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To: The Mayor of the City of New York
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For reasons that get to the heart of who we are as a city and for reasons that defy human decency, New York City has found itself in the throes of an asylum seeker crisis. More than 175,000 migrants have arrived in our city since Spring 2022, either on their own accord or on buses sent by far-right Republican governors who view those seeking to build a better life in our country as subhuman political pawns. Unlike states such as Texas, The World's Borough has welcomed tens of thousands of our newest neighbors with open arms, but it is clear that Queens needs additional city resources to ensure that all our residents — regardless of how long they've lived here — can lead productive lives.

First and foremost, the inability for hard-working New Yorkers to find affordable housing has had dire impacts on our borough. Housing costs continue to climb, as the average rent in Queens has risen to \$2,781 as January 2024, according to MNS Real Estate. In growing neighborhoods like Long Island City, the average cost of monthly rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is an unacceptable \$5,615. The need to rapidly build more affordable housing in our city has never been more apparent, and Queens needs a Department of Housing Preservation and Development that is committed to not only expanding new affordable housing construction, but cultivating innovative solutions like community land trusts.

A growing borough population also means we must rapidly grow the number of school seats available here in Queens — the borough with the highest number of K-12 students enrolled in our school system and second-highest number of Pre-K students enrolled. There is a clear and obvious need for elementary and middle school seats, as well, especially in school districts across West and Southeast Queens, where significant residential development is ongoing. Exacerbating this need is the influx of migrant families with school-age children into our communities. Ultimately, all our students deserve nothing short of the best education possible, and it is incumbent on our city to deliver as such.

Lastly, the disastrous COVID-19 pandemic made clear that our healthcare system, especially in Queens, needs significant financial reinforcement. Unfortunately, hospital closures have created healthcare deserts, and for years, Queens' nine remaining hospital campuses, have been forced to perform monumental feats of care with little in the way of support. Progress is being made, as we are grateful to NYC Health + Hospitals for its partnership in planning to construct a badly-needed Gotham Health clinic in Far Rockaway. But Queens remains the most underbedded and overburdened borough in New York City. Our borough has just 1.60 hospital beds per 1,000 residents, a far cry from Manhattan's 5.52 beds per 1,000 residents, an injustice that must be rectified immediately.

Pursuant to Section 241 of the New York City Charter, the Queens Borough Board submits its expense and capital priorities for Fiscal Year 2023.

Sincerely,

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**Queens Borough Board
Expense and Capital Priorities
Fiscal Year 2025**



Preliminary Budget Response



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QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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Summary

Office of the Queens Borough President

- Increase the agency budget to better serve the Borough of Queens
- Restore and increase the agency budget line Other Than Personal Service

Community Boards

- Fully Restore and enhance funding to Queens Community Boards
- Fund the top budget priorities of each Community Board
- Provide funding for live broadcasting services of each Community Board

NYC Department of Education/School Construction Authority

- Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of elementary and middle schools
- Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of high schools
- Increase and enhance expense funding for Queens Schools
- Increase access to technology for students
- Create a budget line for schools to invest in the creation of Hydroponic Labs
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department for the Aging

- Restore and enhance funding for senior services
- Restore Senior Services – Borough President Discretionary Funding
- Increase funding for Home Delivered Meals to award organizations that provide culturally appropriate meals
- Increase funding to ensure senior centers are open at least 6 days a week
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Administration for Children's Services

- Restore funding for Foster Care Services
- Increase the number of Child Protective Specialists
- Increase funding for Child Care Vouchers
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development

- Increase funding for Summer Youth Employment
- Fund Universal After School for Elementary Schools
- Restore and enhance funding for Out-of-School Time and Out-of-School Youth Programs in Queens
- Increase funding for additional staff tasked with executing discretionary funding contracts
- Restore funding for Adult Literacy
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- Increase Expense and Capital funding support for Queens' HHC Hospitals
- Funding for HHC operated Article 28 free standing healthcare facilities
- Funding for a new trauma center
- Funding for more prenatal and birthing centers
- Funding for food pantries within H+H locations
- Restore and enhance Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, Mental Hygiene, Environmental Health, and Family and Child Health funding
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Fire Department

- Increase funding for FDNY personnel
- Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island
- Reopen Engine 261 in Western Queens
- Create a Rockaway Peninsula Ladder Company
- Expand the number of EMT's
- Funding for Generators

NYC Police Department

- Increase the number of Neighborhood Coordination Officers
- Build a new precinct to help reduce the coverage area of the 109th Precinct
- Increase the number of School Safety Crossing Guards

NYC Department of Sanitation

- Increase cleanup of major commercial corridors
- Increase garbage and recycling pickup throughout the borough
- Restore and Increase funding for Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling
- Increase e-waste recycling
- Increase funding to expand community composting programs
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development

- Create and preserve more affordable housing in Queens
- Continue housing support services to residents in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Ida, and tropical storms
- Allocate funding for eviction prevention programs
- Enhance funding for foreclosure prevention programs
- Increase funds for supportive housing
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Transportation

- Increase the number of slow zones, install more pedestrian countdown crosswalk signals, and increase police presence
- Expedite the implementation of daylight measures to heavy transit zones in Queens
- Create more open streets
- Increase capital funds to resurface streets, sidewalks and curb cuts
- Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads
- Invest capital funding to create and improve protected bike lanes
- Continue City Council Initiatives

Queens Public Library

- Restore and Increase expense funding support to provide expanded seven-day service
- Increase programmatic funding for ESL courses
- Increase capital funding support for Queens Borough Public Library

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

- Restore and enhance funding for Queens CIGs
- Restore and enhance funding for cultural organizations in Queens
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

- Increase the number of personnel in Queens
- Increase funds for street tree pruning
- Increase funding for more trees
- Increase funding for sidewalk repairs
- Increase capital funding support for Queens parks
- Increase capital funding for the creation, preservation and adaptation of open space and new parks
- Provide capital funds to create bioswales and other solutions to address flooding problems throughout Queens
- Implement revenue opportunities to fund parks infrastructure and maintenance
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Small Business Services

- Expand resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19
- Restore funding for Agency Administration and Operations
- Restore funding for Business, Workforce and Neighborhood Development
- Enhance funding for Storefront grant programs
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Buildings

- Increase the number of Building Inspectors for Queens
- Funding to help small- to medium-sized houses of worship and non-profit organizations

City University of New York

- Increase capital budget for City University of New York, Queens Campuses
- Restore and Enhance funding for City University of New York in Queens for Queens and York Colleges
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Environmental Protection

- Increase the amount of workers to clean catch basins
- Increase capital funds for sewer improvements
- Invest in more solar programs and green infrastructure
- Address groundwater contamination issues.
- Invest in noise pollution mitigation efforts
- Continue City Council Initiatives

Department of Social Services

- Fully restore and enhance funding for Department of Social Services
- Enhance funding for food stamps program to increase response time

NYC Department of Homelessness Services

- Restore funding for Outreach, Drop-in, and Reception Services
- Restore funding for Family Shelter Operations
- Fund the creation of a migrant processing center in Queens
- Resources for transgender and gender non-conforming people
- Continue City Council Oversight and Initiatives

The Office of the Queens Borough President

The Office of the Queens Borough President is tasked with the following duties: make recommendations on the expense and capital budgets on behalf of the people of Queens, appoint members of the Community Boards, comment on land use issues affecting the borough, participate in site selection of city facilities and re-allocations of service delivery throughout Queens, appoints one member to the City Planning Commission and maintains a topographical bureau.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Service	\$4,537	\$4,651	\$114
Other Than Personal Service	\$1,613	\$767	(\$846)
TOTAL	\$6,150	\$5,418	(\$732)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$5.41 million budget for the Office of the Queens Borough President, a \$732 thousand decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. This decrease is attributed to the large cut in OTPS funding from \$1.6 million to \$767 thousand. In relation to the previous four adopted budgets, the proposed OTPS decrease represents 14% of the entire funding compared to the 26%, 27% and 35% in previous years.

Adopted Budget Per Year and Percentages Comparison (\$ In Thousands)										
	FY21 Adopted Budget		FY22 Adopted Budget		FY23 Adopted Budget		FY24 Adopted Budget		FY25 Preliminary Budget	
Personal Service	\$4,293	72%	\$4,297	65%	\$4,305	73%	\$4,537	74%	\$4,651	86%
Other Than Personal Service	\$1,659	28%	\$2,360	35%	\$1,602	27%	\$1,613	26%	\$767	14%
TOTAL	\$5,952	100%	\$6,657	100%	\$5,907	100%	\$6,150	100%	\$5,418	100%

Borough President Expense Budget Awards per Borough FY 2025 Preliminary Budget			
Borough	Population	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Per Capita Support
Queens	2,405,464	\$5,418	\$2.25
Bronx	1,472,654	\$6,093	\$4.14
Brooklyn	2,736,074	\$6,654	\$2.43
Manhattan	1,694,251	\$5,170	\$3.05
Staten Island	495,747	\$4,727	\$9.54

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget allocates the least per capita funding to Queens among the five Borough President offices: \$2.25 in funding per person, as opposed to \$9.54 for Staten Island and \$4.14 for the Bronx.

Recommendations

Increase the agency budget to better serve the Borough of Queens – Queens is the most ethnically diverse county in the continental United States with 47.2% of the population not having been born in the United States¹. This diversity necessitates the office to provide multi-faceted and culturally aware services in their native language in most cases.

Restore and increase the agency budget line Other Than Personal Service - To better serve the residents of the Borough of Queens, our agency needs to be able to produce outreach materials in a variety of languages, intentionally create opportunities for our communities to come together and to receive critical information on services, opportunities and general resources in their mother language, and to effectively run a mid-size agency. Additionally, this will allow our agency to continue to run our free immigration law services to our immigrant communities and provide expense funding opportunities to our community based organizations for more services to our constituents.

In order to adequately serve the borough, which is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic effects and currently is becoming the home of more asylum seekers at a faster pace than other boroughs, the Queens Borough Board recommends an increase in the expense budget of the Office of the Queens Borough President in order to expand the scope of services. The scope of services includes but is not limited to the continuation of allocating discretionary expense funds to local nonprofit organizations throughout Queens to assist with COVID-19 recovery, asylum seekers services, combat food insecurity, provide critical services to children, youth and seniors, among others. In addition, the office recommends an increase to the Office of the Queens Borough President to ensure the continuation of immigrant services. The Office of the Queens Borough President currently works with an attorney that provides

¹ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/queenscountynewyork,US/PST045221>

services in the Immigrant Welcome Center, created in 2022. The Immigrant Welcome Center Attorney continues to provide high quality, free and confidential immigration law services to constituents.

Community Boards

Queens’ 14 Community Boards are the eyes and ears of local government. Community Boards assists and advises public agencies and public offices on matters which relate to the welfare of the district and its residents. Duties include submitting recommendations to the Mayor, Borough President and various other city officials in the best interests of the community and evaluating the quantity and quality of agency provided services. The Community Boards conduct public hearings and submit recommendations and priorities to the capital and expense budgets, allocations and use of funds for community development and on development or improvements of land.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Service	\$3,460	\$3,482	(\$22)
Other Than Personal Service	\$270	\$268	\$2
TOTAL	\$3,730	\$3,750	(\$20)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$15.9 million budget for the Community Boards citywide. Resulting in a \$3.75 million budget for the 14 Community Boards in Queens.

The 14 Community Boards in Queens serve an increasingly multiethnic and multilingual community. Yet, the Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget estimates that Queens’ Community Boards receive the lowest per capita support among the five boroughs. Additionally, the 14 Queens Community Boards serve, on average, the most residents per community district: 171,819 individuals, compared to 122,721 in the Bronx and 152,004 in Brooklyn.

Community Board Expense Budget Awards per Borough FY 2025 Preliminary Budget (\$ In Thousands)				
Borough	Population	FY 2025 Preliminary Borough Total	Per Capita Support	Average Residents served per Community Board
Queens	2,405,464	\$3,750	\$1.50	171,819
Bronx	1,472,654	\$3,227	\$2.09	122,721
Brooklyn	2,736,074	\$4,825	\$1.69	152,004
Manhattan	1,694,251	\$3,242	\$1.82	141,187
Staten Island	495,747	\$810	\$1.56	165,249

Recommendations

Fully Restore and enhance funding to Queens Community Boards – The Community Boards are pivotal to the governance of the City since they serve as frontline service for the residents and allows our city agencies to effectively coordinate city agencies and address hyperlocal issues that otherwise would be difficult to respond to. The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing the budget allocations to Community Boards to FY22’s adopted budget levels in order to increase per capita support which will allow the 14 Community Boards to maintain services.

Fund the top budget priorities of each Community Board – Each Community Board has outlined budget priorities for their districts through the Register of Community Board Budget Requests. These priorities range from park improvements to infrastructure upgrades. The Queens Borough Board recommends funding support for the budget priorities outlined in the FY 2025 Register of Community Board Budget Requests.

Provide funding for live broadcasting services of each Community Board - To continue to engage with its constituents and expand their reach, it is crucial that community boards are able to provide multiple ways to access their meetings. Therefore, the borough board recommends the creation of a budget line within the community boards budget to hire contracted services to live broadcast their meetings to their constituency.

NYC Department of Education

The NYC Department of Education is the largest municipal public school system in the United States, in 2022-23, there were 1,047,895 students across 1,867 schools in the NYC school system.

Agency Financial Plan- (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Service	\$18,528,330	\$19,022,910	\$494,580
Other Than Personal Service	\$12,970,670	\$12,451,600	(\$519,070)
TOTAL	\$31,499,000	\$31,474,503	(\$24,497)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$31.5 billion budget for the NYC Department of Education, a \$24.5 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

School Year 2022 - 2023 Projected Enrollment and Demographics ²						
Borough	K-12 Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	Preschool Special Ed Enrollment	K-12 FRPL Count	K-12 ELL Count	K-12 SWD Count
Queens	236,692	9,432	997	170,779	43,460	45,583
Bronx	150,845	5,925	637	131,458	29,570	39,521
Brooklyn	228,819	10,478	1,028	170,844	36,657	49,464
Manhattan	115,800	5,054	568	73,847	13,180	26,693
Staten Island	56,221	2,655	341	34,409	4,731	15,304
Total	788,377	33,544	3,571	581,337	127,598	176,565

²<https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/financial-data-and-reports/new-york-state-school-funding-transparency-forms>

Queens continues to grow its population at a faster pace than other boroughs, additionally in the last year, our borough has been made home by thousands of asylum seekers at a higher rate than other boroughs. Queens currently continues to have the second highest number of Pre-K Enrollment, Preschool Special Education Enrollment, K-12 Free or Reduced Priced Lunch and Students with Disabilities Count. Queens has the highest number of K-12 Enrollment and K-12 English Language Learners which corresponds to Queen’s high immigrant population.

Seats To Open Through The Capacity Program ³					
School District	September 2024	September 2025	September 2026	September 2027	Total
24	0	0	451	0	451
25	973	0	547	0	1,520
26	473	399	463	0	1,335
27	145	229	0	0	374
28	403	454	0	0	857
29	0	0	554	0	554
30	451	0	547	547	1,545
78Q	0	3,066	876	1,229	5,171
Total	2,445	4,148	3,438	1,776	11,807

The DOE and SCA Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Five Year Capital Plan is organized to encompass efforts in four categories: Capacity, Healthy Schools, Capital Investment, and Mandated. Capacity includes all initiatives that create new school facilities and seats. Multi-year declines in public school enrollment and the city’s birth rate have decreased the need for new capacity. At the same time, many of our schools are playing an important role in providing support to families seeking asylum, welcoming their children into our schools. These factors require a shift in our methodology to meet capacity needs in targeted areas of the city by addressing specific challenges faced at the school level. In order to respond to the changing needs of our city, DOE/SCA strategically combined the New Capacity program and Class Size Reduction program to ensure they can react more swiftly to the needs identified on a more localized level.

³ The DOE and SCA Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Five Year Capital Plan, https://dnnhh5cc1.blob.core.windows.net/portals/0/Capital_Plan/Capital_plans/02012024_25_29_CapitalPlan.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=ExyJ25yWw4Gt5zwwG%2F%2F9rdA14929cO%2Ba%2FMb0vAWq7Gw%3D, page 15.

The table above shows the geographic details of the seats that will be opening through the Capacity program in the coming years.

Recommendations

Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of elementary and middle schools – The Queens Borough Board recommends increased capital investments in order to acquire and build new elementary and middle school seats to address the overcrowding of schools in Queens, particularly in School Districts with new and planned residential development.

Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of high schools – The Queens Borough Board recommends increased capital investments in order to acquire and build new high school seats to address the overcrowding of high schools in Queens, particularly in School Districts with new and planned residential development.

Increase and enhance expense funding for Queens Schools – The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing funding to Queens schools with an emphasis on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and District 75 schools as currently the Borough has limited District 75 seats.

Increase access to technology for students - The Queens Borough Board recommends that we ensure that each student has access to the proper technology to allow for remote learning.

Create a budget line for schools to invest in the creation of Hydroponic Labs - The Queens Borough Board recommends the creation of a budget line for the Department of Education and School Construction Authority for the creation of hydroponic labs to build this infrastructure and use hydroponic technology to educate students and teachers about the science of sustainability and bring quality STEM education through the lens of urban farming. With this, we can create a generation of environmental innovators, empowered to create solutions to global climate challenges.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department for the Aging

The Department for the Aging serves to support the growing and increasingly diverse, older adult population in New York City. The Department for the Aging promotes, administers, and coordinates services for older adults to help them maintain their independence and quality of life in addition to participating in their communities.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Administration and Contract Agency Support	\$51,435	\$55,768	\$4,333
Case Management	\$45,564	\$45,564	\$0
Home Care	\$34,483	\$34,483	\$0
Senior Centers and Meals	\$251,132	\$225,167	(\$25,956)
Senior Employment and Benefits	\$10,729	\$10,728	(\$1)
Senior Services	\$128,449	\$113,382	(\$15,067)
TOTAL	\$521,791	\$485,091	(\$36,700)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$485 million budget for the NYC Department for the Aging, a \$37 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. The main decrease in funding is attributed to Senior Centers and Meals being cut by \$26 million, followed by Senior Services with a decrease of \$15 million.

