

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

Capital Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/20	NYCHA	Renovate or upgrade public housing developments	<i>Preserve the New York City Housing Authority as a source of deeply affordable housing in Community District 7 by working to repair and maintain all property and individual apartments, including front doors, elevators and security systems. This housing provides affordable housing for lower income working families and seniors, ensuring the diversity of the neighborhood. Repairs need to be efficient and timely to ensure the safety of all residents.</i>	
2/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Provide funds for upgrades to Frederick Douglass Playground and Sol Bloom Playground. The Frederick Douglass Playground needs a total renovation of the playground, handball courts (\$350K) and a comfort station. It is used by a large population because it is adjacent to the NYCHA complex, Frederick Douglass Houses, and several area schools. The Sol Bloom Playground serves PS84 during school hours and the surrounding community after school and weekends. While Councilmember Rosenthal has funded some major improvements, the playground needs funding for the spray shower, play equipment, safety surface, paving, seating, fencing and landscaping (\$2.1M), reconstructing the handball court (\$650K), and replacing the sidewalk (\$760K).</i>	

3/20	NYCHA	Other capital budget request for NYCHA	<i>Provide free high quality and safe broadband for all New York City Housing Authority households, to ensure access for educational, tele-health, social services, economic and workforce opportunities. Community Based Organizations will need to assist with providing training to residents. A NYC Government analysis of the economic impact of access to broadband shows that it will have a favorable impact on residents and the city. Broadband is essential for those seeking employment opportunities, access to medical care, quality education and social services. The lack of broadband access during the Pandemic has been a major hardship especially for families with children unable to keep up with course work, young people needing to join the workforce and seniors.</i>
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4/20	HHC	Provide a new or expanded health care facility	<i>Create a dedicated Health Clinic for abused children. More trauma-informed care is needed for victims of child abuse. In Community District 7, a hospital unit or community health center could work in collaboration with Safe Horizon and NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault to establish a child-centered clinic or child advocacy center that provides evidence-based mental health care treatment and intervention for children who experience abuse. Since the start of the pandemic, many children have not had access to school staff and caseworkers; and there has been an increase in health care provider reports of sexual assaults against children. Seventy percent of assaults are directed at children, yet most funding is designated for adult victims.</i>
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5/20	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>Upgrade school facilities to conform with new COVID-protocols and needs such as faster school Wi-Fi and automatic water faucets to support hand washing, ensuring a stockpile of important capital equipment (e.g., air purification/ventilation systems) for schools and city-funded family and youth programs. DOE personnel in CSD 3 have stressed the need for improved Wi-Fi, additional ventilation system upgrades and hand-washing facilities in the schools. These same issues persist in non-DOE sites under contract with the City to provide youth programming. These needs are directly related to the need to respond to the Pandemic and provide supplemental virtual instruction to assist students in reversing the instructional losses of the last year and a half.</i>
6/20	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Install street-safety improvements including count-down timers, speed cameras, red light cameras, speed bumps, thermo-plastic street markings and “Stop Here” signs for left turns at every cross street on Broadway. Ensuring pedestrian safety throughout Community District 7 is a major priority especially for our most vulnerable populations including seniors, children and people with disabilities.</i>
7/20	DHS	Provide new homeless shelters or SROs	<i>Create a Safe Haven Shelter to address the rising number of those living on the street in Community District 7. The Safe Haven model includes smaller facilities (50-60 beds) and supportive services, and is considered to be the most effective means by which to persuade those living on the street to accept an offer of shelter (Center for Urban Community Services). Providers who do street outreach report that most people reject offers of shelter if they are not proximate to the neighborhood to which they’ve become accustomed. Currently, Community District 7 has only one Safe Haven shelter; adding another would provide a valuable tool for street outreach teams working to move this vulnerable population off the streets in Community District 7 and into the shelter system.</i>

