state and federal assistance due to their immigration status and also help newly arrived migrant families.