FY 2025 Preliminary Budget Departmental Estimates of Key DFTA Programs (\$ In Thousands)			
Program	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Social Adult Day Services	\$1,506	\$1,506	\$0
Home Delivered Meals Contracts	\$39,944	\$55,237	\$15,293
NORC	\$8,043	\$8,043	\$0
Transportation Services Contracts	\$5,109	\$5,109	\$0
Geriatric Mental Health	\$5,569	\$5,501	(\$68)

Borough Overview

According to the population estimates of July 1, 2023 of the U.S. Census Bureau, the senior population in Queens accounts for 18%⁴ of the borough. Queens currently has over 392,090 adults over the age of 65, second only to Brooklyn’s population of 393,994. Queens’ older population represents over a fourth of New York City’s older population.

Persons 65 Years and Over Breakdown ⁵		
Borough	Population Aged 65 and older	Percentage
Queens	418,551	30%
Bronx	206,172	14%
Brooklyn	413,147	29%
Manhattan	310,048	21%
Staten Island	84,277	6%
TOTAL	1,432,194	100%

Recommendations

Restore and enhance funding for Senior Services- The Queens Borough Board recommends increased investment for senior services. Seniors require access to a wide range of services to ensure a dignified life

⁴<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/queenscountynynewyork/PST045221>

⁵<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/newyorkcitynewyork,newyorkcountynynewyork,richmondcountynynewyork,bronxcountynynewyork,kingscountynynewyork,queenscountynynewyork/PST045221#PST045221>, Population Estimates, July 1 2021.

for those deciding to age in place. These provide support in key areas of the day to day living of this demographic.

Restore and enhance for Senior Services – Borough President Discretionary Funding – In years past with the exception of FY21, the five Borough Presidents received \$1.13 million in discretionary funding through the City Council to support senior centers throughout New York City. In FY 2024 These funds historically totaled \$324,904 for senior programs in Queens. The Queens Borough Board recommends that the City Council restore and enhance these funds in FY 2025.

Increase funding for Home Delivered Meals to award organizations that provide culturally appropriate meals – The aging population in Queens has deep ties to their cultural origin and religion, and providing meals that respond to these needs are critical. In addition, seniors are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, and should not risk their lives for basic necessities. The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing funding for Home Delivered Meals that will directly fund local organizations that provide specific culturally humble home delivered meals.

Increase funding to ensure senior centers are open at least 6 days a week – Senior Centers are a critical tool to improve the quality of life of seniors and ensure they are able to age in place with health, dignity and access to social and physical activities. The Queens Borough Board recommends the increase of programmatic funding for senior centers to increase their days of operation to up to at least 6 days a week.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board urges the continuation of key City Council discretionary funds and initiatives for senior services.

NYC Administration for Children’s Services

The Administration for Children’s Services helps protect and advance the interests of children. The Agency investigates allegations of child abuse, supports preventative services to families and children, provides foster care and adoption services for the children, and administers early childhood education programs and administers subsidized childcare programs for low-income families.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Adoption Services	\$226,970	\$227,030	\$60
Alternatives to Detention	\$4,062	\$4,360	\$298
Child Care Services	\$487,476	\$471,325	(\$16,151)
Child Welfare Support	\$54,033	\$53,201	(\$832)
Dept. of Ed. Residential Care	\$93,260	\$86,593	(\$6,667)
Foster Care Services	\$634,180	\$616,835	(\$17,345)
Foster Care Support	\$51,783	\$51,783	\$0
General Administration	\$237,633	\$263,571	\$25,938
Juvenile Justice Support	\$16,030	\$16,030	\$0
Non-Secure Detention	\$19,007	\$19,007	\$0
Placements	\$117,969	\$110,412	(\$7,557)
Preventative Homemaking Services	\$27,231	\$24,204	(\$3,027)
Preventative Services	\$331,037	\$322,535	(\$8,502)

Protective Services	\$376,628	\$386,166	\$9,538
Secure Detention	\$58,991	\$58,836	(\$155)
TOTAL	\$2,736,290	\$2,711,886	(\$24,404)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$2.71 billion budget for the NYC Administration for Children’s Services, a \$24.4 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Programmatic funding for Foster Care Services and Child Care Services are all funded significantly less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Persons Under 18 Years ⁶		
Borough	Persons Under 18 Years	Percentage
Queens	432,826	19%
Bronx	331,187	24%
Brooklyn	569,914	22%
Manhattan	223,478	14%
Staten Island	103,137	21%
TOTAL	1,660,541	100%

Borough Overview

19% of the Borough’s population consists of persons under 18 years of age. The Administration for Children’s Services has three offices located in Queens. Brooklyn (22%) has six offices while the Bronx (24%) also has three offices.

Recommendations

Restore funding for Foster Care Services – The Queens Borough Board recommends that funding for Foster Care Services be restored to at least to FY 2023 Adopted levels.

⁶<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/newyorkcitynewyork,newyorkcountynewyork,richmondcountynewyork,bronxcountynewyork,kingscountynewyork,queenscountynewyork/PST045221#PST045221>, Population Estimates, July 1 2021.

Increase the number of Child Protective Specialists – The Queens Borough Board recommends increased funding to not only hire more personnel, but experienced specialists, and institute programs to retain and train new specialists.

Restore funding for Child Care Vouchers – The Queens Borough Board recommends that funding for Child Care Vouchers be increased to avoid waiting lists.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development

The Department of Youth and Community Development is designed to meet the needs of youth and communities. The Department of Youth and Community Development implements contracts for youth programs in areas including afterschool programs, youth employment, community economic development and immigration assistance. These programs play a critical role in reducing violence and illicit activities.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Adult Literacy	\$43,396	\$21,720	(\$21,676)
Beacon Community Centers	\$128,123	\$128,147	\$24
Community Development Programs	\$102,073	\$30,321	(\$71,752)
General Administration	\$81,321	\$125,690	\$44,369
In-School Youth Programs	\$4,031	\$3,896	(\$135)
Office of Neighborhood Safety	\$216,156	\$125,519	(\$90,637)
Other Youth Programs	\$55,726	\$5,241	(\$50,485)
Out-of-School Time (OST)	\$422,101	\$392,703	(\$29,398)
Out-of-School Youth Programs (OSY)	\$18,327	\$18,032	(\$295)
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	\$50,800	\$51,627	\$827
Summer Youth Employment (SYEP)	\$240,396	\$225,027	(\$15,369)
TOTAL	\$1,362,449	\$1,127,924	(\$234,525)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$1.13 billion budget for the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, a \$235 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Several program areas are funded less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget including Adult Literacy, Community Development Programs, and other Youth Programs. Programmatic funds for Out-of-School Time, which includes all COMPASS and SONYC programs, is budgeted at \$393 million, \$29.4 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Programmatic funds for Summer Youth Employment is budgeted at \$225 million, \$15.4 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Persons Under 18 Years ⁷		
Borough	Persons Under 18 Years	Percentage
Queens	432,826	19%
Bronx	331,187	24%
Brooklyn	569,914	22%
Manhattan	223,478	14%
Staten Island	103,137	21%
TOTAL	1,660,541	100%

Borough Overview

Queens is home to more than 432,000 residents under the age of 18. The after-school and personal development programs that the City provides are crucial to the development of social, leadership, and professional skills. The primary after-school programs offered by the City are the Comprehensive Afterschool System of NYC (COMPASS), which includes the middle school after-school program School's Out NYC (SONYC), and the Beacon Program. All these programs represent a critical component to end the unfortunate violence cycle our youth are exposed to and involved in.

⁷<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/newyorkcitynewyork,newyorkcountynewyork,richmondcountynewyork,bronxcountynewyork,kingscountynewyork,queenscountynewyork/PST045221#PST045221>, Population Estimates, July 1 2021.

Recommendations

Restore and enhance funding for Summer Youth Employment Program– The Queens Borough Board recommends an increase for Summer Youth Employment Program.

Fund Universal After School for Elementary Schools – Queens Borough Board recommends that the City funds a universal after school program for all elementary schools.

Restore and enhance funding for Out-of-School Youth Programs in Queens – The Queens Borough Board recommends restoring and enhancing out-of-school youth program funding to ensure that every community has access to programs like COMPASS and SONYC.

Increase funding for additional staff tasked with executing discretionary funding contracts – The Borough Board recommends an increase in funding for additional staff to be able to execute discretionary contracts in a timely matter.

Restore funding for Adult Literacy – The Borough Board recommends that the funding levels for Adult Literacy meet the funding level to match the FY22 Adopted Budget

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is charged with providing adequate health care services. Services include maternal and child health, school health, communicable disease prevention and the sanitary supervision of water and food. The Department of Health and Mental Health also administers and plans the provision of mental health, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency, alcoholism and substance abuse services.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Administration – General	\$151,411	\$147,685	(\$3,726)
Center for Health Equity	\$111,695	\$74,758	(\$36,937)
Disease Prevention & Treatment	\$301,105	\$250,205	(\$50,900)
Emergency Preparedness and Response	\$23,585	\$28,699	\$5,114
Environmental Health	\$135,011	\$131,247	(\$3,764)
Epidemiology	\$18,609	\$18,102	(\$507)
Family & Child Health	\$495,695	\$461,809	(\$33,886)
Mental Hygiene	\$768,431	\$748,372	(\$20,059)
Office of Chief Medical Examiner	\$97,067	\$100,097	\$3,030
Prevention & Primary Care	\$0	0	\$0
World Trade Center Related Programs	\$99,212	\$103,864	\$4,652
Total	\$2,201,819	\$2,064,838	(\$136,981)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$2 billion budget for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a \$137 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Programmatic funding for

Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, and Family & Child Health are the top three program areas that are funded less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

One of the most significant challenges facing Queens is access to healthcare. Queens was already under-bedded and underserved, but previous year’s closures have further strained an already overburdened system. The Borough’s overburdened system was made clearly evident when Queens became the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic and hospitals did not have enough beds to serve our patients.

Queens currently has nine acute care hospitals throughout the borough responsible for serving over 2.3 million residents. The borough has two municipal hospitals: Elmhurst Hospital Center and Queens Hospital Center. The other seven hospitals are voluntary and are part of major, multi-facility health systems. They are Jamaica Hospital and Flushing Hospital, part of the Medisys Health Network, Forest Hills Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center, part of the Northwell Health System, Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens, New York Presbyterian – Queens, and St. John’s Episcopal Hospital South Shore.

Summary Status of Hospitals ⁸				
Borough	Population	Number of Hospitals with beds	Total Number of Beds	Beds per 1000 Residents
Queens	2,405,464	9	3,851	1.60
Bronx	1,472,654	10	3,797	2.58
Brooklyn	2,736,074	16	5,522	2.02
Manhattan	1,694,251	23	9,350	5.52
Staten Island	495,747	4	1,158	2.34

Together, these nine hospital campuses serve the entire borough, its visitors and people who travel from other boroughs and counties. However, Queens remains the most under-bedded borough in New York City. There are only 1.7 beds per 1,000 patients in Queens, compared to 5.9 in Manhattan and 2.8 in the Bronx. Out of the 3,851 beds in Queens, only 269 of them are maternity beds.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center accounts for 324 seats in Brooklyn and although residents of South- West Queens do utilize the hospital, there is no way to track how many residents are from Queens.

⁸ New York State, NYS Department of Health NYS Health Profiles, <https://profiles.health.ny.gov/hospital/>

Recommendations

Increase Expense and Capital funding support for Queens' H+H Hospitals – The Queens Borough Board recommends increased expense and capital funding support to Elmhurst Hospital and Queens Hospital Center in expanding their capacity.

Funding for HHC operated Article 28 free standing healthcare facilities – The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing partnerships with community based Article 28 free standing healthcare facilities in order to alleviate emergency department burdens in Queens hospitals.

Funding for new municipal hospital- The Queens Borough Board supports the need for a healthcare facility on the Rockaway peninsula.

Funding for more prenatal and birthing centers- The Queens Borough Board recommends increased funding for more prenatal care and birthing centers throughout Queens.

Funding for food pantries- The Queens Borough Board supports enhanced funding for permanent food pantries at Queens' H+H Hospitals.

Restore and enhance Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, Mental Hygiene, Environmental Health, and Family and Child Health funding- The Queens Borough Board recommends restoration & enhancement of funding for Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, Mental Hygiene, Environmental Health, and Family and Child Health programs.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Fire Department

The New York Fire Department serves as the city’s first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts. The Department advances safety through its fire prevention, extinguishment of fires, investigation, education programs and pre-hospital medical services. The timely delivery of these services enables the Department to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Service	\$2,030,911	\$2,284,922	\$254,011
Other Than Personal Service	\$268,503	\$240,820	(\$27,683)
TOTAL	\$2,299,414	\$2,525,740	\$226,326

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$2.5 billion budget for the Fire Department, a \$226 million increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. This increase corresponds to a \$254 million increase in the personal service line.

Recommendations

Increase funding for FDNY Personnel - Given the importance of the life saving services FDNY provides, it is necessary to increase the funding to hire more personnel and meet the demand of the services needed provided by this department.

Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island – Currently, when fires occur on the island, other ladder companies are oftentimes relocated to cover the area. The Queens Borough Board recommends that funding be allocated to expand the first response station to make sure it is fully equipped to respond to fire emergencies on Roosevelt Island

Reopen Engine 261 in Western Queens – The population of western Queens is increasing rapidly with thousands of new apartments, new business centers and major attractions. The addition of so many new residents, workers, and visitors to the area requires the proportional increase in services. However, Engine 261 in Long Island City was closed in May 2003. The Queens Borough Board recommends that funding be allocated to reopen Engine 261 in order to service this growing community.

Create a Rockaway Peninsula Ladder Company – The Rockaway Peninsula continues to increase its population as a result of the on-going construction projects currently underway and planned for the future. The Queens Borough Board recommends that funding be allocated to create an additional ladder company that would cover the Rockaway Peninsula and neighboring Broad Channel.

Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island – Currently, when fires occur on the island, other ladder companies are oftentimes relocated to cover the area. The Queens Borough Board recommends that funding be allocated to expand the first response station to make sure it is fully equipped to respond to fire emergencies on Roosevelt Island.

Expand the number of EMT's - The pandemic made it clear that there is a need to increase the number of EMT's. EMT's were working shifts that were significantly longer than the recommended. Therefore, the Queens Borough Board recommends increasing funding to hire more EMT's.

Funding for Generators- The Queens Borough Board recommends additional funding to support permanent generators at fire stations in Queens.

NYC Police Department

The New York Police Department is charged with enhancing the quality of life and protecting the lives and property of all citizens by working in partnership with the community to enforce the laws, investigate reported past crimes, apprehend offenders, ensure order at public events, preserve peace, reduce fear, and produce a safe environment.

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$5.8 billion budget for the New York Police Department, a \$50.3 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Queens has the second highest population and Patrol is scheduled to receive the lowest amount of funding per capita out of all the five boroughs.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Administration	\$702,346	\$714,650	\$12,304
Chief of Department	\$687,645	\$737,008	\$49,363
Communications	\$162,413	\$165,636	\$3,223
Community Affairs	\$16,845	\$17,946	\$1,101
Criminal Justice Bureau	\$67,363	\$69,765	\$2,402
Detective Bureau - Borough Squads	\$310,732	\$338,871	\$28,139
Detective Bureau - Other	\$309,219	\$334,656	\$25,437
Financial Plan Savings	(\$267,218)	(\$566,369)	(\$299,151)
Housing Bureau	\$239,588	\$249,488	\$9,900
Intelligence and Counterterrorism	\$240,646	\$255,848	\$15,202
Internal Affairs	\$75,000	\$79,078	\$4,078

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Patrol Borough Bronx	\$345,924	\$359,503	\$13,579
Patrol Borough Brooklyn North	\$280,864	\$290,897	\$10,033
Patrol Borough Brooklyn South	\$277,052	\$288,631	\$11,579
Patrol Borough Manhattan North	\$254,571	\$264,078	\$9,507
Patrol Borough Manhattan South	\$237,104	\$245,837	\$8,733
Patrol Borough Queens North	\$193,664	\$201,222	\$7,558
Patrol Borough Queens South	\$192,922	\$200,740	\$7,818
Patrol Borough Staten Island	\$108,389	\$112,237	\$3,848
Patrol Services Bureau - Citywide	\$116,327	\$119,485	\$3,158
Reimbursable Overtime	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
School Safety	\$264,640	\$274,255	\$9,615
Security/Counter-Terrorism Grants	0	\$0	\$0
Special Operations	\$170,339	\$180,658	\$10,319
Support Services	\$156,685	\$122,306	(\$34,379)
Training	\$127,783	\$139,474	\$11,691
Transit	\$288,801	\$301,057	\$12,256
Transportation	\$238,089	\$250,489	\$12,400
Total	\$5,804,733	\$5,754,449	(\$50,284)

Patrol Borough Breakdown Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)			
Borough	FY 2025 Preliminary Borough Total	Population	Per Capita Funding Per 100 people
Queens	\$401,962	2,405,464	\$16.7
Brooklyn	\$579,528	2,736,074	\$21.2
Manhattan	\$509,915	1,694,251	\$30.1
Staten Island	\$112,237	495,747	\$22.6
Bronx	\$359,503	1,472,654	\$24.4

Queens South Year Summary																
Pct	Murder		Rape		Robbery		Felony Assault		Burglary		Grand Larceny		Grand Larceny of Automobile		Total	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
100	1	0	11	5	50	41	107	123	55	42	171	180	59	48	454	439
101	8	4	18	19	95	92	239	265	74	72	165	178	56	82	655	712
102	5	7	20	17	202	185	388	386	158	143	385	342	263	318	1421	1398
103	12	2	34	29	390	389	576	655	211	165	602	579	212	225	2037	2044
105	10	2	14	24	176	173	415	428	217	234	622	685	271	352	1725	1898
106	5	2	19	22	221	208	348	378	152	146	682	616	225	262	1652	1634
107	1	1	21	16	188	140	216	249	240	262	661	629	279	339	1606	1636
113	9	8	38	30	133	140	389	361	125	86	446	376	240	233	1380	1234
Total	51	26	175	162	1455	1368	2678	2845	1232	1150	3734	3585	1605	1859	10930	10995

Queens North Year Summary																
Pct	Murder		Rape		Robbery		Felony Assault		Burglary		Grand Larceny		Grand Larceny of Automobile		Total	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
104	3	4	20	21	223	226	311	291	274	204	643	694	318	379	1792	1819
108	1	0	20	26	192	264	218	238	175	229	694	751	238	313	1538	1821
109	6	3	42	34	306	328	348	458	618	558	1476	1342	308	509	3104	3232
110	8	3	40	39	399	478	525	734	163	189	1155	1075	234	336	2524	2854
111	0	2	5	10	82	61	101	100	316	330	678	613	131	195	1313	1311
112	2	0	16	6	89	72	85	109	121	118	496	475	106	173	915	953
114	4	8	26	40	266	279	489	509	269	224	885	920	360	430	2299	2410
115	3	4	38	27	313	365	411	481	152	136	970	863	320	337	2207	2213
Total	27	24	207	203	1870	2073	2488	2920	2088	1988	6997	6733	2015	2672	15692	16613

Borough Overview

Queens North and South continue their strong efforts to respond to crime. Due to its large land area and physical distance between precincts, and due to the predominantly residential nature of the borough, officers are often required to cover large distances to address crime and quality of life issues. Overall crime incidents in Queens North and Queens South have increased.