8/20	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Create permanent affordable housing in SROs threatened with conversion. The SROs that are threatened with conversion need to be purchased by the City through the Neighborhood Pillars Program and acquired by non-profit housing providers. The SROs need to be rent regulated through preservation financing; preserved through regulatory agreements ensuring that they are maintained as permanent affordable rental housing. When possible, convert SROs into supportive housing to serve the most vulnerable and help reduce the homeless population.</i>	
9/20	NYPL	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library (NYPL)	<i>Secure funding for continued renovations of the New York Public Library Bloomingdale Branch, including refurbishment of the upper floor (e.g., children's area and community rooms) and reconstruction of the facility's basement to facilitate a broad and flexible community purpose. While the first floor of the library has been renovated, the upper floor has not and requires renovation to offer quality services. The basement area has been vacated since 2016 except for ad-hoc staff use and housekeeping storage. It is elevator accessible, making it friendly to people with disabilities. The area is prime for development that can better serve the varied needs of the community.</i>	150 West 100 Street, Manhattan, New York, NY
10/20	DPR	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park	<i>Build a Comfort Station in Riverside Park South at 62nd Street with a Department of Parks and Recreation Maintenance and Operation facility. This facility was included in the designated plans for the Riverside South Park. The final phase of the Park will include a multi-purpose playing field along with other amenities which will result in a strong need for this amenity.</i>	

11/20	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	<i>Provide funding for District schools selected as new U3K and UPK sites to ensure their facilities are suitable to serve the needs of the City's youngest learners without compromising educational opportunities for existing students; expand 3K seat availability in CSD3 to meet demand. The DOE's 3-K Finder for school-year 2021-2022 shows only two 3K sites in Community School District 3, not nearly enough to meet district demand. Given the crowded nature of many CSD3 schools, where additional 3K and UPK sites are needed but would take space away from valued district programs, CD7 requests that the School Construction Authority seek alternative sites in the many non-profit spaces available in the neighborhood.</i>
12/20	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Create permanent affordable housing in Manhattan Valley under HPD's Neighborhood Pillars Program. HPD's Neighborhood Pillars program needs to continue to target buildings in Manhattan Valley for purchase by nonprofit developers for renovation. These need to provide long term regulatory agreements to maintain them as affordable rent stabilized units.</i>
13/20	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	<i>Rebuild Ramp at Riverside Park and 78th St. The step-ramp leading to the 78th Street underpass below the northbound off-ramp from the Henry Hudson Parkway is badly deteriorated. NYC Department of Transportation is in the final stages of a major reconstruction of the 79th Street Rotunda, but the project does not include restoration of the stairs. The bluestone stairs and pathways provide pedestrian access from the lower level of Riverside Park to the upper level. It is essential that they be restored by the time work on the Rotunda is completed.</i>
14/20	HPD	Other affordable housing programs requests	<i>Ensure funding for projects in Community District 7 that were previously allocated funding from the HPD capital budget. Fund and convert vacant and/or underutilized hotels into permanent affordable housing with supportive services if necessary.</i>

15/20	DPR	Improve access to a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Reconstruct interior path and perimeter sidewalk from 95th Street to 110th Street in Riverside Park. The paths and sidewalk are badly deteriorated, and have suffered from lack of maintenance. The project needs to include: improving drainage, repairing and rebuilding retaining walls and steps in the area. The interior paths between 104th and 116th Streets are in greatest need of repair. The sidewalk between 95th and 97th has been reconstructed.</i>
16/20	SCA	Renovate other site component	<i>Obtain 2020-24 Capital Plan funding for four additional elementary and middle schools in Community School District 3 to ensure that at least one-third of these schools are handicapped accessible. Currently, only 4 of the 23 buildings housing public elementary and middle schools located in Community School District 3, qualify as fully accessible under the ADA. Eight elementary and middle schools in Community School District 3 are listed on the NYC DOE's website as not accessible at all. New capital commitments for 4 additional schools should be equitably distributed throughout the CSD3, be appropriately split between elementary and middle schools and consider the current locations of special programs that would otherwise not be available to physically handicapped students.</i>
17/20	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	<i>Replace the skylight at Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center over the multi-purpose room built in the early 1990s in the old portion of the room. Heavy rains caused leaks in the skylight which caused damage to the rubber flooring. Many of the facilities in the Recreation Center are unusable whenever it rains. The Center has been closed to the public, but was used as a remote learning center for public school children during the Covid-19 Pandemic.</i>
18/20	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	<i>Increase the number of accessible subway stations, including adding escalators and elevators. Without access at many stations in CD7 people with disabilities, seniors, parents with young children and others are unable to use the subway system. Subways provide efficient, environmentally friendly transportation.</i>

