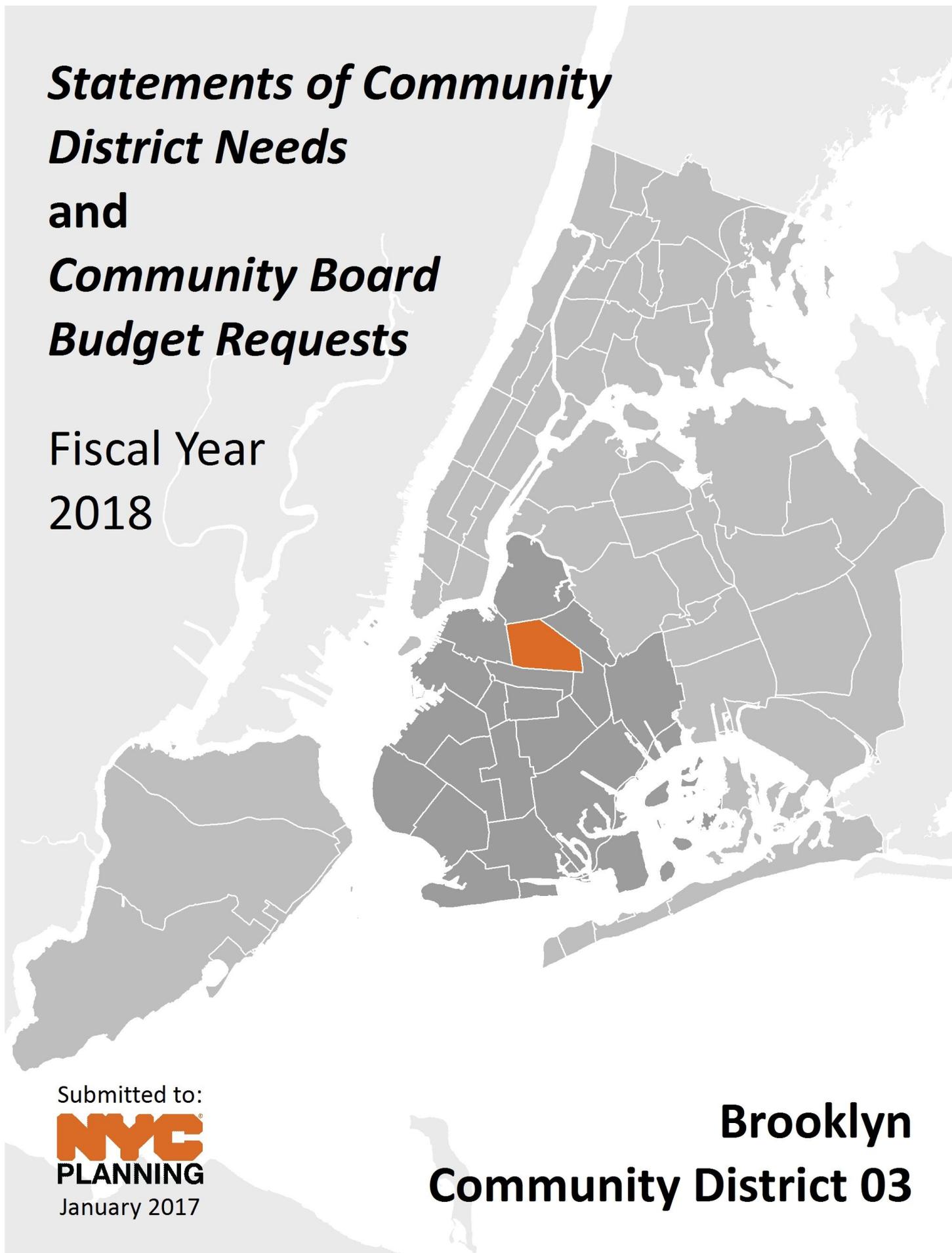


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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 3's *Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018*. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board, collected through an online form available to community boards from September to November 2016.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1 – 4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) Policy Area- Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the Community Board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY18 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.