Recommendations

Provide additional Neighborhood Coordination Officers –The Neighborhood Coordination Officers serve as the first point of contact between the police and the community, significantly bettering coordination and engagement with the community when addressing and preventing criminal activities. The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing Neighborhood Coordination Officers for each precinct.

Build a new precinct to help reduce the coverage area of the 109th Precinct - The Queens Borough Board recommends allocating funds to build a new precinct to reduce the coverage area of the 109th precinct.

Increase the number of School Safety Crossing Guards - The Queens Borough Board recommends the increase of number of school safety crossing guards throughout the Borough and urges the administration and police department to rethink the role and responsibilities of the crossing guards to increase the demand of these positions.

Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation collects the City’s residential garbage, disposes of waste, recycles, salts, preserves street cleanliness, provides snow removal and enforces sanitary violations.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Civilian Enforcement - Bronx	\$661	\$661	\$0
Civilian Enforcement - Brooklyn	\$639	\$639	\$0
Civilian Enforcement - Manhattan	\$683	\$683	\$0
Civilian Enforcement - Queens	\$560	\$560	\$0
Civilian Enforcement - Staten Island	\$204	\$204	\$0
Collection & Street Cleaning- Bronx	\$72,986	\$73,042	\$56
Collection & Street Cleaning- Brooklyn	\$169,581	\$169,660	\$79
Collection & Street Cleaning- General	\$313,950	\$334,278	\$20,328
Collection & Street Cleaning- Lot Cleaning	\$13,255	\$13,325	\$70
Collection & Street Cleaning- Manhattan	\$95,361	\$95,424	\$63
Collection & Street Cleaning- Queens	\$155,184	\$155,254	\$70
Collection & Street Cleaning- Staten Island	\$47,614	\$47,646	\$32
Enforcement - General	\$18,114	\$18,599	\$485
Engineering	\$9,353	\$9,467	\$114
General Administration	\$181,396	\$144,242	(\$37,154)

Legal Services	\$2,692	\$2,883	\$191
Long Term Export	\$1,235	\$1,264	\$29
Public Information	\$2,537	\$3,636	\$1,099
Snow Removal	\$97,656	\$87,323	(\$10,333)
Solid Waste Transfer Stations	\$25,264	\$25,339	\$75
Support Operations - Motor Equipment	\$94,697	\$102,758	\$8,061
Support Operations-Building Management	\$28,194	\$30,339	\$2,145
Waste Disposal - General	\$14,593	\$16,794	\$2,201
Waste Disposal - Landfill Closure	\$13,670	\$9,420	(\$4,250)
Waste Export	\$471,123	\$477,598	\$6,475
Waste Prevention, Reuse, and Recycling	\$70,241	\$60,846	(\$9,395)
Total	\$1,901,442	\$1,881,885	(\$19,557)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$1.88 billion budget for the Department of Sanitation, a \$19.6 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. The line for General Administration, Snow Removal, Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling are projected to experience decreases of \$37.1 million, \$10.3 million and \$9.4 million respectively.

Borough Overview

Overall, the percentage of acceptable streets saw a slight decrease of 3% from November 2022 to November 2023. The number of uniformed personnel and full-time civilian enforcement budgeted positions remained the same.

Queens Sanitation Uniformed Personnel by District			
Sanitation District	FY 2024 Adopted	FY 2025 Preliminary	Change
Queens Sanitation District 1	132	132	0
Queens Sanitation District 2	95	95	0
Queens Sanitation District 3	99	99	0
Queens Sanitation District 4	87	87	0
Queens Sanitation District 5	149	149	0
Queens Sanitation District 6	81	81	0
Queens Sanitation District 7	166	166	0
Queens Sanitation District 8	140	140	0
Queens Sanitation District 9	110	110	0
Queens Sanitation District 10	117	117	0
Queens Sanitation District 11	137	137	0
Queens Sanitation District 12	179	179	0
Queens Sanitation District 13	193	193	0
Queens Sanitation District 14	105	105	0
TOTAL	1790	1790	0

Full-Time Civilian Enforcement Budgeted Positions			
Borough	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Change
Queens	20	20	0
Manhattan	23	23	0
Bronx	20	20	0
Brooklyn	25	25	0
Staten Island	4	4	0

Percent of Acceptably Clean Streets November 2023 ⁹		
Community Board	November 2022	November 2023
1	98%	73%
2	87%	93%
3	98%	89%
4	95%	77%
5	96%	97%
6	97%	90%
7	99%	NA
8	100%	97%
9	98%	97%
10	94%	100%
11	NA	100%
12	96%	98%
13	94%	94%
14	92%	89
Average	96%	93%

⁹https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/202311_cbr_Street.pdf

Recommendations

Increase cleanup of major commercial corridors – The Queens Borough Board recommends more funds be dedicated to the cleanup of major commercial corridors in Queens, including more street sweepings, particularly those that do not have a dedicated Business Improvement District.

Increase garbage and recycling pickup throughout the borough – The Queens Borough Board recommends additional funds be dedicated to increasing the number of garbage and recycling pickups throughout the borough. The Borough Board further recommends the budget funds to combat illegal dumping found prevalent throughout parts of the borough.

Restore and Enhance funding for Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling- The Queens Borough Board recommends restoring funding to increase composting sites in Queens.

Increase e-waste recycling sites in Queens- The Queens Borough Board recommends more funds be dedicated to more electronic waste recycling sites to prevent illegal dumping of electronics.

Restore and enhance funding for community composting programs - Each week, residents bring these groups their food scraps—collected in bespoke tins, old yogurt containers and ziplock bags—to be transformed into compost that can fertilize everything from street trees to community gardens. It's a useful service in a city where many lack space to compost on their own: New York's community-composting programs divert an estimated 4,150 tons of food scraps (often called "organics") from landfills each year, according to GrowNYC, one of the organizations.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development is tasked with promoting housing equality, sustaining viable neighborhoods, and creating and preserving affordable housing throughout the city. The Department of Housing and Preservation and Development is responsible for anti-abandonment initiatives, code enforcement for sanitary and safe maintenance of structures and dwellings, emergency housing maintenance and management of city acquired properties.

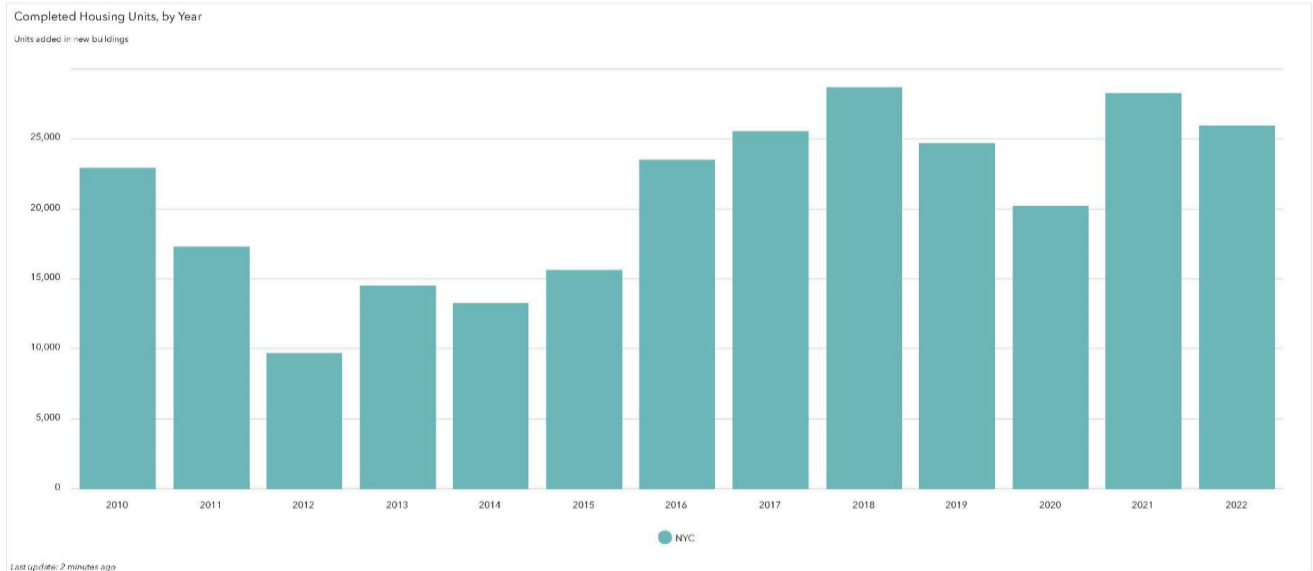
Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Administration	\$71,304	\$68,895	(\$2,409)
Administration Program	\$290,796	\$241,325	(\$49,471)
Development	\$30,368	\$241,325	\$210,957
Housing Operations – Section 8 Programs	\$660,056	\$671,768	\$11,712
Housing Operations – Emergency Housing	\$183,462	\$608,636	\$425,174
Housing Operations – Mgmt & Disposition	\$31,162	\$31,76	\$603
Preservation – Anti Abandonment	\$14,717	\$4,174	(\$10,543)
Preservation – Code Enforcement	\$40,297	\$41,217	\$920
Preservation – Emergency Repair	\$33,043	\$35,679	\$2,636
Preservation – Lead Paint	\$23,179	\$22,602	(\$577)
Preservation – Other Agency Services	\$34,784	\$30,285	(\$4,499)
TOTAL	\$1,413,169	\$1,786,577	\$373,408

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$1.8 billion budget for the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, a \$373.4 million increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

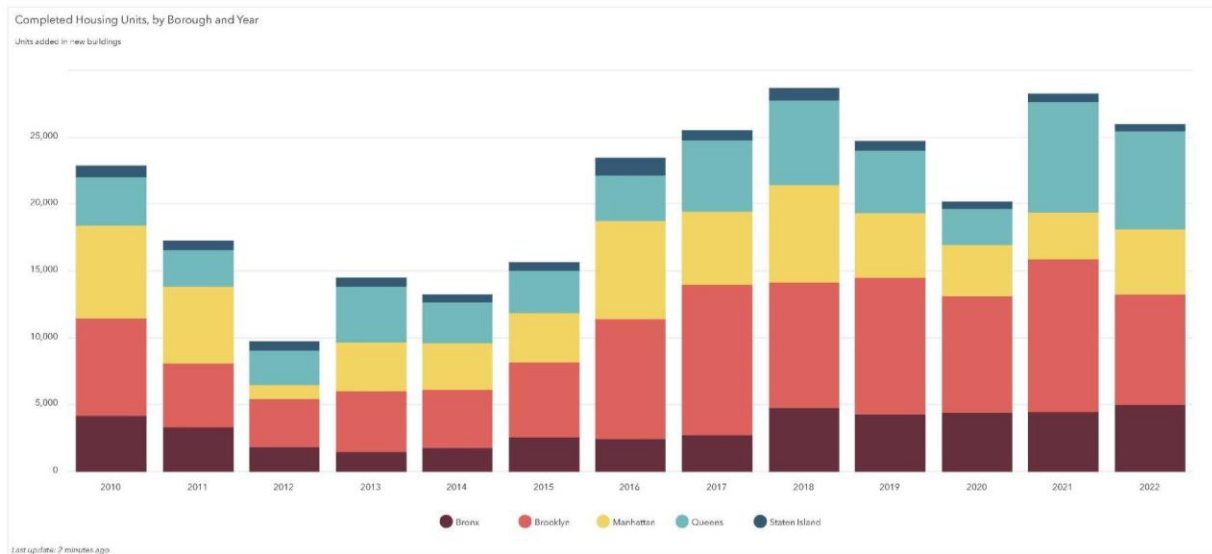
Borough Overview

Queens has a diverse and sound housing stock that attracts families with children, young adults and seniors. The borough’s housing stock is a mixture of mostly one and two-family homes and mid-rise apartment buildings with a concentration of a few higher-density apartment buildings. The higher-density apartment buildings are generally found in western and central Queens while lower density homes are found throughout the borough, with higher concentrations in the eastern and southern parts of the borough.

25,936 housing units were completed in new buildings in New York City in 2022¹⁰. This is a decrease from 2021, but it is in line with the annual completions from immediate years prior. This represents the seventh consecutive year of completed units above the 20,000 mark.



¹⁰<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1c9138dc24064b2e8142ff156345a719>



As shown in the above charts¹¹ Brooklyn has been the borough with the most completed units since 2012 compared to the rest of the boroughs, building a total of 8,253 units in 2022. For the second year in a row, Manhattan has built less new building units than Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. Staten Island remains with the lower amount of completed units with 463. This is the lowest level of new building completions in the borough over the past thirteen years.

Housing Units Completed in 2022 ¹²		
Borough	TOTAL	Percentage of Total Units
Queens	7,319	28%
Bronx	5,004	19%
Brooklyn	8,253	32%
Manhattan	4,897	19%
Staten Island	463	2%
Total	25,936	100%

¹¹<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1c9138dc24064b2e8142ff156345a719>

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Recommendations

Create and preserve more affordable housing in Queens and expand Community Land Trusts – The Queens Borough Board recommends the increased investment in affordable housing preservation and development in Queens to match the growth and need of the borough.

Continue housing support services to residents in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Ida, and tropical storms – The Queens Borough Board recommends the continuation of programs that target the areas impacted by natural disasters.

Increase funds for supportive housing- The Queens Borough Board supports more supportive housing for Queens' residents.

Enhance funding for foreclosure prevention programs – The Queens Borough Board supports the enhancement of funding for the agency and CBO operated programs to avoid foreclosures.

Allocate funding for eviction prevention programs - As residents continue to experience the impacts of the COVID-19 and while the economy recovers, eviction prevention programs are critical to ensure Queens residents stay in their homes.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation is tasked with providing a safe and efficient environment for people and goods to travel throughout New York City through the maintenance, enhancement and repairs of the City’s transportation infrastructure. Responsibilities of the Department of Transportation include providing policy guidance for transportation matters, assists in traffic and parking regulations, collects parking meter revenue, and maintains the street lighting system.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Bridge Engineering and Administration	\$33,544	\$32,931	(\$613)
Bridge Maintenance, Repair, & Operations	\$84,066	\$84,881	\$815
DOT Management & Administration	\$79,868	\$81,772	\$1,904
DOT Vehicles & Facilities Mgmt & Maintenance	\$104,428	\$104,203	(\$225)
Ferry Administration & Surface Transit	\$36,754	\$41,083	\$4,329
Municipal Ferry Operation & Maintenance	\$93,030	\$108,820	\$15,790
Roadway Construction Coordination & Admin	\$20,985	\$20,949	(\$36)
Roadway Repair, Maintenance & Inspection	\$312,971	\$317,985	\$5,014
Traffic Operations & Maintenance	\$520,214	\$537,328	\$17,114
Traffic Planning Safety & Administration	\$119,483	\$73,261	(\$46,222)
TOTAL	\$1,405,342	\$1,403,214	(\$2,128)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$1.4 billion budget for the Department of Transportation, a \$2.13 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Traffic Planning Safety & Administration is budgeted at \$73.3 million, a \$46.22 shortfall from the previous fiscal year.

Borough Overview

The Borough of Queens has the largest landmass of the five boroughs. With 115 bus routes that serve roughly 800,000 riders on an average weekday (pre-pandemic), the borough of Queens has more bus routes and bus riders than any other borough. Nearly 52 percent of Queens residents rely on public transit for their daily commutes and at least 11 percent commute primarily by bus.¹³ The borough is serviced by busy subway lines, with 81 subway stops that reach from Western Queens to Flushing/Jamaica, and down into the Rockaways.

There are numerous transportation issues in Queens, but they all stem from the inadequate transit infrastructure of both mass transit and the roadways. Queens' transportation infrastructure was designed piecemeal over time to meet burgeoning needs and its capacity has now been surpassed. The highest trafficked subway and bus stations are regularly overcrowded, and large parts of the borough, particularly eastern Queens, remain public transit deserts. The need for a more interconnected, multimodal transportation network was made more evident during the pandemic when individuals found it hard pressed to find access to transportation.

