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Fiscal Year 2021 Expense Priorities

1. Baseline increased funding for Community Board operating budgets

Explanation: Baselinining increased funding will allow CBs to plan ahead, to use the funding for multi-year contracts, and to use the funding for salaries.

2. Baseline funding for city funded NORCS (DFTA)

Explanation: NORCs in CD 3, of which there are six, provide Supportive Services Programs to maximize and support the successful aging in place of older residents. Many of the City's NORCs can access health and social services in their own buildings, building complexes or locally within their neighborhoods. These programs are a model for bringing necessary care and support to seniors living in age-integrated buildings or neighborhoods.

3. Increased staff funding for social workers and guidance counselors in schools with high homeless population (DOE)

Explanation: The Bridging the Gap program focuses on schools with high homeless population and will benefit from more funding.

4. Increase funding for senior meals and kitchen staff salaries in senior centers (DFTA)

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

5. Funding for more safe haven and stabilization beds (DHS)

Explanation: Community Board 3 is currently experiencing a crisis with the street homeless population. There are not only more homeless individuals on the street, but some of the beds previously designated for street homeless have been re-designated for subway homeless, which is also dramatically increasing. Haven beds are low-threshold housing that enable street homeless to transition to housing and have proven effective. Currently there are not always beds available and street homeless have had to wait for this form of shelter.

6. Baseline funding for adult day care (DFTA)

Explanation: In FY20, approximately \$40 million of funding for social adult day care centers were funded through discretionary dollars and not baselined. This had been a baselined program prior to the 2008 recession.

7. Baseline funding for summer camp programs for middle school students-SONYC program (DYCD)

Explanation: Increase funding for structured after school programs for 6th-8th grade students.

8. Increase funding to expand access to after school programs for elementary schools (DYCD)

9. Increased funding for waste management staff and operations at NYCHA buildings (NYCHA)

Explanation: Waste management staff and operations funding will help to combat waste and rodent issues and support important physical improvements such as enlarged hopper doors, which address these problems but are below the capital project funding threshold.

10. Increase and baseline funding for case management workers for home care (DFTA)

Explanation: There is currently a waiting list for this program and additional baselined funding would allow all clients currently on the waiting list to be absorbed into program without impacting the optimal ratio of caseworkers-to-clients.

11. Increase funding for Youth aging out of foster care (ACS)

Explanation: There is increased need for additional resources and services to support activates for this population.

12. Increase and baseline funding for home-delivered meals (DFTA)

Explanation: This will expand funding for eligible seniors to receive hot meal delivery twice weekly and address issues with waitlists.

13. Park Maintenance Staff (Parks)

Explanation: Additional funds are needed to increase year-round workforce for parks maintenance so that there is less of a need to rely on temporary or seasonal staff.

14. Playground Associates (Parks)

Explanation: Playground Associates provide seasonal recreation activities for children.

15. Funding for CB 3 Community Gardens (Parks)

Explanation: General expense funding for gardens, soil, and garden related programming is needed.

16. Tree pruning and stump removal (Parks)

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

17. Additional Parks Enforcement Police (Parks)

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

18. Baseline funding for art in schools (DOE)

Explanation: More funding is required to reach a goal of guaranteed universal arts education to all public school students in NYC.

19. Baseline funding to support the Community Land Trust Learning Exchange on a permanent basis to provide related technical support services for existing and newly formed CLTs and CBOs working on CLT formation (HPD)

Explanation: Community District 3 is home to a large CLT (Cooper Square) as well as several prospective CLTs that need support, which will contribute to area housing and commercial affordability.

20. Fully baseline the new After Hours Variance Enforcement Unit (DOB)

Explanation: The new After Hours Variance Enforcement Unit is only partially baseline funded. Having fully baselined funding for this unit will ensure that improved response times and enforcement remain going forward.

21. Increase and baseline funding for SYEP (DYCD)

Explanation: This is the nation's largest youth employment program. Increasing and baselining funding will make sure more applicants are connected with job placements as demand currently outpaces placement and funding for this program is not currently baselined.

22. Increase funding for Runaway Homeless Youth (DYCD)

Explanation: Runaway and homeless youth need protection and help reuniting with their families whenever possible. According to Safe Horizon, there were over 2,000 homeless youth under 24 years old in NYC in 2017. Funding is needed for programs that provide services such as drop-in centers, crisis shelters, transitional independent living programs, and street outreach and referral services. Funding is also needed for specialized programming for runaway and homeless pregnant and parenting youth, as well as LGBTQ youth.

23. Increase funding for Cornerstone programs - Expand nights and weekends (DYCD)

Explanation: CB 3 currently has four Cornerstone Programs, which provide engaging, high-quality, year-round programs for adults and young people that enhance skills and promote social interaction, community engagement, and physical activity. CB 3 programs are run by Chinatown YMCA, Henry Street Settlement, University Settlement, and Grand Street Settlement. Increased funding is necessary for summer programming.

24. Increase funding so that all neighborhood branch libraries have access to a library 6 days a week (NYPL)

25. Continued funding to maintain enhanced street corner basket pickups (DSNY)

Explanation: CD 3 is a priority area in the City's neighborhood rat reduction plan and a neighborhood with increasing destination nightlife establishments. Enhanced street corner basket pickups will help with quality of life issues regarding trash and rodents, particularly with littler basket service during overtime hours.