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1. Community Board Information

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3. Overview of Community District

Community Board 3 is experiencing steady population growth at the rate of 6.3% between 2000 and 2010, outpacing New York City's overall growth rate of 2.1% in that same time period. While the majority (84.5%) of the population is of Black/African American and/or Hispanic origin, there has been a 10% decline among Black/African American residents. Of all age groups, the highest growth is taking place among residents between the ages of 20-64 years old.

Unemployment and income remain as two of CB3's top issues. According to the U.S. Census 2008-2012 5-year average, the unemployment rate for persons 16 years old and older is 8.8% in Community District 3, greater than the City's overall unemployment rate of 6.4%. In 2012, the median family income in New York City was \$57,113, compared to \$44,300 in CB3. Out of all Brooklyn neighborhoods, CB3 also has the fourth largest number of residents with income less than 125% of the poverty level. In fact, more than one quarter of all families in CB3 live below the poverty level. These statistics reflect the need for greater investments in economic opportunities, social services, and community resources for the residents of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Although a number of social and economic issues persist, the overall outlook for Community District 3 is positive as local residents and stakeholders continue to come together to develop and implement community-centric solutions. Partnering with Community Board 3, civic and not-for-profit groups and local organizations such as Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation and the Bed-Stuy Gateway Business Improvement District are instrumental in multiplying the number of employment and business opportunities, enhancing the physical landscape of the district, and facilitating investments benefiting the community. These improvements will help create more pathways to economic prosperity and broaden the local tax base to support ongoing community growth.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Brooklyn Community Board 3 are:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Crime*
- *Schools*

Affordable housing is a critical issue as 77% of families in Community District 3 make less than \$75,000 a year (2010-2012 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates). According to MNS.com, the average rent for one-bedroom apartments in Bedford-Stuyvesant is \$2,053 (as of September 2015). In order to afford rent (assuming a family should spend no more than 30% of their income on rent), a family in Community District 3 must make at least \$72,000 a year. This implies that the average rent is too expensive for most families in our community. We need more affordable housing options that will enable our families to not only enjoy a good quality of life, but also to preserve their financial security. Crime continues to be a top issue in Community District 3. Precincts 79 and 81 rank among the top ten precincts in Brooklyn North for the seven major felony offenses. In the 79th Precinct, there have been increases in reports of rape (23.5%), grand larceny (3.8%), sex crimes (40%), and shooting victims (6.9%). In the 81st Precinct, there have been increases in reports of crimes related to transit (5.3%), housing (12.3%), and petit larceny (9.7%). [Stats from CompStat Report Covering the Week 10/5/2015 Through 10/11/2015. Percentage changes year to date.] Community District 3's schools have made progress, but are in need of further resources in order to accelerate improvements. The 2015 Common Core test scores for grades 3-8 show that District 16, which is located entirely within Community Board 3, ranked as #26 for English Language Arts (ELA) and as #27 for Mathematics out of NYC's 32 school districts. Districts 13 and 14, both of which cover parts of CB3, also have potential for growth. District 13 ranked #17 for ELA and #21 for math while District 14 ranked #15 for ELA and math.



Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

In our community, the rates of persons without access to quality care are higher than the rest of Brooklyn and New York City at large. Much of our high death rates are due to people lacking a personal doctor for the management of treatable illness. In this Community, people utilize the emergency room for sickness as opposed to the intended emergency treatment. Health issues such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, prenatal care, and HIV can be managed with appropriate medical check-ups with a personal doctor for regular treatment.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/17	DHS	<i>Facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Sumner Avenue Armory</i>
11/17	DFTA	<i>Facilities for seniors</i>	<i>Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
7/12	DOHMH	<i>Developmental, mental health and substance abuse prevention programs</i>	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	
8/12	DOHMH	<i>Healthy life styles programs</i>	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	

5. Summary of Community District Needs and Budget Requests



Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Other/Early intervention services

Too many of our young people are falling through the cracks and we need to act now to create a comprehensive agenda that builds targeted programs and services to meet their needs from the very beginning of their lives. Services such as family education, counseling, and home visits will produce more positive outcome over the lifetime of the young people in our community.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
12/17	DOE	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Renovate site component</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
3/12	CJC	<i>Juvenile justice programs and preventive services</i>	<i>Provide additional juvenile justice programs</i>	
6/12	DYCD	<i>Youth workforce development</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	
9/12	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care</i>	



Public Safety and Emergency Services

Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Police-community relations

This Board works in close partnership with the 79th, 81st, PSA3 precincts and the Precinct Councils to bring about meaningful change in police-community relations. For the police precincts to be successful in keeping crime down they must have the trust of the community. At the same time the community must work in partnership with the three precincts that cover the district.