Additionally, Open Streets has encountered a synergy in Queens that has transformed streets like 34th Avenue in Jackson Heights and 31st Avenue in Astoria into a destination and its popularity has increased exponentially in New York City.

Recommendations

Increase the number of slow zones, install more pedestrian and countdown crosswalk signals with implementation— In order to mitigate this dangerous situation, the Queens Borough Board recommends the increase of capital funds in order to expand the number of slow zones, install additional pedestrian countdown crosswalk signals, and increase police presence in high traffic corridors and subways.

Expedite the implementation of daylight measures to heavy transit zones in Queens - The Queens Borough Boards urges the administration to combat traffic incidents that have resulted in tragedy by expediting the implementation of daylight measures to heavy transit zones in Queens.

Create more open streets- The Queens Borough Board recommends the Department of Transportation work with various other agencies and communities in the neighborhoods that want open streets. This includes communities that want open streets but do not necessarily have the ability to organize.

¹³ Queens Bus Network Redesign. Proposed Final Plan 12/12/23. <https://new.mta.info/document/128476>

Increase capital funds to resurface streets, sidewalks and curbs – The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing and including capital funds dedicated to resurfacing and repaving the borough’s key thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and curbs.

Increase funding for traffic studies- The Queens Borough Board supports increased funding to expedite traffic studies.

Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads- The Queens Borough Board supports repairs or building new seawalls or bulkheads to prepare for storms while protecting waterfront areas.

Invest capital funding to create and improve protected bike lanes - Bicycle ridership has increased throughout New York City. Protected bike lanes have been a great addition to the safety of active transportation users, however some of the infrastructure improvements have fallen short and require extra funding to improve them. Additionally, bike lanes should be connected throughout Queens to ensure the riders safety.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Queens Public Library

The Queens Borough Public Library is one of the largest and busiest public library systems in the United States, dedicated to serving the most ethnically and culturally diverse area in the country. With a presence in nearly every neighborhood across the borough of Queens, the Library consists of 66 locations, including branch libraries, a Central Library, seven adult learning centers, a technology center located in the nation’s largest public housing complex, five teen centers, two bookmobiles, and two book bicycles.¹⁴

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Queens Borough Public Library	\$135,316	\$120,100	(\$15,216)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$120.1 million budget for Queens Public Library, a shortfall of \$15.2 million from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

The Queens Borough Public Library’s services are beyond the traditional role of book lending. They now serve as community centers, providing a wide range of cultural and educational programming.

FY 2023 and FY 2024 Comparison 4-Month Actual Performance ¹⁵								
	Average Weekly Scheduled hours		Total Attendance		Libraries Open 7 days		Libraries Open 6 days	
	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24
Queens Public Library	43	45	1.8M	2.1M	3%	3%	75%	90%
Brooklyn Public Library	47	47	1.3M	1.8M	11%	11%	100%	100%
New York Public Library	48.2	48.4	2.4M	2.6M	8%	8%	100%	100%

¹⁴ Queens Public Library Overview. Fast Facts. <https://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/queens-public-library-overview/fast-facts>

¹⁵ New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations, *Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report. January 2024.*

Recommendations

Restore and enhance expense funding support to provide expanded seven-day service – The Queens Borough Board recommends that the City include additional funding so that more branches can start and return to seven day service.

Increase programmatic funding for ESL courses – Queens continue to be the new home to more migrants and asylum seekers than other boroughs. The Queens Borough Board supports the increase of programmatic funding for Queens Public Library to increase their ESL courses available to all of our communities.

Increase capital funding support for Queens Borough Public Library – The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing capital funding from the City to support the maintenance, infrastructure and creation of new branches to meet the needs of Queen’s growing communities.

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

The Department of Cultural Affairs provides support and advocacy to the city’s cultural community to ensure that the arts remain a central feature of civic and economic life in the city. The Department of Cultural Affairs oversees the operating funds for the city-owned Cultural Institutions Group, as well as supports program grants for approximately 1,037 cultural organizations and capital support for over 200 facilities across the city.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Services	\$5,867	\$6,162	\$295
Other Than Personal Services	\$235,726	\$138,667	(\$97,059)
TOTAL	\$241,593	\$144,829	(\$96,764)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$144.83 million for the Department of Cultural Affairs, a \$96.76 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. This budget includes \$60.45 million in programmatic funding for the 35 Cultural Institutions Group (CIG), of which Queens CIG organizations receive \$5.1 million, representing 8.45% of total CIG funds. The eight Queens CIGs are currently set to receive \$4.2 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Queens Cultural Institutions Group Budget Summary			
Institution	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Queens Botanical Garden	\$1,775,385	\$846,203	(\$929,182)
New York Hall of Science	\$2,169,280	\$1,236,152	(\$933,128)
Queens Museum of Art	\$1,231,203	\$718,524	(\$512,679)
Queens Theater in the Park	\$722,462	\$412,559	(\$309,903)
Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning	\$863,526	\$441,497	(\$422,029)
Museum of the Moving Image	\$1,176,248	\$693,779	(\$482,469)
PS1	\$721,249	\$425,410	(\$295,839)
Flushing Town Hall	\$671,938	\$332,034	(\$339,904)
TOTAL	\$9,331,291	\$5,107,158	(\$4,224,133)

Borough Overview

Queens possesses one of the richest concentrations of cultural institutions in the world. The arts and cultural community is thriving in the Borough of Queens, and much of this success is due to the ethnic diversity found within its borders. Queens is the most ethnically diverse borough in New York City, and the most diverse county in the nation. It is this diversity that has spurred the creation of artistic gems unique only to Queens, significantly contributing to New York City’s offerings as a cultural hub for the global community.

However, many of these Queens institutions still lack adequate funding to provide high quality programs to an ever-changing and ever-growing borough and to increase accessibility of their exhibits and programming. These organizations not only face tight program budgets, but also tight operating budgets due to high insurance rates and, in many cases, high commercial rents. Admissions and ticket sales cover only a small portion of operating expenses, while foundation, corporate, state, and federal grants cover a little more. All of our institutions and organizations rely on basic funding provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

The per capita support from the Department of Cultural Affairs for Queens is lower than every other borough. Queens’ members of the Cultural Institutions Group receive \$2.12 per capita, compared to \$9.75 for the Bronx and \$7.60 for Staten Island.

Cultural Institutions Group (CIG) Funding per Borough FY 2025 Preliminary Budget						
Borough	Population	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	# of Cultural CIGs	Avg. Funding per Institution	Per Capita Funding
Queens	2,405,464	\$9,331,291	\$5,107,158	8	\$638,394.75	\$2.12
Bronx	1,472,654	\$21,082,401	\$14,360,604	6	\$2,393,434.00	\$9.75
Brooklyn	2,736,074	\$19,076,894	\$13,759,170	5	\$2,751,834.00	\$5.03
Manhattan	1,694,251	\$32,434,670	\$23,453,350	11	\$2,132,122.73	\$13.84
Staten Island	495,747	\$6,856,085	\$3,769,888	5	\$753,977.60	\$7.60

Recommendations

Restore and enhance funding for Queens CIGs - The Queens Borough Board recommends the restoration and enhancement of funding for Queens CIGs to at least FY24 adopted budget levels.

Increase funding for cultural organizations in Queens – The Queens Borough Board recommends an increase of funds for each of the borough’s Cultural Institutions Group, an increase in the number of Queens organizations funded through the Cultural Development Fund, and increased funding for the Queens Council on the Arts.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), also referred to as NYC Parks, manages and cares for the City’s 2,000 parks, 1,000 playgrounds, 36 recreation centers, 12,000 acres of natural areas with 4.9 million trees, over 660,000 street trees, and 160 miles of shoreline, to improve the health of New Yorkers, strengthen communities and fortify the resiliency of New York City’s environment. NYC Parks also offers thousands of programs and events to enrich and empower New Yorkers and strengthen the social fabric of NYC’s neighborhoods, including free Shape Up NYC fitness classes, Kids in Motion children’s programming, Urban Park Rangers’ nature exploration events, music and sports festivals, diverse stewardship opportunities, and green job training programs.¹⁶

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Administration – Bronx	\$3,278	\$3,369	\$91
Administration – Brooklyn	\$1,974	\$2,005	\$31
Administration – General	\$36,782	\$36,609	(\$173)
Administration – Manhattan	\$1,930	\$1,966	\$36
Administration – Queens	\$1,928	\$1,985	\$57
Administration – Staten Island	\$790	\$820	\$30
Capital	\$56,355	\$55,497	(\$858)
Forestry & Horticulture – General	\$28,128	\$23,019	(\$5,109)
Maint & Operations – Bronx	\$31,730	\$31,813	\$83
Maint & Operations – Brooklyn	\$44,773	\$44,723	(\$50)
Maint & Operations – Central	\$166,284	\$123,807	(\$42,477)
Maint & Operations – Manhattan	\$59,147	\$57,127	(\$2,020)
Maint & Operations – POP Program	\$58,266	\$60,288	\$2,022

¹⁶ New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations, *Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report*. January 2024.

Maint & Operations – Queens	\$49,529	\$45,175	(\$4,354)
Maint & Operations – Staten Island	\$21,631	\$21,632	\$1
Maint & Operations – Zoos	\$7,608	\$7,820	\$212
PlaNYC 2030	\$2,219	\$2,219	\$0
Recreation – Bronx	\$2,875	\$3,308	\$433
Recreation – Brooklyn	\$3,986	\$4,607	\$621
Recreation – Central	\$14,254	\$9,183	(\$5,071)
Recreation – Manhattan	\$7,002	\$8,074	\$1,072
Recreation – Queens	\$4,030	\$4,643	\$613
Recreation – Staten Island	\$2,352	\$2,646	\$294
Urban Park Service	\$31,333	\$31,383	\$50
TOTAL	\$638,184	\$583,719	(\$54,465)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$584 million budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation, a \$54.4 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. The total budget for Queens Maintenance & Operations is \$45.1 million, a \$4.3 million decrease from the FY 2024 adopted budget while the total budget for Queens Recreation is \$4.64 million, a \$613 thousand increase from the FY 2024 adopted budget.

Borough Overview

Queens has the highest parkland acreage of any borough. The 7,743 acres of parkland are situated in 476 parks, playgrounds, triangles, and malls throughout the Borough’s 14 community boards. Constituents in Queens always relied on parks land but the public land became especially more utilized throughout and after the pandemic as New Yorkers practiced social distancing and continue to seek open space for a diverse number of activities. The current number of Maintenance and Operations personnel is insufficient for the large amount of park acreage in Queens.

Headcount by Borough FY 2025 Full-Time Budgeted Positions	
Borough	Total
Queens	398
Bronx	337
Brooklyn	398
Manhattan	425
Staten Island	215

Recommendations

Increase the number of personnel in Queens – The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing the number of Maintenance and Operations personnel in Queens in order to maintain a safe and clean environment in our parks, open spaces, sidewalk trees and bioswales.

Increase funds for street tree pruning – The Queens Borough Board recommends increasing funds to allow more trees in neighborhoods to be pruned.

Increase funding for more trees – The Queens Borough Board supports funding to plant additional trees throughout the county as well as stump removal.

Increase funding sidewalk repairs – To prepare for potential damages from natural disasters, the Queens Borough Board recommends streamlining processes and increasing funding for the sidewalk repair program.

Increase capital funding support for Queens parks – The Queens Borough Board recommends increased capital funding to support parks throughout Queens.

Increase capital funding for the creation, preservation and adaptation of open space and new parks – Given the growing population of the Borough of Queens, it is imperative we adapt, create, preserve open space and parks to provide enough space for the residents of the borough.

Provide capital funds to create bioswales and other solutions to address flooding problems throughout Queens – The flooding caused by rainwater represents a safety hazard for our communities. The borough is in need of immediate action to combat the danger caused by constant flooding.

Implement revenue opportunities to fund parks infrastructure and maintenance – The Queens Borough Board recommends the implementation of revenue opportunities to offset some of the budget cuts and to fund parks infrastructure and maintenance.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Small Business Services

The Department of Small Business Services is tasked with providing support to our small businesses, and linking employers with a qualified workforce while building and maintaining thriving neighborhoods.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Agency Administration and Operations	\$50,295	\$17,325	(\$32,970)
Business Development	\$32,143	\$19,927	(\$12,216)
Contract Services: Economic Development Corporation	\$73,548	\$36,699	(\$36,849)
Contract Services: NYC&Co/Tourism Support	\$21,350	\$17,464	(\$3,886)
Contract Services: TGI/BNY	\$19,538	\$15,995	(\$3,543)
Economic & Financial Opportunity: M/WBE	\$8,497	\$6,396	(\$2,101)
Neighborhood Development	\$20,270	\$8,565	(\$11,705)
Workforce Development	\$57,905	\$50,590	(\$7,315)
Workforce Development: One Stop Centers	\$0	\$962	\$962
Total	\$283,546	\$173,924	(\$109,622)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$174 million budget for the Department of Small Business Services, a \$110 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Contract Services: Economic Development Corporation is funded \$37 million less than in the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, and Business Development is funded \$12.2 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

As of September 2023, the unemployment rate in Queens was 4.5%. This is an increase from what it was one year before when Queens had a 4.1% unemployment rate¹⁷. Still, small businesses continue to be a primary driver of economic growth in Queens, and as a result of the pandemic, many small businesses have been closed and jobs displaced.

Recommendations

Expand resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 - Programs such as small business loans, legal assistance, financing assistance, incentives and training need to be expanded to help small businesses survive the current economic situation.

Restore funding for Agency Administration and Operations - To avoid delays to assist Small Businesses in Queens resulting in the displacement of job opportunities, the agency should be able to function to a higher capacity to address the day to day matters brought forth by small businesses.

Restore funding for Business, Workforce and Neighborhood Development – These programs are critical services for the growth of small businesses, and the Queens Borough Board recommends the restoration of these positions and funds.

Enhance funding for Storefront grant programs – The Queens Borough Board supports the enhancement of funding for storefront grant programs to ensure our small businesses are able to stay open and thrive.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

¹⁷ New York State Department of Labor, *Rate of Unemployment by County of Residence New York State, September 2023*. <https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/10/state-labor-department-releases-preliminary-september-2023-area-unemployment-rates.pdf>

Department of Buildings

The Department of Buildings is tasked with overseeing alterations and construction of buildings and enforces the Zoning Resolution, Building Codes, the State Multiple Dwelling Law, energy and labor laws and other related regulations. In addition, the Department of Buildings responds to building and occupancy complaints.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Services	\$115,246	\$148,811	\$33,565
Other Than Personal Services	\$59,202	\$29,870	(\$29,332)
TOTAL	\$174,448	\$178,682	\$4,234

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$179 million budget for the Department of Buildings, a \$4.2 million increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. While personal services is funded \$34 million more than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, other than personal services is funded \$29.3 million less.

Borough Overview

According to previous Open Data information available from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 the Department of Buildings registered 15,796 complaints in Queens, 9,989 of those continue active as of January 30, 2023. Unfortunately, these metrics have not been updated since February 2023.

Complaints Received by Borough in 2022 ¹⁸			
Borough	Complaints Registered	Active	Closed
Queens	18,138	9,989	8,149
Brooklyn	25,808	13,273	12,535
Manhattan	8,002	4,235	3,767
Bronx	6,805	3,352	3,453
Staten Island	4,531	2,484	2,047
TOTAL	63,284	33,333	29,951

Recommendations

Increase the number of Building Inspectors for Queens – The Queens Borough Board recommends that Queens receives an increase of inspectors in order to adequately serve the borough.

Funding to help small- to medium-sized houses of worship and non-profit organizations- Many small- to medium-sized houses of worship and non-profit organizations cannot financially accommodate the installation of an elevator when mandated by the NYC Department of Buildings. The City of New York should provide funds for such houses of worship and other not-for-profit organizations with small budgets so that they can make their spaces accessible to people with disabilities.

¹⁸ <https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Housing-Development/DOB-Complaints-Received/eabe-havv>

City University of New York

The City University of New York (CUNY) serves as a gateway to the rewards of higher education and successful careers. The CUNY campuses in Queens, LaGuardia Community College, Queensborough Community College, Queens College, York College, and the CUNY Law School, are a vital resource and a gateway to economic and academic advancement.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Services	\$926,666	\$899,522	(\$27,144)
Other Than Personal Services	\$531,740	\$370,300	(\$161,440)
TOTAL	\$1,458,406	\$1,269,820	(\$188,586)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$1.27 billion budget for CUNY, a \$189 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. This forecast includes funding for the community colleges, \$122.2 million for LaGuardia Community College and \$111 million for Queensborough Community College.

Borough Overview

The City University of New York is a vital resource of higher education for students in Queens. Currently, Queens is home to five campuses - CUNY School of Law, Queensborough Community College, Queens College, LaGuardia College and York College. The CUNY schools also provide resources to Queens and the city, including classes and lectures, arts and cultural events, resources for economic development, and other programs.

Recommendations

Increase capital budget for City University of New York, Queens Campuses - CUNY is an important institution in the professionalization of the workforce for New Yorkers with diverse socioeconomic background and it is imperative that the infrastructure of the campuses continue to upgrade to meet the demands and needs of the Queens population.

Restore and Enhance funding for City University of New York - The Queens Borough Board supports the restoration and enhancement of funding for City University of New York in order to appropriately serve the students of the colleges in Queens campuses.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Department of Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection main duty is the maintenance, storage and distribution of New York City’s Water Supply including the transportation and treatment of both sanitary and stormwater. The Department of Environmental Protection also enforces the city’s noise, air and water use regulations.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Agency Administration & Support	\$137,546	\$149,259	\$11,713
Customer Services & Water Board Support	\$73,850	\$68,193	(\$5,657)
Engineering Design and Construction	\$46,545	\$49,893	\$3,348
Environmental Management	\$24,019	\$24,273	\$254
Miscellaneous	\$29,986	(\$14,961)	(\$44,947)
Upstate Water Supply	\$485,007	\$463,298	(\$21,709)
Wastewater Treatment Operations	\$582,224	\$589,670	\$7,446
Water & Sewer Maintenance & Operations	\$282,999	\$277,393	(\$5,606)
Total	\$1,662,176	\$1,607,018	(\$55,158)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$1.6 billion budget for the Department of Environmental Protection, a decrease of \$55.2 million. The decrease is mostly attributed to a \$45 million cut to Miscellaneous funding and a \$22 million Upstate Water Supply funding decrease compared to the FY 2024 Adopted budget.