19/20	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	<i>Recreate a kayaking dock for the resumption of a kayak program in Riverside Park. In the past a non-profit volunteer group provided a free program on weekends; however the program was suspended when the dock and its underwater structure were destroyed in a storm in 2015.</i>	
20/20	DOT	Other traffic improvement requests	<i>Study the possibility of Installing a 96th Street exit option for South-bound traffic on the Henry Hudson Parkway and calming traffic at the intersection of 96th and West End Avenue. Presently traffic exits the Parkway on 95th Street. There have been multiple accidents at 95th and West End Avenue by cars speeding through the traffic light, or making turns onto West End Avenue. Additionally there are serious problems of cars speeding through the intersection at 96th and West End Avenue.</i>	Henry Hudson Parkway West 96th Street

Expense Budget Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/22	HRA	Provide, expand, or enhance food assistance, such as Food Stamps / SNAP	<i>Provide funding for programs that address food insecurity, including West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH), Meals on Wheels, DOROT, other food pantries, and Get Food NYC. The Meal Gap, NYC’s measure of food insecurity, represents families’ and individuals’ missing meals that result from inadequate household food budgets. In Community District 7, the annual Meal Gap is 4 million meals, up from 3.3 million pre Pandemic. More than one in four people in Community District 7 is food insecure. WSCAH donates food for 100,000 meals every week. Public Schools provide free breakfast and lunch for children only when school is in session. These children need nutritious food on weekends and when school is not in session.</i>	
2/22	NYCHA	Other expense budget request for NYCHA	<i>Provide on-going free broadband service for all New York City Housing Authority households and on-going technical training for residents. This is essential for access to tele-health, social services, educational, economic and workforce opportunities. The economic impact of access to broadband has been shown to result in increase in jobs, health and educational outcomes.</i>	
3/22	DHS	Expand street outreach	<i>Homeless Outreach: More funding for the Manhattan Outreach Consortium (MOC), a multiagency effort established by Goddard Riverside, to provide outreach to those experiencing street homelessness. Goddard Riverside dispatches MOC teams to respond to 311 calls and Goddard’s caseload remains high. It can take up to 200 interactions over months or years to develop relationships with those experiencing street homelessness and provide them with access to healthcare, counseling, nutrition, and shelter. According to Goddard Riverside, since 2007, “the MOC has placed more than 1,500 formerly homeless adults in permanent housing.”</i>	

4/22	NYPD	Provide resources to train officers, e.g. in community policing	<i>Funding to provide mental health training and support for uniformed officers of the NYPD both to manage internal issues and to enable NYPD uniformed officers to identify and deal effectively and appropriately with mental health issues in encounters with the public. Community District 7 requests that the new crisis intervention curriculum -- Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) -- announced in June 2021, be made available to officers in Manhattan precincts 20 and 24, as well as the Central Park precinct. It is troubling that previous training for officers in how to recognize and work with people in crisis was suspended during the pandemic at a time when mental health stresses in the community were on the rise.</i>
5/22	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Fund all schools at least 100% of Fair Student Funding, enabling schools to increase needed staffing positions (e.g., additional teachers, literacy specialists, social workers, and school psychologists). For FY2022, full funding of State Foundation Aid has provided NYC public schools with 100 percent of the allocation due under the Fair Student Funding formula, offering much-needed relief to schools which have not received their full allotment of funding since the adoption of the formula in 2007. The challenge will be sustaining funding levels beyond the 2021-2022 school year, as one-time federal funds are spent down by the City and State.</i>
6/22	DYCD	Other expense budget request for DYCD	<i>Provide increased funding for Department of Youth and Community Development programs sufficient to provide the purchasing power to cover increases in costs for community programming, including the Summer Rising initiative, community-based centers/camps, after school programming (Cornerstone, Beacon, SONYC, Compass), Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), Work-Grow-Learn (WGL) and other programs. These programs provide a respite for young people traumatized by the Covid Pandemic. Baseline funding for them and providing the same collective bargaining allowances to the non-profits that run them that are provided to City agencies would allow for planning and effective implementation.</i>