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/12	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional housing police officers</i>	
10/12	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	



Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community District 3 is still without our own Sanitation Garage. We have been making this request since 1980. The designated site on Nostrand Avenue for our BK3 sanitation garage was acquired. There were multiple suits filed to prevent us from being able to utilize that site. We were successful in each of those litigations. Our demand is for OMB, DOS, the Mayor’s Office and the City Council to put the money back in the DSNY construction budget! In this district, there are other concerns that we deem crucial. Illegal dumping, which runs rampant is now endemic. Sanitation does not have enough police to monitor and enforce infractions that are being committed. The DSNY police force must be increased so we can eliminate these problems.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
1/17	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure</i>	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>BK3 Sanitation Garage Nostrand & Park Avenue</i>
7/17	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Gates Avenue Throop Ave Lewis Ave</i>

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/12	DSNY	<i>Sanitation Enforcement</i>	<i>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</i>	



Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Main Issue Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Unemployment/ Underemployment

We would like the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development and Rebuilding to direct a study to assess the need and impact of active manufacturing in northern sections of Bedford-Stuyvesant. Clear opportunities for either the attraction of industrial manufacturing and/or the protection of areas for manufacturing should be identified. Additionally the study should include an assessment for the attraction of a green industry cluster appropriate and contextual to the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood. The development of several parcels of land in the south eastern quadrant of Bedford-Stuyvesant, particularly on Fulton Street, is crucial to the district and we know that there is ongoing discussion regarding those pieces.

Capital Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/17	HPD	<i>Affordable housing programs</i>	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>Block 1549, Lot 19</i>

Expense Requests Related to Land Use, Housing and Economic Development

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/12	DOB	<i>Building code and zoning enforcement</i>	<i>Expand code enforcement</i>	
11/12	SBS	<i>Commercial district revitalization</i>	<i>Support storefront / facade improvements</i>	



Transportation

Main Issue Related to Transportation

Roadway maintenance

We have a number of roadbeds that are in hazardous/deplorable conditions. Broadway, which borders Community District 4, Bushwick, is so bad that cars have to actually travel in the opposite lane to avoid vehicular damage or an accident. Atlantic Avenue, which borders Community District 8, Crown Heights, also has a hazardous roadbed. This is not limited to those two roadways however; there are depressions and potholes in many of our streets. There seems to be no oversight for street excavations that inadequately close the streets after they have completed their work. The restoration compliance guidelines should require that work done on City streets been restored to their original state.

Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
5/17	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>Nostrand Ave Subway Station</i>
6/17	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	

Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
2/12	NYCTA	<i>Transit Service</i>	<i>Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance</i>	<i>Franklin Ave Subway Station</i>



Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

As a community we continue to advocate for the betterment of our parks, and playgrounds in Bedford Stuyvesant. Parks have always assisted our community in child development, community engagement through family events, physical activities, and a resource for our educators and their students. There are several assets in our district that require capital funding: • Improvements of Charlie's Place ball field and hand ball court, • Improvements of comfort stations at Saratoga Park and Taffee playground, • Renovation of kitchen at Von King Culture Center, • Renovation of Kosciusko Pool into a year round facility, for which a feasibility study has been completed, and • A feasibility study on St. Andrew Park/Playground.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

Books. Explanation: The local branches of our libraries need to procure more recent selections of books. Currently, the selections are dated. With an update, the libraries would be better utilized. Community Board 3 is requesting funding for newer selections of books at the Brooklyn Public Libraries.

Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
4/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>St. Andrews Park/Playground</i>
8/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Kosciuszko Pool</i>
9/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Charlie's Place Playground</i>
10/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Von King Cultural Center</i>
13/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Comfort Station at Saratoga Park</i>
14/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Potomac Playground</i>
15/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Jackie Robinson Park</i>
16/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>El-Shabazz Playground</i>
17/17	DPR	<i>Park, buildings, and access improvements</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>John Hancock Playground</i>

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Location
12/12	BPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 3 Capital Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 3 submitted 17 capital budget requests, organized by priority.