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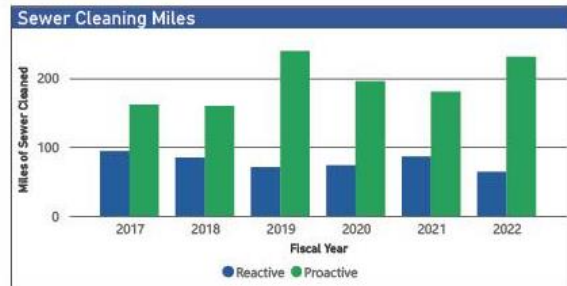
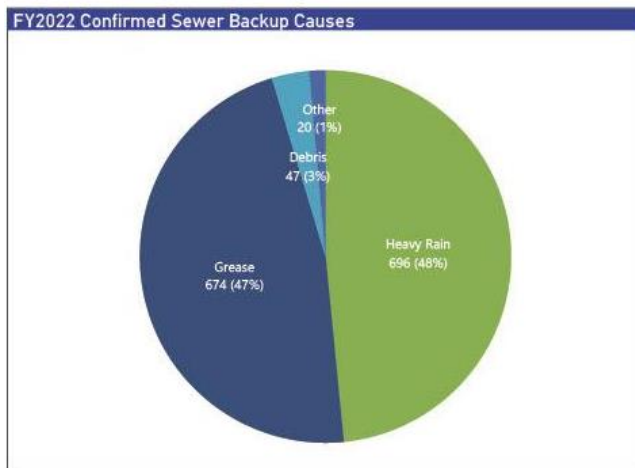
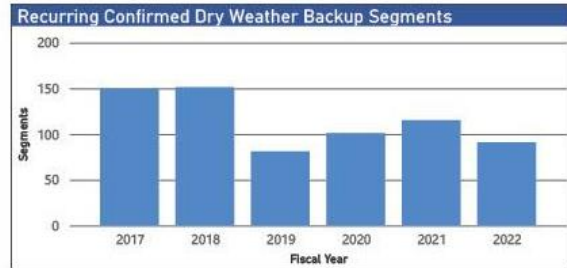
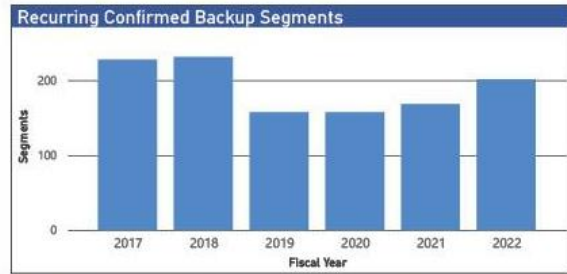


Chart extracted from State of the Sewers 2022. Performance Metrics.

Borough Overview

Queens had the highest number of sewer backup and catch basin complaints compared to any other borough which was last reported in FY22¹⁹. Additionally, the Borough of Queens continues to suffer the effects of flooding in rainy days, which has resulted in tragedies and causes severe damage to the City's infrastructure, displacement of residents and other nuisances.

Recommendations

Increase the number of workers to clean catch basins -- The Queens Borough Board recommends hiring additional workers to continue to proactively clean catch basins in order to prevent flooding.

Increase capital funds for sewer improvements – The Queens Borough Board recommends sewer improvements to meet the needs of the growing population and expanded infrastructure throughout the borough.

¹⁹ State of the Sewers 2022. Performance Metrics.

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/water/wastewater/state-of-the-sewers-2022.pdf>

Invest in solar programs and green infrastructure -- The Queens Borough Board supports expansion of solar programs for businesses and homeowners and investing in green infrastructure.

Address groundwater issues -- The Queens Borough Board recommends additional funding to address groundwater issues in highly needed areas particularly in South East Queens.

Invest in noise pollution mitigation efforts – Queens Community Boards continue to deal with noise pollution resulting from a diverse number of factors. The Queens Borough Board urges the administration to invest in programs that will help to reduce noise throughout the borough of Queens.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services (DSS) comprises the administrative units of the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the Department of Homeless Services (DHS). Through integrated management for HRA and DHS, client services can be provided more seamlessly and effectively. The City leverages shared services functions across agencies, which results in better day-to-day management and building an integrated mission across agencies. The Department of Social Services (DSS) is dedicated to fighting poverty and income inequality by providing New Yorkers in need with essential benefits such as Food Assistance and Emergency Rental Assistance.

As the largest local social services agency in the country, HRA helps more than three million New Yorkers annually through the administration of more than 12 major public assistance programs, with more than 14,000 employees.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)			
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Personal Service	\$897,020	\$893,420	(\$3,600)
Other Than Personal Service	\$10,583,912	\$9,921,232	(\$662,680)
TOTAL	\$11,480,932	\$10,814,653	(\$666,279)

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Adult Protective Services	\$60,957	\$61,166	\$209
CEO Evaluation	\$13,810	\$3,309	(\$10,501)
Domestic Violence Services	\$168,494	\$161,699	(\$6,795)
Employment Services Administration	\$31,816	\$32,102	\$286
Employment Services Contracts	\$125,146	\$127,156	\$2,010

Food Assistance Programs	\$57,799	\$21,360	(\$36,439)
Food Stamp Operations	\$73,726	\$69,231	(\$4,495)
General Administration	\$480,389	\$463,908	(\$16,481)
HIV and AIDS Services	\$275,375	\$275,038	(\$337)
Home Energy Assistance	\$39,676	\$39,725	\$49
Homeless Prevention	\$541,408	\$310,343	(\$231,065)
Information Technology Services	\$104,658	\$104,951	\$293
Investigations and Revenue Administration	\$80,689	\$81,201	\$512
Legal Services	\$255,185	\$215,868	(\$39,317)
Medicaid - Eligibility & Administration	\$106,009	\$108,237	\$2,228
Medicaid and Homecare	\$6,813,222	\$6,487,962	(\$325,260)
Office of Child Support Enforcement	\$65,624	\$66,161	\$537
Public Assistance and Employment Administration	\$352,169	\$336,428	(\$15,741)
Public Assistance Grants	\$1,650,222	\$1,650,222	\$0
Public Assistance Support Grants	\$33,893	\$31,483	(\$2,410)
Subsidized Employ & Job-Related Training	\$100,336	\$117,009	\$16,673
Substance Abuse Services	\$50,331	\$50,093	(\$238)
Total	\$11,480,932	\$10,814,653	(\$666,279)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$10.81 billion budget for the Department of Social Services, a \$666.3 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Recommendations

Fully restore and enhance funding for Department of Social Services - The Queens Borough Board recommends fully restoring funding for the agency and its programs and to better respond to the needs of the borough of Queens.

Department of Homeless Services

The Department of Homeless Services provides transitional housing and various other services to single adults and homeless families while providing administrative and policy support necessary for the care of homeless families and single adults.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)			
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	Difference
Adult Shelter Administration & Support	\$7,753	\$7,824	\$71
Adult Shelter Intake and Placement	\$12,577	\$13,319	\$742
Adult Shelter Operations	\$798,527	\$794,291	(\$4,236)
Family Shelter Administration & Support	\$13,890	\$14,003	\$113
Family Shelter Intake and Placement	\$37,210	\$37,431	\$221
Family Shelter Operations	\$1,072,251	\$1,047,057	(\$25,194)
General Administration	\$1,861,962	\$1,753,828	(\$108,134)
Outreach, Drop-in and Reception Services	\$303,560	\$295,912	(\$7,648)
Prevention and Aftercare	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rental Assistance and Housing Placement	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,107,731	\$3,963,666	(\$144,065)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$4 billion budget for the Department of Homeless Services, a decrease of \$144 million from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Family Shelter Operations is funded \$25.2 less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, and Adult Shelter Operations is funded \$71 thousand more than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Recommendations

Increase funding for Outreach, Drop-in, and Reception Services - The Queens Borough Board recommends restoring funding for Outreach, Drop-in and Reception Services to meet the need resulting from the increased influx of asylum seekers, while continuing to address the ongoing need of our existing homeless population.

Restore funding for Adult and Family Shelter Operations- The Queens Borough Board recommends restoring funding for Family Shelter Operations to Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted levels.

Invest resources for transgender and gender non-conforming people- One in five transgender individuals will experience homelessness throughout their lives²⁰. The Queens Borough Board supports increased funding and resources for beds for transgender and gender non- conforming people with access to single-stall toilets and showers or private bathrooms.

Fund the creation of a migrant processing center in Queens – Currently, the city’s migrant processing centers are located in Manhattan. Queens is the home to more newly arrived migrants and asylum seekers than other boroughs and they do not have access to the services they desperately need in their home borough. The Queens Borough Boards supports the allocation of funding for the creation of a migrant processing center in Queens.

Continue City Council Oversight and Initiatives – The Queens Borough Board supports the continuation of oversight and City Council Initiatives.

²⁰ <https://transequality.org/issues/housing-homelessness>

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Community Board 1			
Capital Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Installation of lighting requested at Main Avenue between Vernon Boulevard and 8th Street; Green Park on Main Avenue-North side of Astoria Boulevard from 8-31 to 8th Street-27th Avenue North side from 8th Street; Hallet's Point Playground; Astoria Houses.	Department of Transportation	We will submit lighting studies for these locations.
2	Expedited repair of the combined sewer on 32 Street off Ditmars Blvd. to Dead End of 32 Street	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
3	A full street reconstruction of 32 Street off Ditmars Blvd to dead end of 32 Street.	Department of Transportation	This request cannot be funded in FY 2024. Resubmit for consideration in FY 2025.
4	Repair the Seawall & Esplanade in the Vicinity of Astoria Houses and Railings Surrounding the Astoria Houses Esplanade.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This project has been completed in this fiscal year, or a previous fiscal year.
5	Renovate and upgrade existing precinct houses.	Police Department	The NYPD is working with the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to secure capital funds for facility improvements.
6	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads at Socrates Sculpture Park.	Department of Transportation	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.
7	Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park - The request is to build an Ice Skating Rink in Astoria Pool Complex for seasonal use.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This would have to be a concession.
8	Renovate Woodtree Playground located at 20th Avenue and 38th Street. The facilities are in need of repair and up-dating.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
9	Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads at Whitey Ford Field, located at 26th Avenue & 2nd Street, Astoria on the Hallet's Point Peninsula.	Department of Transportation	This should be referred to NYC DPR as it is a Park property issue.

10	Establish waterfront access along North Shore of CD 1 at Luyster Creek (19th Avenue & 37th Street) for community use.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The Department of Parks and Recreation does not maintain this facility.
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Community Board 1			
Expense Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Increase Monitoring of Air & Noise Quality in CD 1	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
2	Provide a platform mat that rolls out for an ADA access to the Great lawn in Astoria Park.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
3	Increase manpower for cleaning and maintenance of catch basins in CD1 district wide.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Study land use and zoning to better match current uses or neighborhood character on the section of Northern Blvd. which lies in CD1.	Department of City Planning	DCP will continue discussions with the Board and community stakeholders regarding the concerns addressed in this request.
5	Upgrade Fire Dept. Equipment - Permanent Generators in Each Fire House in CD 1 to aid FDNY and the community in the time of an emergency.	Fire Department	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted. Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more

			critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
6	Provide additional staffing for services for the elderly & disabled including homecare, Meals on Wheels, & medical transportation.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
7	Expand education and financial assistance programs to be expanded and promoted throughout CD1, such as, financial literacy and education on the process of rentals and home-ownership (First-time Home Buyers Program).	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
8	Increase Funds for Evening Inspectors in Collaboration with DCA and NYPD for marches.	Police Department	Additional NYPD resources for this project are unavailable at this time due to funding constraints. However, the program will continue to operate within current funding levels.
9	We request Funding for Expansion of CPR Program for Staffing & Training in CD 1	Fire Department	The FDNY Foundation provides funds to assist the Department in meeting these needs.
10	Provide Vocational Training in CD1.	Department of Small Business Services	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

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Community Board 2
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Transfer ownership of existing DOE building and provide funding for adaptive reuse of structure, creating new performance and recreation space, as well as space for artists, makers, and other creatives and an environmental education center that would serve as a community hub during severe climate events. Community organizations are united in this request.	Economic Development Corporation	Further study by the agency of this request is needed
2	Transfer ownership of existing DOT property and provide funding for resilient open public space. Community organizations are united in this request.	Economic Development Corporation	Further study by the agency of this request is needed
3	Reconstruct Hunters Point Sewers to provide adequate service for new waterfront developments, existing homes and manufacturing companies in LIC Residential area. Complete the LIC amended drainage plan. (ADP) and implement the first phase of sewer upgrades	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Reconstruct 61st Street from 39th Avenue to 37th Avenue including sewers and catch basins	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	As a consequence of climate change, conduct a study on CSO outlets (sewage outflow and widen outlets	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Conduct study of flooding conditions across CB 2 due to climate change, bounded as follows: western prolongation of Queens Plaza North, Queens Blvd, northern property line of Sunnyside yards, Woodside avenue, Northern blvd, BQE, New York connecting railroad, Calamus avenue, Maurice avenue, Maspeth avenue, 49th Street, Maspeth Creek, Newtown Creek, East River.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
7	Study feasibility of creating a bike/pedestrian Greenway and park amenities such as benches, water fountain, historical	Department of Transportation	This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and

	signage, way finding, etc. in blissville along review avenue between Borden and Laurel Hill(Kosciusko bridge0 and the Green point Ave Bridge		DEP. Results may merit the initiation of a Capital project. We will advise upon completion of investigation.
8	Reconstruct Wynwoode Streets from 65th Place to 60th Street, Laurel Hill to Tyler Avenue. Repair or construct new streets, sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads to prevent chronic and hazardous flooding.	Department of Transportation	This location needs to be investigated by both DOT and DEP. Results may merit the initiation of a Capital project. We will advise upon completion of investigation.
9	Provide fire safe charging for lithium-ion batteries used in micromobility devices in shelters throughout CB2.	Department of Homeless Services	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Create an LIRR station at Sunnyside yards.	Economic Development Corporation	Securing funding for this request is outside of EDC's jurisdiction; please contact the agency if you have any questions about the EDC budget process

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Community Board 2			
Expense Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	HPD Request: To work with CB 2 to identify affordable housing at various locations in the district. Request HPD provide a neighborhood specific housing need survey to insure local affordable Metrix within CB 2.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
2	Allocate funds for a study and creation of a comprehensive approach to address unhoused and shelters and the pathway from homelessness to shelter to supportive housing to housing.	Department of Homeless Services	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

3	Provide funding for immigrant services such as legal citizenship assistance and ESL. Support for community organizations such as Queens public Library, Sunnyside Community Services and Woodside on the Move to provide programs for immigrant services	Human Resources Administration	HRA has improved employment and workforce development services including basic education, training, work experience, job search, placement and retention services. HRA works to not only keep people on the job, off the HRA caseload and help them move out of poverty.
4	Create a comprehensive sewer capacity study throughout CB 2. With a huge growth in Western Queens, the increase in the extreme storms via climate change, and the age of the sewers, there is inordinate stress on sewer systems throughout the district.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Increase funding to Inspect Storm sewers to repair and replace as need on Skillman Avenue from 43rd Street to 50th Street. Also, between Skillman Avenue and 39th Avenue on 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Street, prioritizing Sunnyside Gardens and Wynoode Gardens.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Provide funds to Parks Department for an arborist evaluation of trees for safety followed by tree pruning, stump removal and repair of bulging sidewalks due to tree roots in Sunnyside, Wynwoode Gardens, and other areas in CB2. Recently, recurring storms are downing trees and branches, damaging homes and parked cars.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	CB2 ranks 56th out of 59 CB districts in tree canopy. Provide funding for new street trees within the CB 2 district	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

8	Queens Library - Increase funding for purchase of new books and other materials needed to meet the growing demand of library usage within the CB 2 Queens district	Queens Borough Public Library	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
9	Include regular water quality measurements including dissolved oxygen test, water temperature, salinity, PH Levels Turbidity, and Bathymetric survey for waterfront projects. Water quality tests allow water quality to be measured as well as the depth of a water body and map the underwater features.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Allocate funds to land use committee at CB2 to hire a 3rd party independent land use expert on certain rezoning. CB2 would like to work with the Dept of City Planning on a comprehensive rezoning study and to have consultant services assist with rezoning proposals	Department of City Planning	Please contact DCP's Borough Office to discuss this request.