7/22	HHC	Other expense budget request for HHC	<i>Mental Health Training: Allocate expense budget funding for hospitals and healthcare facilities to provide training for medical providers in trauma-informed care and forensics (to identify, report, and care for children who are victims of sexual assault and abuse). Since the start of the pandemic, many children have not had access to school staff and caseworkers; and there has been an increase in health care provider reports of sexual assaults against children. Seventy percent of assaults are directed at children, yet most funding is designated for adult victims.</i>
8/22	DOT	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	<i>Request enforcement for all vehicles, including cars, trucks, e-bikes and all alternative vehicles for all traffic violations with the intention of reducing death and injuries in Community District 7. Traffic in the district keeps increasing with more types of vehicles vying for space on the streets, in bike lanes and sometimes on sidewalks including: e-bikes, e-scooters, for-rent bikes and motorcycles, in addition to increasing numbers of trucks and automobiles.</i>
9/22	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Address sexual assault of adolescents and adults: Community Board 7 requests increased funding for the Crime Victims Treatment Center to administer and provide services for sexual assault survivors, including training of SAFE Examiners. Over 600 victims of sexual assault were served by Mount Sinai West and Mount Sinai Morningside Hospitals in 2020. The medical staff is trained in a comprehensive 40-Hour SAFE Training Course, called "The Assessment and Evaluation of Adult/Adolescent Survivors of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence." The course trains medical professionals to provide competent, compassionate care to sexual assault victims, while using the most advanced technology associated with DNA and other sexual assault forensic evidence collection and preservation.</i>
10/22	HPD	Other expense budget request for HPD	<i>Supportive Housing: Funding to cover services and operational costs for supportive housing facilities in Community District 7. Supportive housing is the most successful way to end homelessness for individuals and families, especially those living with physical and psychiatric disabilities.</i>

11/22	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide Department of Education funding for ongoing socio-emotional training for those who work with students (e.g. teachers, principals, administrators, and any adults in contact with students). Community Board 7 also requests that the Department of Education allocate adequate professional development dollars to schools in Community School District 3 for training for teachers and staff on new curriculum and for professional development for teachers at all levels on the design and use of formative assessments to identify and track students so that the appropriate services are provided.</i>
12/22	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	<i>Install additional solar trash compactors and trash cans in Community District 7 and restore litter basket collection to 7 days a week. Due to budget cuts at DSNY in 2020, sanitation conditions in CD7 deteriorated. The increase in Park visitors due to the Pandemic resulted in an increase in trash volume, which has contributed to flooding by clogging drains. The exposed waste, mostly food, has led to an explosion of the rat population. Solar trash compactors (such as the "Big Belly") are needed in Verdi, Strauss, and Riverside Park, as well as a variety of playgrounds in the district. Additionally, more trash cans are needed throughout the district - at least two on blocks with greenmarkets and one on all other blocks.</i>
13/22	DPR	Provide better park maintenance	<i>Restore funding for permanent and seasonal staffing for the parks, as well as additional playground associates and recreation specialists. Parks full time workforce are responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness (City Park Workers, Associate Park Service Workers and Gardeners). Seasonal workers provide additional services to maintain the Parks. Funding cuts have eliminated too many staff. The FY22 budget included the restoration of \$25 million in PlayFair funds. Additional funds are needed to rebuild the agency's permanent year-round workforce and sufficient seasonal workers in Community Board 7.</i>