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/17	DSNY	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>Request: Construct a Sanitation Garage in Community District 3 (S-186). Explanation: Community Board 3 continues to advocate for a Sanitation Garage within the district's boundaries. We have done so for the past thirty-three (33) years, in and out of economic distress, to no avail. Once again we are requesting that we have a Sanitation Garage that is housed in the CD3 catchment area. For the last two Budget Consultation audiences, we were told that we will be on the top of the list once the fiscal crises has lifted. We eagerly await funding being made available for a garage.</i>	<i>BK3 Sanitation Garage Nostrand & Park Avenue</i>	
2/17	HPD	<i>Provide more housing for extremely low and low income households</i>	<i>The Community Board understands that the litigation regarding Block 1549 lots 19 to 34 totaling 26,000 square feet has been resolved and HPD is currently accepting RFP's for development of the land. We would like Block 1549 Lot 407 totaling 8,000 square feet and Block 1548 Lot 26 to 30 totaling 10,000 square feet to be included in the RFP. It has also come to our attention that Block 1557 Lots 3,4,23,28, and 31 to 37 totaling 25,616 square feet is also under the purview of HPD. Community Board 3 strongly supports the selection of a development project which will offer the community affordable housing, expanded retail access and/or strong youth services.</i>	<i>Block 1549, Lot 19</i>	
3/17	DHS	<i>Upgrade existing facilities for the homeless</i>	<i>Request: Rehabilitate the Sumner Avenue Armory for Community Use. Explanation: Community Board 3 is requesting that the Sumner Armory be renovated in the same manner as the ones in Park Slope, Union Street, Bedford Avenue, Harlem and more recently in the Bronx at Kingsbridge. Renovation of the armories is a well thought out and comprehensive use of space to benefit the communities in which they are housed. The Community Board recognizes the work of the Department of Homeless Services and we welcome an opportunity to work with them concerning the use of the Armory collectively, with no disruption of services on their part. Board 3 is poised to work with DHS to conduct a feasibility study.</i>	<i>Sumner Avenue Armory</i>	

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4/17	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>St. Andrews Park has the potential to be a jewel of a park. The park has not been renovated in decades and had a terrible incident concerning one of its employees. We are requesting funding for a feasibility study to be done for St. Andrews park/playground.</i>	<i>St. Andrews Park/Playground</i>	<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy</i>
5/17	NYCTA	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>The Nostrand Avenue subway station on the "A" and "C" line is a major subway hub that should resemble a 21st century subway station. This station should be completely renovated and made ADA accessible. The rezoning of Fulton street will bring higher density apartment buildings with more retail. This will increase the usage of the station, which is why we are also requesting for the Bedford entrance to be re-open.</i>	<i>Nostrand Ave Subway Station</i>	<i>Assemblyman Walter Mosley</i>
6/17	DOT	<i>Other transportation infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Their are several blocks in Brooklyn Community Board 3 where the street is actually sinking in at certain locations. Since DEP stop doing trench restoration several years ago the situation has gotten worse. DOT patch jobs are not working. We need full trench restoration to resolve this problem.</i>		<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy</i>
7/17	DEP	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Request: Reconstruct Gates Avenue Between Throop and Lewis Avenues. Explanation: Community Board 3 is requesting for this infrastructure work to address the ongoing flooding and damage to property occurring along this corridor. It is critical that this project be completed so the city avoids and/or mitigates a host of damages and associated liabilities for which it is ultimately responsible for. (SEL002348) The corridor is home to two major housing developments and is used daily by a large numbers of students, families and seniors.</i>	<i>Gates Avenue Throop Ave Lewis Ave</i>	<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy</i>