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Community Board 3
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Construct a new Hospital in Corona/East Elmhurst. Elmhurst Hospital is the only medical facility in QCB3 area.	Health and Hospitals Corporation	This request is not recommended for funding.
2	Convert our existing combined sewer system to dedicated service. The incidence of flooding has increased over the past decade. Immediate attention must be given to this issue	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
3	Construct affordable housing for middle and low-income families.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
4	Construct Affordable Housing for Middle & Low-Income seniors.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
5	Redesign and Renovate 90th Street Playground. This heavily utilized playground is due for an upgrade from play equipment to the installation of exercise equipment	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials
6	Dredge Flushing Bay to reduce odor and improve water flow. Construct additional holding tanks in Flushing Bay in order to reduce the amount of waste being released into the bay. It is time for the recommendations that the Army Corp of Engineers suggested be implemented.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
7	Construct a new building and expand the capacity of the Jackson Heights Regional Library - keep allocation in place. Explanation: The Jackson Heights Branch is the most heavily utilized library facility in Northwest Queens	Queens Borough Public Library	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the final design contract has been let.
8	Improve access to the Malcom X Promenade. Make essential repairs to the perimeter fencing, and replace defective pavers, if not addressed, the condition could prove to be hazardous to park users.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board

			should contact their local elected officials
9	Improve street lighting on 73rd Street between 37th Avenue and Broadway. For safety reasons, proper lighting.	Department of Transportation	This type of request should be entered into ARTS rather than the community budget process.
10	Expand and increase the number of seats in our existing schools, particularly in District 24. We should be ready to accommodate the influx of migrant students.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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Community Board 3			
Expense Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Install Air Monitors in the Neighborhoods of Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst that are located near LaGuardia Airport.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
2	Improve access to government services and information by sharing 311 data with Community Boards	Department of Information Technology & Telecommunication	This request is not DoITT specific.
3	Increase funding for rodent abatement. Lets cleanup public areas. Hire more exterminators to reduce and curtail infestations	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources
4	Restore litter basket collections to three times per day in our commercial strips - 37th Ave; Junction Blvd; Roosevelt Ave; Northern Blvd; 103rd Street; and 74th Street; Astoria Blvd., 73rd and 72nd Streets in Jackson Heights. Hire additional personnel for 11am- 7pm shift in order to increase litter basket patrol truck service particularly during weekends.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
5	Hire additional custodial personnel for the 115 precinct. The additional staff will improve the precinct's day-to-day operations.	Police Department	NYPD total staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process. Allocation of

			uniformed personnel is scheduled by the NYPD only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy. Availability of civilian personnel is limited due to reductions to the civilian headcount.
6	Keep Queens Libraries Open 7 Days a week with one late night closing at 10:00pm. Extend the hours of our libraries. Later closing hours would be beneficial for our adult mature students and night events.	Queens Borough Public Library	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Due to the rise of food insecurity, additional pantries and resources are warranted. Since the pandemic, our community's greatest challenge is food insecurity	Human Resources Administration	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
8	Restore Day Care Slots and after school programs. Our Community's population has increased. Many of our young working families require day care services & after school programs. Working parents deserve programs that will serve the needs of their pre-school children ages three months to five years old.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
9	Provide funding for weekly power-washing of Roosevelt Ave, Junction Blvd. and Diversity Plaza.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
10	Restore and Increase funding for youth, adult and senior programming in Jackson Heights, North Corona and East Elmhurst. There is a severe shortage of programs in CD3 that cater to the recreational needs of our youth and seniors. Our	Department of Youth & Community Development	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available

	community deserves quality facilities and programming that will enrich our lives.		funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
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Community Board 4

Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Provide a new medical facility for South Elmhurst and surrounding vicinity residents.	Health and Hospitals Corporation	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
2	Build a new high school would help our constituency stay closer to home and will ease overcrowding within SD24.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
3	Build a new reference library in the vicinity of 108th Street and Corona Avenue will help service the south east portion of CB4Q which is currently lacking library services all the while servicing patrons from the Lefrak area who used the Lefrak library as their primary branch.	Queens Borough Public Library	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Comprehensive study should be conducted towards upgrades and handicap accessibility to the following very heavily utilized IND stations which despite the pandemic still see millions of riders per year. - Grand Avenue - Elmhurst Avenue and the following IRT stations: - 82nd Street - 90th/Elmhurst Avenue- 103st - Corona Plaza - 111th Street.	Transit Authority	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Install a water source and security measures (cameras, solar panels, lighting, etc) at Corona Peach Tree Community Garden	Department of Parks and Recreation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Severe ponding problem on the Queens Blvd South Service road on the east side of Woodhaven Blvd. We request that this be dealt with in advance of the capital project, and would ask that this area be added to the queue for catch basin cleaning/clearing immediately.	Department of Environmental Protection	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
7	Survey the following streets for climate strong community as they are severely damaged presenting a safety risk to the students, families, buses, infrastructure, and patrons of the Hall of Science and FMCP:-111th St between 43rd Ave (adjacent to	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

	P.S. 28)-Corner of 99th St. & 55th Ave-LIE service road from 90th St to Junction Blvd.-Case St and Benham St on Whitney Ave.-92-05 Whitney Ave 1st floor apartments. -57th Ave from 99th St to Junction Blvd.		
8	Designate a dedicated parking for the 110 Precinct vehicles.	Police Department	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
9	Answer Triangle, a park along the corridor of Roosevelt has been sinking for some time now, and is currently below ground level causing flooding. Additionally, the sidewalk surrounding the park is heavily damaged. Funding can be allocated to include better shrubbery, seating, and elevation / improvements to the existing land, as this park can be included as part of a "rest stop" along Roosevelt Avenue for those touring the local neighborhood.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Upgrade Nine Heroes Plaza.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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Community Board 4			
Expense Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Funding is being requested to expand our organizing capacity by hiring an additional staff member.	Mayor's Office of Management and Budget	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
2	Requesting funding for Community Boards to hire an independent Urban Planner to study land use and zoning to address the alarming effect that overdevelopment has on our infrastructure, quality of life and housing.	Department of City Planning	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
3	Implement a safety education program for children and teens in our district with age-appropriate instruction as to how we can move safely on our sidewalks and streets.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

4	Invest funding for supplement cleaning services, like the ACE program for some of the district's most trafficked areas.	Department of Sanitation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Increase funding for repairs to the damages caused by tree roots lifting sidewalks.	Department of Parks and Recreation.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Increase funding for tree pruning services in all the district.	Department of Parks and Recreation.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
7	Increase funding for graffiti removal programs.	Economic Development Corporation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
8	Increase funding for additional parks maintenance personnel, Parks Enforcement Police (PEP), and foresters to meet current and future needs is critical.	Department of Parks and Recreation.	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
9	Increase funding for enforcement agents and cameras at Commercial corridors such as Queens Boulevard, Roosevelt Avenue, Junction Boulevard, Broadway, 57th Avenue and Van Loon St., and National Street near Corona Plaza and 57th Ave.	Department of Sanitation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Increase funding to expand programs WIC at farmers' markets.	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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Community Board 5
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Redesign and reconstruct the sewer system in portions of the CB5Q area having the worst flooding conditions - especially in the area of Cooper Avenue at 76 Street, and along 77 Avenue, from 76 Street to 88 Street (SE 877). Larger sewers are needed to prevent future household flooding from heavy rain storms. During the storm of 9/1/2021, homes along 77 Avenue.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
2	Provide storm water runoff mitigation such as bioswales, and permeable pavement installations.	Department of Environmental Protection	
3	Correct Cooper Avenue underpass flooding, Reconstruct the LIRR and 71 st Avenue bridge abutments above the Cooper Avenue underpass and paint the LIRR bridge.	Department of Transportation	Based on our on-site inspection of the roadway condition, this location does not warrant reconstruction. Please withdraw this request from budget submissions.
4	Make capital improvements to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety on grand avenue at 69 street, at the grand avenue/lie eastbound service road, and at the 69 street/lie service road intersections in Maspeth	Department of Transportation	
5	Reconstruct deteriorated catch basins in the CB5Q area and provide new catch basins.	Department of Environmental Protection	
6	Reconstruct Palmetto street from Saint Nicholas avenue to Seneca avenue, and from Onderdonk avenue to Forest avenue in Ridgewood.	Department of Transportation	Based on our on-site inspection of the roadway condition, this location does not warrant reconstruction. Please withdraw this request from budget submissions.

7	Reconstruct sidewalks, curbs and pedestrian ramps along Myrtle avenue, from Fresh Pond road to Wyckoff avenue, in Ridgewood.	Department of Transportation	Sidewalks are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.
8	Reconstruct Wyckoff avenue, from Flushing avenue to Cooper avenue in Ridgewood.	Department of Transportation	Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City-wide priorities preclude this project at this time
9	Replace the existing bridge on Grand avenue over Newtown in Maspeth.	Department of Transportation	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway.
10	Rehabilitate the Ridgewood reservoir - phase 2 and the surrounding area, including portions of Highland park, and provide safer access for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.

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Community Board 5

Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Assign additional personnel for the 104th police Precinct patrol force.	Police Department	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
2	Provide field workers for the bureau of water and sewer operations.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

3	Hire inspectors and plan examiners, in sufficient numbers, to cope with illegal uses of property and questionable construction.	Department of Buildings	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
4	Provide more sanitation department cleaning personnel, to clean illegal dumping and for litter basket collections.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain
5	Provide funding for educational and recreational programs for children and teens.	Department of Youth & Community Development	Presently, there are a variety of agency-funded programs in the district for this target population. Additional programs are contingent upon available funding and will be distributed through an RFP process. Organizations are encouraged to apply.
6	Provide funding for fire department services.	Fire Department	In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/ equipment funds are increased in FY 2024. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after adoption.
7	Provide needed services for Senior Citizens.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
8	Continue 5 times per week garbage collection and begin 5 day a week recycling collection at schools.	Department of Sanitation	NYC public schools receive a high-level of additional DSNY service. It is the school's responsibility to properly store and manage their waste

			between the frequent collection service.
9	Allocate funding for the operation and enhancement of the division of forestry in queens.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
10	Provide sufficient personnel for traffic safety inspections, sign installations, pavement markings and sign manufacturing.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

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Community Board 6
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Fund affordable housing for the elderly by prioritizing and increasing affordable housing inventory for the elderly.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
2	Increase funding for the upgrade of all CB 6 sewers to accommodate the increasing population and storm severity as a result of climate change that leads to perpetual flooding within the district.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
3	Funding and installation of elevators at all subway and LIRR stations within the district. Highlighting 63rd Drive Subway Station and FH LIRR Station as critical need due to proximity to shopping and connections to other transportation.	Transit Authority	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Funding for the reconstruction of all CB 6 medians; repair cracked sidewalks and provide adequate pedestrian ramps (e.g. crosswalks program); resurfacing roads and repair potholes; install pedestrian timing devices and overall construct/design streets within the District in a manner consistent with Complete Streets principles to increase safety.	Department of Transportation	Pedestrian ramps will be constructed at all locations citywide by NYCDOT over the next several years. DOT received additional funding for this purpose.
5	Provide funding to encourage the development of more affordable housing with AMI bands aligned with CB6-based AMI.	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
6	Renovate the interior and exterior building components to supply full ADA Accessibility Compliance in all public schools in CB 6.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
7	Provide funding for a supportive housing facility(ies) in CB 6.	Human Resources Administration	Homelessness prevention is one of the Agency's priorities. Funds

			have been allocated in the budget for these services.
8	Fund the creation of additional Seats in all CD6 Schools.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
9	Fund the renovation / upgrade of existing libraries addressing ADA accessibility concerns. This includes making necessary repairs to make all CB6 Library entrances ADA Accessible - Rego Park Library (South), Forest Hills Library and North Forest Park Library.	Queens Borough Public Library	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the scope is now underway
10	Fund school safety improvements by increasing funding to complete the installment and upgrade of security cameras at District schools.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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Community Board 6

Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Fund services portion of the Supportive Housing Priority	Human Resources Administration	The Agency serves more than 3 million low-income New Yorkers through a broad range of programs to address poverty and income inequality and prevent homelessness.
2	Increase funding for the Meals On Wheels program.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
3	Continue funding beacon programs at JHS 190 as well as general after school programs in CB 6.	Department of Youth & Community Development	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
4	Additional funding to ensure seniors can age in place. As current population ages, there is a need to ensure the elderly do not need nursing home placement.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

5	Full expansion of a "no cost" 3K for All program in CB 6.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Funding to assist local food pantries.	Human Resources Administration	During the COVID pandemic funds were added to the budget to purchase additional food.
7	Recruit and retain local school crossing guards to ensure the safety of students.	Police Department	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
8	Fund safety / design studies throughout CB6 including but not limited to: Union Turnpike - Traffic safety study & development of a street redesign to address safety issues in this area, particularly as they pertain to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety Jewel Ave/69 Rd/GCP Service Road - Traffic safety study & development of a street redesign to address safety issues in this area, particularly as they pertain to pedestrian and bicycle rider safety. Alderton Street - Traffic safety study & development of street redesign to address safety issues throughout the corridor.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
9	Funding for affordable housing development to include but not be limited to funding for MIH projects, community land trusts, and Accessory Dwelling Units [ADU's].	Department of Housing Preservation & Development	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
10	Increase and maintain funding for existing senior centers in CB 6- Provide increased funding for the Expanded In Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP).- Restore funding to assist older and disabled community members in shopping (i.e. utilizing IPADs to shop)- Increase funding for mental health professionals at Senior Centers.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.

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Community Board 7
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Build a new Precinct is needed in CB 7 based on crime stats the 109th Precinct is the #1 highest crime Precinct in the 5-Boroughs.	Police Department	Due to ongoing budget cuts, the NYPD has had significant limitations in its ability to execute capital projects. While this request has been reviewed, current funding for this project is unavailable at this time.
2	:Reconstruction of 20th Avenue from the Whitestone Expressway Service Rd. to College Point Boulevard, and 127th Street from 14th to 23rd Avenues to resolve flooding issues.	Department of Transportation	Requests for repair/reconstruction of roadway subsidence will be field inspected by NYCDOT. If it is a DEP issue, the location will be forwarded to DEP.
3	Construction and reconstruction of sanitary, storm and combined sewers in the Mitchell Linden area. Specific streets have been identified in the explanation for this request. This project is included in SEQ 200541 which is currently in the Project Development Phase. (Same as Last Year) 138th St. btwn 31st Rd & 32nd Ave storm sewer replacement work project is in Development. 139th ST from 28th Rd to 31st Rd & 31st Rd from 138th St & 139th St. 137th St from 31st Rd to Leavitt St - Project QED1056 is in Development FY'23 CB 7 will continue funding support for this request.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	A-Meditation Garden Lighting needed for both around j& within the Garden B-Reconstruction of Kissena Corridor Park ball fields at Colden St & Elder Ave. Little League baseball field. D-Install sidewalk on 56tyh Ave side of Park. D-Construction of Comfort Station in close proximity to the Velodrome. A-B-C continue	Department of Parks and Recreation	Request includes multiple projects. Some of which are partially or fully funded.

	Funding D- Funded in the initial site investigation. Bundled with 3-other restrooms projects in the City as a pilot.		
5	Reconstruction of Union Street from Northern Boulevard to 25th Rd. which continues on to Willets Point Blvd from 25th Rd. to Parsons Blvd.. DOT (Same Answer AS LY) DOT will try to accommodate these issues with existing resources such as in-house milling & resurfacing.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
6	Reconstruction of Willets Point Phase II - Need to Reconstruct Streets DOT will coordinate reconstruction efforts with & EDC.	Department of Transportation	This project is in design by EDC.
7	Reconstruction for MacNeil Park is needed to include: (1) paths, (including cobblestone paths (2) playground, (3) installation of sidewalk abutting the Poppenhusen Avenue side of the park. Complete the reconstruction of seawall waterfront. Plus the construction of waterfront. Parks-Installation of the sidewalk is currently under construction.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Request includes multiple projects. Some of which are partially or fully funded.
8	Reconstruction of Ulmer Street from the Whitestone Expressway S/R to 25th Avenue. This street which is a main access road into College Point is collapsing causing drivers to lose control.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
9	Reconstruction of 28th Avenue from Linden Place to College Point Boulevard. This street is an access road into College Point as well as the Corporate park.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
10	Reconstruction of comfort station and the park house for Flushing Memorial Field including upgrade of basketball & handball courts.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Request includes multiple projects. Some of which are partially or fully funded.

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Community Board 7
Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Increase the number of qualified inspectors to expand the administrative staff to deal with the volume of violations.	Department of Buildings	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.

2	Increase in regular, & seasonal personnel in order to maintain park locations, proper tree maintenance which include pruning & removal, as well as outsourcing contracts for Tennis Courts Upgrades (Astro-turf & clay) Operated Parks, PEP Workers, Green street location & playgrounds.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
3	Investigate noise complaints at specific locations.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Fund a curb replacement program. Additional funding is needed to continue and accelerate a curb replacement contract in conjunction with the Highways IFA resurfacing program to include three crews which would include cement masons and A.C.H.R's crew personnel.	Department of Transportation	Curb replacement/(re)construction requests should be directed to the Borough Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request, a site inspection will be conducted to determine eligibility for inclusion in a future contract.
5	Increase maintenance staff is needed to handle the increased number of street collapses and to perform odor control monitoring at water plants & staff to handle repairs for the general cleaning and repairing of catch basins.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Additional personnel to handle basket pick-ups on Saturday, Sunday & Holidays on commercial strips. Maintain 5-day school collection & twice weekly recycling collection & sweepers.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Provide funding for transportation for senior citizens.	Department of the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
8	Allocate additional personnel for the 109th Precinct also to replace SIU in Flushing Meadow Corona Park, and to address	Police Department	NYPD total staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive

	quality of life complaints, noise, illegal truck traffic/parking due to fiscal constraints, the availability of funds is uncertain.		budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the NYPD only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy. Availability of civilian personnel is limited due to reductions to the civilian headcount.
9	Increase supplies and equipment for Parks. Items and programs for arts and crafts. As well as tools and equipment in order to maintain our parks, ie mowers, Bobcats vehicles, weed whackers, hand held blowers zero turn mowers.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
10	Funds needed for boots for commercial trucks that park overnight in residential areas as well a heavy duty tow truck for 18 wheelers. in addition Plate Readers, computers for both Precinct & vehicles; a gator snow plow for precinct to handle snow removal and cell phones.	Police Department	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

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Community Board 8
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Capital funding for Air conditioning needed for the Briarwood Family Shelter.	Department of Homeless Services	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
2	Reconstruction/trench restoration is needed to address street depression and sinkholes. 75th Avenue (186th St. to 188th St.) 181st Street (67th Ave. & 69th Ave.) Goethals Ave (168th Street to 170th Street) Asphalt pedestrian pathway of 73rd Terrace (136th to 137th Streets).	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
3	Installation of new sidewalk and curbs: A) 170th Street (Goethals Ave and Union Turnpike) B) 171st Street (65th Avenue and 67th Avenue) C) Utopia Parkway (73rd Avenue to Horace Harding Expressway including center medians) D) Queens Blvd medians (84th Drive to 87th Avenue) E) Goethals Avenue (northside) from 168th Street to 170th Street.	Department of Transportation	Curb replacement/(re)construction requests should be directed to the Borough Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request, a site inspection will be conducted to determine eligibility for inclusion in a future contract.
4	Install and/or repair bus pads. CB8 requested replacement of the cracked and broken bus pads since 2005. A) 188th Street & Union Turnpike B) 188th Street from Union Turnpike to 73rd Avenue C) Hillside Avenue (westbound lane) from Francis Lewis Boulevard to 205th Street.	Department of Transportation	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
5	Provide the funds to complete all work orders from the fire houses within Community District 8 and add cameras. Install security cameras/system at every fire house in Community District 8 to prevent vandalism and theft. Engine 298 - Ladder 127 - 153-11 Hillside Avenue Engine 299 - Ladder 152 - 61-20	Fire Department	Repairs and upgrades to facilities must be scheduled carefully so overall (and local/neighborhood) emergency response operations are not negatively impacted.