14/22	DOE	Assign more non-teaching staff, e.g., to provide social, health and other services	<i>Provide funding for increased medical and school safety support staff (e.g. nurses, school safety agents and crossing guards). Many schools in Community School District 3 have shared nurses during the pandemic such that there is not consistent availability. Safety remains a major parental concern, both within schools and on the streets students must navigate en route to and from schools.</i>
15/22	NYPD	Other NYPD programs requests	<i>Restore Overtime Funding for the 20th, 24th and Central Park Precincts. Overtime is an effective way to supplement the ability of the police to respond to changing circumstances and create a presence when needed. With the use of certain data models for permanent assignment of officers, the use of overtime is needed to fill in gaps of coverage, respond to exigencies, and evenly distribute workflow, and will enable officers familiar with their own precincts to be the ones to respond to such exigencies and needs.</i>
16/22	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	<i>Hire additional Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP) Officers for Riverside Park and Central Park. Community District 7 is covered by the 16 city funded PEP officers who report out of North Meadow in Central Park. They cover both the east and west sides of Manhattan above 59th Street to 125th Street, including Riverside Park. They help cover calls that fixed post officers in Central Park aren't able to cover. In addition there are four fixed post officers, paid by dedicated funding, who are available in Riverside Park only for emergencies. An additional eight officers and a sergeant are needed to improve safety and address graffiti, other vandalism, littering, skateboarding, electric bikes on paths, homelessness, alcohol, dogs off-leash, smoking and other quality of life issues.</i>

17/22	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Provide schools with ongoing supplies and maintenance materials to mitigate the impact of the Pandemic (e.g., a continuous supply of PPE/masks, air filters, back-up electronic devices for students to replace those that are lost or broken). Community Board 7 requests the Department of Education to prioritize funding and procurement support for schools to ensure that sufficient supplies necessary to keep students safe and connected on-line are readily available on an on-going basis.</i>
18/22	DOE	Other expense budget request for DOE	<i>Funding to support the virtual learning infrastructure developed during the Pandemic to supplement in-person learning and make new resources available to schools on an ongoing basis. Some of the innovative programming launched during the 2020-2021 school year has proven successful in reaching and engaging the highest-need students, and should continue to be leveraged. While returning to 100% in-person learning is critical to helping students rebound from the learning loss experienced during the pandemic, programs which supplement the learning done during in-person school hours will continue to be beneficial, including evening/weekend programming and remote options for supplemental work.</i>
19/22	DOE	Other educational programs requests	<i>Funding for staffing and training to expand certain Community School District 3 educational programs which have been available on a limited or pilot basis that does not meet demand. These programs include U3K, dual language schools and programs, language enrichment programs, support for English language learners and computer science coursework.</i>
20/22	DOHMH	Other programs to address public health issues requests	<i>Funding for reliable, accurate, and rapid Covid-19 testing of staff working in congregate settings (nursing homes and adult care facilities). While New York State now requires nursing home staff to be vaccinated (with medical and religious exceptions), risks from those with waivers and from breakthrough infections leave patients in these settings vulnerable.</i>

21/22	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	<i>Provide an increase to the Community Board budget for Manhattan Community Board 7 to take account of inflation and increased needs related to the Pandemic to purchase and maintain expensive equipment necessary for hybrid and online meetings, computer back-up systems and other technology.</i>	
22/22	DOT	Provide new bike lanes	<i>Fund the work required to give Community Board 7 its requested proposal for possible cross-town protected bike lanes on west 72nd street from Central Park to Riverside Drive. There has been a rapid increase in bike ridership throughout CD7, increasing the need for cross-town protected bike lanes connecting through Central Park to the East Side.</i>	West 72nd Street Central Park West Riverside Drive