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8/17	DPR	<i>Provide a new, or new expansion to, a building in a park</i>	<i>Request: Provide Funding to Convert Marcy/Kosciuszko Pool Into a Year-Round Facility. Explanation: This project has been long overdue. The facility is only used two months a year and sits unused for the remaining ten months. As we stated for the last two years, the pool is housed on a site that can be used as a pool/recreation center with programs occupying a portion of the site and the rest of the area as community spaces with various uses. P.S. 256 is located across the street and it has been suggested that the site be transformed into a continuous campus abutting the school. There is public transportation with the B38 Bus and the G Train nearby. The Community Board is requesting that funding be made available to promote this project.</i>	<i>Kosciuszko Pool</i>	<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy</i>
9/17	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>Request: Renovate Charlie's Place Playground. Explanation: Community Board 3 is pleased that Charlie's Place Playground was renovated, except for the basketball courts and the garden. Our request is to have those two components completed as well. Charlie's Place Playground is adjacent to PS 37K, Brooklyn Transitional Center for developmentally challenged students ages 9-12. It is named after Charles Lubin, the founder of Sara Lee. It is situated in a relatively new community of families with young children. This playground is situated in the middle of two NYCHA developments and other playgrounds in the area are an uncomfortable distance away, where parents would not feel secure sending their children.</i>	<i>Charlie's Place Playground</i>	<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy</i>
10/17	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park</i>	<i>Request: Renovate the Kitchen at the Von King Cultural Center. Explanation: The renovation of the kitchen was in the original plans. We understand funding for the kitchen was moved to the theatre to make it ADA accessible. Community Board 3 is requesting additional funding for this project for the renovation of the kitchen. We would like to see the kitchen transformed into a state of the art culinary training facility.</i>	<i>Von King Cultural Center</i>	

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11/17	DFTA	Create a new senior center or other facility for seniors	Brooklyn Community Board 3 would like funding to be made available for an assisted living facility within the catchment area of this community. We have a large senior population and we would like to afford them the opportunity to age in place. Our duty is to honor our elders, many of whom continue to play an active role in community affairs, by showing that they are the foundation of this community and that we want them to stay here. The elders of any community deserve no less and we here in Bedford-Stuyvesant are adamant about that.		
12/17	DOE	Renovate site component	We need additional Capital Funding to improve on the technology inside the schools. We also need Capital Funding to upgrade our libraries, athletic fields and playgrounds.		Councilman Robert Cornegy; Councilman Stephen Levin
13/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park	Request: Renovate the Comfort Station at Saratoga Park. Explanation: With childhood obesity continually rising in our urban setting, the longer children can be active in a park the better. Saratoga Park is newly renovated and deserves a bathroom that is functioning all the time. It would go a long way towards extending the visits to the Park. We have to do our part to help our youth stay active, therefore promoting good health.	Comfort Station at Saratoga Park	
14/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Request: Renovation of Potomac Playground (David Ruggles). Explanation: It has been many years since this playground has been renovated. We have a growing population of families with small children who need open space for their kids. We have several apartment buildings being built within one to two blocks from Potomac park.	Potomac Playground	Councilman Robert Cornegy
15/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Jackie Robinson Park is need of new play equipment. The equipment for the children is outdated and unsafe.	Jackie Robinson Park	Councilman Robert Cornegy
16/17	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	El-Shabazz Playground is another park in the district with high usage by families. This park needs new and updated equipment. The current equipment there is old and dangerous.	El-Shabazz Playground	Councilman Robert Cornegy

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17/17	DPR	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)</i>	<i>John Hancock Playground is a high usage playground by families with small children. The equipment is outdated and dangerous. The playground needs modern day safe play equipment.</i>	<i>John Hancock Playground</i>	<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy</i>