	Utopia Parkway Engine 315 - Ladder 125 - 159-06 Union Turnpike.		Additionally, these requests must be prioritized so more critical issues (e.g., health and safety or operational response issues) are addressed first. We repair all facilities as resources and priorities allow.
6	Funding for the State of Good Repair Program - This program will help renovate park sites with persistent paved surfaces, sidewalks, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	Department of Park and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Argus cameras are needed to assist in solving crime. There has been about 50% increase in crime within our district according to the Compstat report.	Police Department	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.

8	Rehabilitate Flushing Meadow Corona Park and rebuild bridge over Flushing Creek at the south end of Willow Lake.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
9	Upgrade the sound system for the auditorium of P.S. 26. Upgrade the electrical wiring for P.S.26Q for the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria. Electrical upgrades should be done automatically by the agency and not wait for the Community Board to request capital funding.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Goethals Ave is partially built. As one travels eastbound along Goethals Avenue, the road narrows.	Department of Transportation	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.

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Expense Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Funds are needed to increase police presence and visibility to deter crime.	Police Department	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
2	Increase personnel for the maintenance of catch basins, sewers and water mains in CB8.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

3	Fund /purchase of potable water trucks to water Million Trees NYC newly planted trees and Green Street gardens planted throughout CB8. Fund a Green Streets beautification program for (69th Avenue, 67th Avenue and 64th Avenue) center island malls in Fresh Meadows.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
4	Hire a dedicated inspector for Queens Community Boards' half day inspections and Intergovernmental Affair; hire additional inspectors to address OSHA issues and Buildings Marshall for Airbnb.	Department of Buildings	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
5	Increase funding for summer youth employment programs. Every year the percentage of funds allocated to meet the needs for the program has been diminished. The number of youth (in the age group of 14 to 24 years old) that qualify for summer youth employment has increased.	Department of Youth & Community Development	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
6	Assign additional personnel to Parks and Forestry for street tree maintenance. Much funding has gone to planting new trees.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Dedicated basket trucks are needed to empty street bins more frequently. This would improve the cleanliness of our streets. Hillside Avenue (Francis Lewis Boulevard to Queens Boulevard) Queens Boulevard (Hillside Avenue to Main Street) and Main Street.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
8	Increase yearly asphalt allocation of highway resurfacing for CB8.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

9	Increase funding for this program will provide staffing to maintain park landscapes, gardens, lawns and other horticultural amenities.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
10	Increase funding for DPR's enforcement personnel. Community Board 8 has many parks, playgrounds and sitting areas.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

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Community Board 9
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Community is requesting security cameras for Phil Rizzuto Park to increase safety.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Parks supports improved lighting. Parks does not maintain or operate surveillance cameras - this would be under NYPD jurisdiction.
2	Community is requesting security cameras for London Plane tree Playground to increase safety.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Parks supports improved lighting. Parks does not maintain or operate surveillance cameras - this would be under NYPD jurisdiction.
3	Community is requesting the construction of new running/walking track at Phil (Scooter) Rizzuto Park.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Parks supports improved lighting. Parks does not maintain or operate surveillance cameras - this would be under NYPD jurisdiction.
4	New synthetic turf and running track for Victory Field.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
5	Community is requesting the reconstruction of ballfield/athletic field at Phil (Scooter) Rizzuto Park.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This project is fully funded and will begin design this fiscal year.
6	Renovation of school gymnasium at P.S. 62	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
7	Build a Culinary classroom to support a culinary arts program at Richmond Hill High School	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

8	Install new benches outside the Overlook (along Park Lane South)	Department of Parks and Recreation	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
9	Repair the parking lot adjacent to the 102nd Precinct building needs to be resurfaced.	Police Department	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
10	Request the installation of Argus surveillance cameras at problematic or high crime locations.	Police Department	Argus cameras are funded via allocations from elected officials for use within their districts. Specific location recommendations should be provided to the local precinct commander for submission to the Information Technology Bureau once funding is allocated. The NYPD will attempt to accommodate specific location requests whenever funding is provided, but reserves the right to place cameras as appropriate due to current crime trends and operational needs.

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Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Funding for PPE supplies for all administrators, doctors, nurses and patients at HHC Hospitals.	Health and Hospitals Corporation	Work on this project/program has either been completed or will be finished in FY 2024.

2	Funding to expand 3k program and enrollment opportunities.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
3	Increase information sharing with members of the community, city agencies and Community Boards to encourage testing and the adoption of the "core four" actions to prevent COVID-19.	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
4	Maintaining and increasing litter basket service.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
5	Maintaining and increasing MLP services to address illegal drop off and dump out conditions.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
6	Maintaining and cleaning center median cleaning.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Maintaining and increasing funding levels for vacant lot cleaning.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports restoration of this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
8	Maintaining curbside recycling program.	Department of Sanitation	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.

9	Resuming the curbside organics collection program.	Department of Sanitation	This program is currently funded and the Department of Sanitation recommends its continued support.
10	Restore the Curbside E-Waste collection program.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

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Community Board 10
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Funding to build new elementary school.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
2	Grade, pave etc. 104th Street from Russell Street to 165 Avenue. Roadway in deteriorating condition and may have been undermined as a result of Hurricane Sandy.	Department of Transportation	Resurfacing and milling requests should be directed to the respective NYCDOT Borough Directors of Maintenance. Each year, the boroughs plan the next season's resurfacing.
3	Harden coastal protection including bulkheads where parkland abuts city streets and all other roadway stub ends.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
4	Continue support for roadway maintenance for entire CB 10 area.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
5	Continue support for sidewalk repair for entire CB10 area.	Department of Transportation	Sidewalks are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.
6	Reconstruct Queens portion of Jewel Street Area, including sewers together with substantial roadway and water main replacement. Needed to eliminate severe flooding conditions	Department of Transportation	This area is currently under study by DEP and DOT to resolve both drainage and roadway issues. The community board will be informed of the study's outcome.
7	A full reconstruction of Lincoln Street and 132nd Street between 116th Avenue and Foch Blvd. is needed to bring the two streets up to current NYC DOT standards, including building out the grassy space as a proper sidewalk. The roadbed between Foch Blvd. and 116th Ave. is flat without proper grading for water	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.

	drainage. Drainage needs to be studied and improved. A concrete base, if missing is needed to provide proper structures to the street. The curb reveals are substandard and the catch basins need to be reviewed. A catch basin in the grassy area needs to be relocated as well. The local community board is requesting a sidewalk extension into the overgrown grassy space at the intersection of 132nd Street and Lincoln Street.		
8	Request funds to be made available to build new senior centers. Senior population continues to grow and additional services are needed.	Department of the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
9	Reconstruction of P.O. Edward Byrne Park. Ballfield and playground deteriorating and in dire need of repair.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
10	Reconstruction of Rocket Playground	Department of Parks and Recreation	This project is fully funded and will begin design this fiscal year.

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Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Assign additional personnel to the 106th Police Precinct for all patrol services.	Police Department	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
2	Additional support for Parks personnel to better address forestry services.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this

			time the availability of funds is uncertain.
3	Support for DPR contracts related to maintenance of street trees.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
4	Provide ongoing inspection and maintenance of sewers and catch basins.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Assign Park Staff to Reconstructed Parks & Jointly Operated Parks/Playgrounds.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
6	Additional personnel to cut overgrown weeds along primary and secondary roadways.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Support for maintenance personnel for Park maintained Green streets and malls.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
8	Support for pothole repair crew/arterial maintenance.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
9	Request more funding for EMS & Firefighting classes.	Fire Department	In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/equipment funds are

			maintained in FY 2024. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after budget adoption.
10	Request for gators for the FDNY to help them ride through rough terrain during an emergency situation when needed.	Fire Department	In the Preliminary Budget, Citywide personnel/program/ equipment funds are maintained in FY 2024. Allocations are scheduled by the agency only after budget adoption.

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Community Board 11
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Fund a proper Greenway project in the Vision Zero corridor between Douglaston Parkway and 223rd St. This Greenway will also serve to connect to the new Alley Pond Environmental Center along this path, as well as access points at 233rd and 234th St. to Alley Pond Park. The redesign should also include a study and improvements to the entire Northern Boulevard - Cross Island Parkway interchange to improve safety.	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
2	Acquire the remaining lots in Udall's Cove which is necessary to preserve wetlands from development.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
3	Vertical extension or relocation of Bayside Branch Library. Bayside Library is inadequate to continue providing quality services.	Queens Borough Public Library	QBPL recommends funding this capital budget item in FY 2024 but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
4	Noise and fumes from the Long Island Expressway causes a detriment to the quality of life for residents living nearest the highway. The construction of sound pads along the service road has been partially done and should be completed in Community Board 11 to Fresh Meadow Lane.	Department of Transportation	NY State DOT has jurisdiction for the matter covered in this request. We have referred this request to them and have asked that they take appropriate action regarding this matter.
5	Streets in Douglas Manor, Doug Bay, and Douglaston Hill require a capital project to reconstruct the streets because they have no concrete base and cannot be milled and paved. Especially 244th Street between 43rd Avenue and 44th Avenue.	Department of Transportation	Based on our on-site inspection of the roadway condition, this location does not warrant reconstruction. Please withdraw this request from budget submissions.

6	Funding to renovate and improve PS 130's playground is in poor condition.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
7	Funding for curb replacement/(re)construction throughout CB11.	Department of Transportation	Curb replacement/(re)construction requests should be directed to the Borough Commissioner. Upon receipt of a request, a site inspection will be conducted to determine eligibility for inclusion in a future contract.
8	The Underhill Park basketball court on Peck Avenue and 189 Street needs renovation. Baseball fields #4 & 5 located from 189 Street to 192 Street require regrading of the surface.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
9	Repair and improve drainage and require additional storm drain infrastructure: 194 St. and 46 Ave., West Dr. between Park Lane to Bayview Ave., Richmond Rd. at Shore Rd., 223 St. between 37 Ave. and 41 Ave., Marathon Pkwy. between Commonwealth Blvd. and 64 Ave., 34 Rd. between 211 St. and 213 St., 57 Ave. between Marathon Pkwy. and 254 St., 246 Crescent and 57 Dr., 200 St. between 35 Ave. and Francis Lewis Blvd., 215 Place and 216 St. south of 40 Ave., 40 Ave. and Morgan St., 201 St., and 38 Ave. at 201 Street, 204 Street, and 217 Street, and including the entirety of Hillside Ave. in Douglaston.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Improve and repair various green streets and malls on 46th Avenue between 193rd Street and 195th Street. Also on 188th Street between 47th Avenue and 48th Avenue.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.

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Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Increase the number of support staff for plans examiners, inspectors, and community affairs to improve service delivery.	Department of Buildings	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
2	Increase funding for tree pruning in Parks such as Alley Pond, Crocheron, John Golden, Udalls Cove, Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, and Old Oak Pond.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
3	Traffic studies are very backlogged and the CB11 requests increased funding for the hiring of additional traffic engineers to conduct studies	Department of Sanitation	Contact the Community Board Unit at OMB for information regarding this request.
4	Fund additional crews to clean and maintain catch basins to alleviate backlog of service repair requests.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Fund a senior center in western part of the district, in Auburndale. Bayside Senior Center is in the center of the district and the Queens Commonpoint serves the eastern end of the district.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
6	Funding for additional school safety officers. There are three overcrowded high schools in CB 11: Cardozo, Francis Lewis, and Bayside.	Police Department	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.
7	Funding to hire more crossing guards at MS 74, MS 67 and PS 159.	Police Department	Based on the latest budget, the NYPD has a specific budgeted headcount. The agency is working on filling vacancies in order to get to that headcount.

8	Funding to provide free after-school programs for all schools.	Department of Youth & Community Development	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
9	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students.	Department of Youth & Community Development	DYCD has increased funding in this service area.
10	They are hazardous obstructions on public property and a standalone citywide stump removal contract.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

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Capital Priorities and Requests			
Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Funding for a trauma center or hospital.	Health and Hospitals Corporation	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
2	Additional projects that are designed to address flooding.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner with the specific location(s) of concern.
3	Capital DEP sewer project on Vaswari Avenue connecting all homeowners to city sewer.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Boys and Girls Youth Center -A facility where boys and girls can attend with skilled instructors to teach them different skills, trades.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

5	Reconstruction of street - capital project on 14 Street between 134th and 137th Avenue, missing sidewalks and curbs, flooding.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request
6	Lights installed underneath the underpass of Sutphin Boulevard between 94th Avenue and Archer Avenue, it is extremely dark at night.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
7	Funds to install lights underneath the Long Island Railroad tresses on Guy R. Brewer Boulevard between Liberty and Archer Avenue, a number of bus stops underneath the tresses and it is extremely dark at night.	Department of Transportation	We will submit lighting studies for these locations.
8	Install lighting at the corner of 153rd Street and Archer Avenue the subway entrance.	Department of Transportation	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.
9	Fund for cameras and additional enforcement to address illegal dumping.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
10	Reconstruct the storm sewer on 150th Street between Liberty Avenue and Archer Avenue.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.

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Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Funds for seven-day trash collection at Archer Ave, Parson Blvd and Sutphin Blvd.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
2	Fund Additional Library Personnel for South Jamaica Branch. The new South Jamaica Branch at Guy Brewer Blvd. and 108th Ave.	Queens Borough Public Library	The agency recommends funding this expense budget

	needs additional personnel to handle the increased number of users		request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
3	Install Additional Lighting in King Park. King Park has summer concerts and other evening events.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
4	Hire additional staff for O'Connell Park. Deploy personnel for fall staffing at O'Connell Park to include recreational programs.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
5	Increase the Staff of the Department's Forestry Division.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
6	Hire a stump removal Gang. Hire a stump removal gang for CB12.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
7	Fund King Manor museum in Jamaica	Department of Parks and Recreation	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected

			officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
8	Funding to hire 5 additional traffic control inspectors	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.
9	Funding to hire part time staff for maintenance of parks (picking up garbage cleaning bathrooms, plowing snow, and making basic repairs and upkeep).	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
10	Increase the staff of the Department's Forestry Division.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.

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Community Board 13
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	This exit needs a "dedicated" left turn lane, which directs traffic eastbound on to Hillside Avenue, expanded one lane so the traffic does not back up to the Cross Island southbound.	Department of Transportation	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
2	Completion of funding for the renovation of the new building of Services Now for Adult Persons (SNAP) on Union Turnpike.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
3	Reconstruct & repave this heavily used portion of Brookville Boulevard.	Department of Transportation	This project is in design by DDC.
4	A bus shelter at the southbound stop at the western corner (in front of the Dollar Store) of Guy R. Brewer Boulevard (where it intersects with Farmers Boulevard). Four (4) buses stop at this location: Q3; Q111; Q113; Q114.	Transit Authority	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Funding for a Mini dump truck; pickup truck	Department of Parks and Recreation	Department of Parks and Recreation funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President and/or City Council member.
6	Repave bumpy roadway at Grand Central Parkway Service Road.	Department of Transportation	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.

7	Construction of a barrier - possibly bollards - on the flat center median on Springfield Boulevard to prevent cars from illegally crossing over from 119 Avenue to go north on Springfield Boulevard or south on Francis Lewis Boulevard.	Department of Transportation	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
8	Repair and reconstruct roadway on 121 Avenue between 227 Avenue and Laurelton Parkway	Department of Transportation	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.
9	Upgrade Center Median curbs on Union Turnpike between Cross Island Parkway and Lakeville Road.	Department of Transportation	Funds are unavailable for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials, i.e. Borough President, Council/Assemblymember, or State Senator.
10	Repave roadway on 147 Avenue between Francis Lewis Boulevard and Memphis Avenue	Department of Transportation	This project was funded in a prior fiscal year and the construction contract has been let.

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Community Board 13
Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	The city has constructed a HERCC facility on the Creedmoor Campus housing 1000 male migrants which requires a 24-hour police presence. Additional officers need to be assigned to the 105 Precinct to account for this increased responsibility to assure adequate personnel for public safety.	Police Department	NYPD's total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive Budget process. Allocation of uniformed personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of police classes from the Academy.
2	Additional funding to have another DOT crew that can install speed humps - the most requested traffic mitigation.	Department of Transportation	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.

3	Additional contractors engaged to go along with the funding for the "Tree & Sidewalk Program" which repairs uplifted sidewalks resultant to tree roots.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Increase funding for tree pruning in CB13.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
5	More funding for more DOB inspector to enforce building code violations; illegal construction; paved over yards, illegal conversions; work without permits; and unenclosed construction sites.	Department of Buildings	The agency will accommodate this issue within existing resources.
6	Increase funding in school districts 26 and 29 for after-school enrichment programming, along with mental health services, are needed so these students can perform at least at their grade level and be prepared to compete when they reach high school.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
7	Funding for cleanup and maintenance of grassy areas adjacent, and exit/entrance ramps collect garbage around highways and exits in CB13.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.
8	Funding increase for cleaning and maintenance parks, playgrounds, center medians and grassy areas.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
9	Funding for additional sanitation enforcement agents and cameras.	Department of Sanitation	Although the Department of Sanitation supports this program, due to fiscal constraints the availability of funds is uncertain.

10	Increase funding for Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center.	Department for the Aging	Approval of this request depends on sufficient Federal/State funds.
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Community Board 14
Capital Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Reconstruct Cross Bay blvd -continue to raise streets in Broad channel install storm sewers with tide gate	Department of Transportation	This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended.
2	Repair/replace bulkheads/seawalls at all street ends in CB14 Rockaway and Broad channel with priority to Seawall in Bayswater.	Department of Transportation	This request is for multiple locations. Please see a full response in the 'additional comments' field.
3	Fund phase 3 of American ball fields to include community center in Broad Channel.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
4	Funding for sanitary sewers in place Rockaway Point blvd from beach 169 st-222 street, Breezy Point.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
5	Build a new school In 11691/11692 to eliminate overcrowding in anticipation of thousands of new students due to construction of 10,000 new affordable units being built the need for new seats is necessary.	Department of Education	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
6	Install emergency PA system - full length of Boardwalk.	Department of Parks and Recreation	This park/playground is not currently funded for capital renovations.
7	Construct shade structures at all district Playgrounds/parks and along the boardwalk from Beach 17th Street to B 108 Street.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.
8	Fund design and reconstruction at Shorefront Parkway and Beach 73 Street; include storm sewers, have crosswalks line up,	Department of Transportation	NYC DOT completed this project with an in-house initiative.

	have driveways for Dayton buildings line up with traffic lights and cross access to east bound road way-HWQ-1682.		
9	Design and fund seawall and storm sewers along Norton drive and bay 32 streets to protect community from flooding.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
10	Build two new comfort/concession stations along the boardwalk between Beach 35 and Beach 50 streets.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Capital funds are allocated for specific projects by local elected officials. The Community Board should contact their local elected officials.

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Community Board 14

Expense Priorities and Requests

Priority	Request	Responsible Agency	Agency Response
1	Increase weekend hours of ferry during summer through revenue generating opportunities.	Department of Transportation	This is not in the City's budget jurisdiction. Contact OMB's Community Board Unit.
2	Fund design and construction of Parks dept.- Conceptual plan- for parks throughout district. As well as creation of new parks, water access for boats, paddle boards and Kayak, also additional retail opportunities.	Department of Parks and Recreation	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
3	Initiate study for storm and sanitary sewers: 1) Wheatley street & Augustina Ave 2)Beach 9th street & Central Ave 3)Brunswick Ave, Virginia street, Beach 12th street.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
4	Fund study and Design widening of Rockaway Beach blvd/Edgemere ave from Beach 62-32 streets to two lanes in each direction with turning lanes, adjacent to Arverne East project.	Department of Transportation	This project is included in the ten-year plan.
5	Study, locate and fund Tier 2 or 3 Trauma center in CB14.	Health and Hospitals Corporation	Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

6	Initiate a study for a boat ramp and public dock or pier on Jamaica bay in Rockaway.	Department of Parks and Recreation	More information is needed from the community board before making a funding decision. The community board should contact the agency.
7	Initiate study and design for new storm and sanitary sewers, for Beach 84 street between Beach channel drive ad dead on Bay.	Department of Environmental Protection	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
8	In Tribute Park review of mosaic compass structure and plan for restoration or replacement.	Department of Parks and Recreation	Please contact the Agency directly and promptly for more information.
9	Hire more Life guards so more beach can be open/fund a junior life guard program.	Department of Parks and Recreation	The agency recommends funding this expense budget request in FY 2024, but at this time the availability of funds is uncertain.
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Queens Borough Board Budget Hearing January 29th and January 30th, 2024

Day 1

#	Time	First Name	Last Name	Name of Organization	Request
1	10:05 AM	Florence	Koulouris	Community Board 1	street and Ditmar Blvd, seawalls and flood
2	10:09 AM	Debra	Markell	Community Board 2	SW of the doe building capacity along 44th drive to
3	10:13 AM	Giovanna	Reid	Community Board 3	newer Sewer System to help with flooding issues,
4	10:17 AM	Christian	Cassagmol	Community Board 4	Upgrade to the 110th Police Precinct a satellite office
5	10:21 AM	Gary	Giordano	Community Board 5	with water and sewer repairs, sanitation personnel
6	10:25 AM	Christine	Nolan	Community Board 6	Infrastructure upgrades
7	10:29 AM	Marilyn	McAndrews	Community Board 7	40 acres around Willits Point Phase 3, Ulmer Street
8	10:33 AM	Marie	Adam-Ovide	Community Board 8	have air conditioning, maintenance of city trees,
9	10:37 AM	James	McClelland	Community Board 9	space around the area around where they want the
10	10:41 AM	Karyn	Petersen	Community Board 10	New Schools, more officers at the 106th,
11	10:45 AM	Joe	Marziliano	Community Board 11	and Douglaston, more DOT staff to deal with backlog,
12	10:49 AM	Yvonne	Reddick	Community Board 12	fund HWQ121B3, Flooding problem
13	10:53 AM	Mark	McMillian	Community Board 13	Island Parkway south exit, Capital Funding to
14	10:57 AM	Dolores	Orr	Community Board 14	Ave from, more traffic agents in the summer, Porta
15	11:01 AM				
16	11:10 AM	Liza	Maquez	Queens College CUNY	\$1.5M air pollution lab upgrade in Remsen Hall
17	11:16 AM	Christine	Mangino	Queensborough Community College/CUNY	\$5M for critical Maintenance
18	11:22 AM	Kenneth	Adams	LaGuardia Community College	Upgrades.
19	11:28 AM	Sudha	Setty	CUNY School of Law	Network/AV System Upgrades
20	11:34 AM	Claudia V.	Schrader	York College, CUNY	renovate lecture hall. Total ask \$8.3M
21	11:40 AM	Dennis	Walcott	Queens Public Library	Restoration of budget to pre PEG levels
22	11:46 AM				
23	11:55 AM	Sabiha	Raof, MD	Jamaica Hospital	neurological patients
24	11:57 AM	Sabiha	Raof, MD	Flushing Hospital	\$1.24 M for 17 ultrasound machines for Obstetrics and Gynecology patients
25	11:59 AM	Robert	Vitelli	LGBT Network	\$50K in programmatic funding
26	12:01 PM	Evelyn	Alvarez	HeartShare Human Services of New York	Restore \$3M in funding that is set to expire in June
27	12:03 PM	Jessica	Rose	Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation	Unspecified discretionary funding
28	12:05 PM				
29	12:11 PM	Madeline	Turner	New York Sun Works	\$175K for 12 schools to build hydroponic labs for total of \$2.1M
30	12:13 PM	Cheryl	Chan	SculptureCenter	\$5K in expense for public presentations and 60K in capital for AV system upgrade
31	12:15 PM	Jerry	Gelbard	Bayside Glen Oaks Volunteer Ambulance Corps	\$2.5M in Capital funding for infrastructure
32	12:17 PM	Andrew	Frank	Behind the Book	(did not testify or submitted written testimony)
33	12:19 PM				
34	12:25 PM	Rudolph	Shaw	Caribbean American Repertory Theatre	\$140K for website development, website maintenance and marketing expenses for the production of the company's work in 2025.
35	12:27 PM	Yoselin	Genao Estrella	Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens	\$1M in capital for renovation on a space they are purchasing, and 30K in expense
36	12:29 PM	Bill	Manolios	Richmond Hill High School	\$5M for Culinary Kitchen, \$1M for Art room renovation, an additional 750K for Robotics lab. \$6.75M total
37	12:31 PM	Cecilia	Venosta-Wiyy	CENTER FOR THE WOMEN OF NEW YORK	\$100K in general costs
38	12:33 PM	Alex	Malessio	East River Development Alliance, Inc. (DBA Urban U	Capital for renovation of their new headquarters located at 31-35 Steinway Street., and expense for programmatic

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39	12:35 PM				
40	1:20 PM	Aviv	Citron	Forest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.	\$10K in expense for PPE and Uniforms
41	1:22 PM	Courtney	Muller	Rockaway Film Festival	\$10K in expense so secure artists
42	1:24 PM	Jack	Davis	The City Tutors	Continued funding
43	1:26 PM	Richard	Khuzami	Old Astoria Neighborhood Association inc	\$10K to cover subcontractor and vendor costs
44	1:28 PM	Katha	Cato	Queens World Film Festival	\$15K in programmatic funding
45	1:30 PM				
46	1:35 PM	Shanon	Shaw	HeartShare St. Vincent's Services	\$150K for client outreach and engagement and bring crucial mental health services to those in need
47	1:37 PM	Kedisha	Walters	Blacklining Foundation Inc.	\$10K to expand programing
48	1:39 PM	Potirankama	Queano Nur	Kinding Sindaw	\$100K to operations so Host classes on dance, music, oral history, and silat martial arts. Serve as a platform for intercultural exchange. Securing safe storage spaces for indigenous musical instruments, wardrobe, and performance props. Preservation of a gallery for viewing and learning about indigenous artifacts.
49	1:41 PM	Michelle	Ponce	Mega Group Development	(did not testify or submitted written testimony)
50	1:43 PM	Stephanie	Dinsae	Lewis Latimer House Museum	\$5K programmatic funding teaching the importance of STEAM
51	1:45 PM				
52	1:52 PM	Sonia	Sisodia	South Asian Youth Action	\$100K in expense to expand into 3 high schools
53	1:54 PM	Keith	Carr	City Harvest	\$180K for a refrigerated box truck
54	1:56 PM	Bob	Singleton	Greater Astoria Historical Society	\$2K in expense for Summer Program for Children in the Astoria-LIC Community
55	1:58 PM	Lorraine	Gonzalez-Carr	Forestdale, Inc.	\$7.5K to support the Strong Fathers Program
56	2:00 PM	Craig	Lastres	Commonpoint Queens	\$50K to address the needs of vulnerable adolescents
57	2:02 PM				
58	2:06 PM	Dr. Cynthia	Maurer	Visiting Neighbors, Inc.	\$3K in expense funding
59	2:08 PM	Ambreen	Qureshi	Educational Video Center	(did not testify)
60	2:10 PM	Shaleem	Bush	BeingEgypt Cares Inc.	\$10K for their 3 programs
61	2:12 PM	Mark	Laster	Forest Hills Green Team	Request to fund Community Composting in Queens
62	2:14 PM	Michael	Cohen	Simon Wiesenthal Center	No specific amount asked
63	2:20 PM	Shoyvonne	Noboa	Sunnyside Community Services, Inc	\$20K to Support Older Adults Services, 10k to support Woodside houses children and after school programs, 30k total
64	2:22 PM	Maryarchana	Fernandez	South Asian Council for Social Services	\$5K in expense funding.
65	2:24 PM	Scott	Thornhill	Alpha Pointe	\$125K for programic expenses from QBPO and NYC Council, will ask for Captial in a future ask
66	2:26 PM	Helen	Day	Richmond Hill Historical Society	\$3K for their archive, website, historic markers and plaques, welcome kits, printing and mailing, reprinting a book on RH History, and speaker fees, and awards
67	2:28 PM	Sylvia	Cothia	Postive Women United	\$100K to expand their programs through Queens

Day 2

#	Time	Name	Last Name	Name of Organization	Request
1	10:14 AM	Dave	Holson	NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens	replacement of 250 hospital surgical beds for \$2.5M,
2	10:20 AM	Helen	Arteaga-Landaver	NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst	Patient safety and modernization of equipment and
3	10:26 AM				
4	10:29 AM	Katie	Foley	Selfhelp Community Services	Transportation program to expand it borough wide,
5	10:31 AM	Giaelle	Mathurin	Giaelle Mathurin Community Foundation	students
6	10:33 AM	Dianne	Woodburn	JASA Legal Services for Elder Justice	for older adults
7	10:35 AM	Kevin	Alexander	Rockaway Development & Revitalization Center	construction, \$1M for Far Rockaway Tech Incubator,
8	10:37 AM	Dorothy	Carter	Destiny Bound	Get Eating initiatives
9	10:39 AM				
10	10:44 AM	Seth	Bornstein	Queens Economic Development Corporation/Entrepreneur Space	programs
11	10:46 AM	Rosemary	Lopez	AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC)	with migrant crisis
12	10:48 AM	Carl	Ballenas	Friends of Maple Grove	No amount specified
13	10:50 AM	Judith	Sloan	EarSay, Inc	No amount specified
14	10:58 AM	Anthony	Massa	The New 42nd Street, Inc.	request
15	11:00 AM				
16	11:05 AM	Weijing	Shi	CaringKind Alzheimer's	from initiative
17	11:07 AM	George	Heslin	New York Irish Center	\$25K in Discretionary for programmatic
18	11:09 AM	Jose	Ortiz Jr.	Pursuit	Hub
19	11:11 AM	Sophia	Oliveira	Andromeda Community Initiative	Delegation
20	11:13 AM	Dorothy	Browne	Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America	\$10K to support the Paid Program Leaders
21	11:15 AM				
22	11:20 AM	gregory	coles	Flushing Meadow Soap Box Derby	\$25K to keep the cars in tip top shape
23	11:22 AM	Jose	Morillo	Dominico-American Society of Queens	\$60K to help participants learn or improve English language skills, assist green card holders become citizens, and other programs
24	11:24 AM	Jeffrey	Younger	Shalom Task Force	\$15K funding to help with DV victims in Queens
25	11:26 AM	Noor	Mensah	Arab-American Family Support Center	\$45K for mental health program, \$300K for Adult Literacy, \$475K for DOVE initiative
26	11:28 AM	Micah	Dicker	Center for the Integration and Advancement of New Americans,	\$100K to open an Asylum Seeker Welcome Center
27	11:30 AM				
28	11:35 AM	Valerie	Green	Dance Entropy, Inc.	\$10K to support Dance Entropy/Green Space Programs
29	11:37 AM	Mridul	Sharma	Queens Film Festival Inc.	\$30K in expense funding for operations
30	11:39 AM	Lianna	Levine Reisner	Plant Powered Metro New York	\$25K in expense funding
31	11:41 AM	Noah	Meixler	Consortium for Worker Education, Astoria Worker Project	\$20K in programmatic funding to build capacity and expand operations and workforce development in Queens
32	11:43 AM	Anivelca	Cordova	Lemle & Wolff, Inc.	\$1M from QBPO for senior housing development in Far Rockaway and \$750K from the Council, \$1.75M from QBPO for building in Sunnyside and \$750K from the Council
33	11:45 AM				
34	11:50 PM	Rahnum	Tasnuva	South Asian Women Project	\$25K to address the needs of survivors of intimate partner violence
35	11:52 PM	Julieann	Stapleton	NOBLE NY Chapter	\$25K in Expense for programming
36	11:54 PM	Jean	Silva	Flushing Meadows Corona Park Conservancy	No amount specified
37	11:56 PM	My	Chang	Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE)	No amount specified
38	11:58 AM				
39	12:03 PM	Bob	Monahan	The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council	No amount specified
41	12:05 PM	Swami Du	Das	River Fund	\$250K for the new Education Center
42	12:07 PM	Marilyn	Martinucci	HSS SCREENING AND EARLY DETECTION INC. CONTRACT 94558	\$20K Community Screening thyroid cancer
43	12:09 PM	Bora	Yoon	Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning	Restore funding back to pre PEG levels, \$15K from discretionary
44	12:11 PM	John	Perricone	Woodhaven BID	No amount specified

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45	12:13 PM				
46	1:00 PM	Larry	Lutzak	The Oratorio Society of Queens, Inc.	\$30K in expense funding
47	1:02 PM	James	Trent	Bowne House Historical Society	\$20K in expense funding, \$2.5M in capital funding, \$1.8 in capital for interior restoration and \$695K for the visitor center
48	1:04 PM	James	Trent	Queens County Farm Museum	\$50K expense to purchase a variety of fruit trees
49	1:06 PM	Jayson	Simba	Festival of Cinema Inc.	\$10K in expense funding
50	1:08 PM	Austin	Smith	Museum of the Moving Image	\$9M for the core exhibition redesign campaign, \$1.75M for dolby atmos auditorium equipment, \$500K to upgrade lighting, \$11.25M total in Capital. \$25K in discretionary for children education programs
51	1:10 PM				
52	1:15 PM	Matt	Malina	NYC H2O	\$10K in discretionary funding
53	1:17 PM	Gil	Lopez	Big Initiatives Inc (DBA Big Reuse)	\$962K/ \$550K for this group and the rest for forest hills green team
54	1:19 PM	Alexandra	Rizio	Safe Passage Project	\$50K for Local and Youth Discretionary funding or other legal services initiatives
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56	1:21 PM	Jennifer	Feinberg	Center for Family Representation	\$425K for Home for good program, \$150K for DoVE, \$825K for Right to Family Advocacy Program, Total \$1.4M
57	1:23 PM	Christine	Rutkoski	Community Healthcare Network	\$250K from QBPO, \$1M total for their construction and renovation project
58	1:25 PM	Sheila	Lewandowski	Chocolate Factory Theatre	Restore their Department of Cultural Affairs funding
59	1:27 PM	Kelsey	Brow	King Manor Museum	No specified amount
60	1:29 PM	Larry	Grubler	Transitional Services for New York	\$108K for Crisis and Counselling Center, 51194 for Turn the Page... Again!, \$50K for Color my World, \$19,968 Empowerment Center, \$11,290 for Employment Services Total \$240,452 in expense funding
61	1:31 PM	Evie	Litwok	Witness to Mass Incarceration	\$40K for programming
62	1:33 PM	Izzy	Peskowitz	CHAZAQ	\$25K for food pantry