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Brooklyn Community Board 3 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 3 submitted 12 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/12	NYPD	Assign additional housing police officers	Community Board 3 acknowledges that there has been an increase in officers in PSA3. However, we are still requesting additional officers as gun violence and other crimes like robbery are increasing. Our request is to have an adequate number of officers so that they will not be spread so thinly and can take a proactive stance with NYCHA residents and mend the deteriorating relations with PSA 3 officers. This would eliminate some of the confrontational behaviors that exist, instead of always being reactive. Community Board 3 still requests additional officers for PSA 3.		Councilman Robert Cornegy; Councilman Stephen Levin
2/12	NYCTA	Improve subway station or train cleanliness, safety and maintenance	The Franklin Avenue Shuttle is a major transportation hub. Its physical appearance looks blighted and fosters an unsafe environment. The ridership at this station has increased over the past few years. This station requires daily cleaning on the inside and outside. There needs to be an increase in the number of cleanings by the Power Wash Unit.. The Paint Unit maintenance needs to also increase.	Franklin Ave Subway Station	
3/12	CJC	Provide additional juvenile justice programs	Request: Provide Funding for a Feasibility Study for a Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Justice Center. Explanation: Current violent crimes statistics, gun violence and assaults committed by young people demand that we consider new alternatives to the existing public safety measures. A Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Justice Center would provide a viable alternative system to the current juvenile detention driven programs. The completion of the feasibility study is a first step in fostering a healthier, crime-free community. Community Board 3 is requesting that funding be made for a comprehensive feasibility study for a Community Justice Center.		
4/12	DOB	Expand code enforcement	There is a tremendous amount of construction going on in Bedford-Stuyvesant. In light of that, we are requesting that there be funding made available for additional inspectors for housing code compliance. We often hear of collapses, fires, toxic contaminations and such in connection with development projects. It is not uncommon for developers to take short cuts but this city, as a responsible overseer, should provide adequate personnel to monitor development throughout our community. The citizens of this city deserve to be safe.		

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5/12	DSNY	<i>Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws</i>	<i>Request: Hire Additional Manpower for Sanitation Enforcement. Explanation: We need additional manpower to deal with dumping in lots, vacant buildings, parks, closed businesses and even at our litter baskets. This happens late at night or in the early hours of the morning. Dog excrement is everywhere. All of this contributes to dirty sidewalks. Without adequate enforcement covering multiple shifts, this condition cannot be obliterated. Community Board 3 is requesting that funding be made available for enforcement officers.</i>		
6/12	DYCD	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance the Summer Youth Employment Program</i>	<i>Since the age for summer youth employment was raised to 24 their has not been enough slots for all those seeking to work over the summer.</i>		<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy; Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo</i>
7/12	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs to de-stigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment</i>	<i>Their is still a stigma when it comes to mental health issues for teenagers. If youth can get diagnose early, this could lead to them becoming productive adults.</i>		<i>Councilmember Robert Cornegy; Councilmember Laurie Cumbo</i>
8/12	DOHMH	<i>Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.</i>	<i>Request: Continue Funding for Obesity Prevention and Outreach Programs. As statistics continue to be bleak, our children in Head Start programs and public elementary schools are obese. Public high school students are obese and let's not forget the adults in Bedford-Stuyvesant. In this community, most people and children exercise little or not at all and eat inadequate servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Obesity is a major health concern. It causes health problems across generations, i.e., diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, cancer and heart disease. It is imperative that DOHMH provide funding to support community based activities that promote active living and healthy eating habits.</i>		<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy; Assemblywoman Annette Robinson</i>
9/12	ACS	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance housing assistance for youth that are leaving foster care</i>	<i>There are too many teens aging out of foster care system without an adequate plan for housing. Many of these teens however are facing crisis or have experienced crisis in such a way as to affect their decision making abilities as it pertains to housing and other critical matters in their lives. In addition to caseworkers/case planners, funding should be allocated to create housing specialists for each teen, as soon as they reach the age of 14 or 15 years old. Housing specialists would identify housing options for teens, so that case planner can focus solely on helping the teen address crisis. Housing options and/or additional housing subsidies should be available for teens leaving foster care.</i>		

6. Summary of Prioritized Budget Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 3 Expense Requests

Brooklyn Community Board 3 submitted 12 expense budget requests, organized by priority.

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
10/12	NYPD	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>There are areas that are more likely to be places for criminal activity. These locations may be near parks or around subway stations. There are many dimly-lit spots which provide for crimes such as rape and snatched electronics. Community Board 3 requests that funding be provided for such known places throughout the community.</i>		
11/12	SBS	<i>Support storefront / facade improvements</i>	<i>Bedford-Stuyvesant is undergoing a business renaissance and we want to make sure that the businesses which have stabilized our economy are properly presented. Many of the buildings are old and in need of repair to improve the look of our commercial corridors. Businesses will benefit greatly from assistance in the form of a grant to improve the appearance of the commercial corridor, promote our local economy and make streets safe.</i>		
12/12	BPL	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Libraries in our district need to expand their hours. We need more hours for the growing population in Brooklyn Community Board 3.</i>		<i>Councilman Robert Cornegy; Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo</i>