

A map of the Bronx, New York, showing its various community districts. District 5, located in the northern part of the borough, is highlighted in yellow. The map also shows the surrounding areas of New York City and New Jersey.

Statements of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests

Fiscal Year
2027

**Bronx Community
District
5**

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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 the Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November, 2025.

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:

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **Community Board Budget Requests**

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY24 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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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

Supporting Materials: Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting the links provided in the Appendix into a browser.

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1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

Bronx Community Board 5

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2. 2020 CENSUS DATA

The following two pages contain data from the most recent 2020 Decennial Census, which includes basic demographic and housing characteristics for New York City, the borough, and this community district. The data also includes a view of change over time since 2010.

New York City

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	8,175,133	100.00	8,804,190	100.00	629,057	7.7	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	1,768,111	21.6	1,740,142	19.8	-27,969	-1.6	-1.8
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	8,175,133	100.0	8,804,190	100.0	629,057	7.7	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	2,336,076	28.6	2,490,350	28.3	154,274	6.6	-0.3
White non-Hispanic	2,722,904	33.3	2,719,856	30.9	-3,048	-0.1	-2.4
Black non-Hispanic	1,861,295	22.8	1,776,891	20.2	-84,404	-4.5	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,028,119	12.6	1,373,502	15.6	345,383	33.6	3.0
Some other race, non-Hispanic	78,063	1.0	143,632	1.6	65,569	84.0	0.6
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	148,676	1.8	299,959	3.4	151,283	101.8	1.6
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	3,371,062	100.0	3,618,635	100.0	247,573	7.3	0.0
Occupied housing units	3,109,784	92.2	3,370,448	93.1	260,664	8.4	0.9
Vacant housing units	261,278	7.8	248,187	6.9	-13,091	-5.0	-0.9

The Bronx

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	1,385,108	100.00	1,472,654	100.00	87,546	6.3	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	368,196	26.6	349,579	23.7	-18,617	-5.1	-2.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	1,385,108	100.0	1,472,654	100.0	87,546	6.3	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	741,413	53.5	806,463	54.8	65,050	8.8	1.3
White non-Hispanic	151,209	10.9	130,796	8.9	-20,413	-13.5	-2.0
Black non-Hispanic	416,695	30.1	419,393	28.5	2,698	0.6	-1.6
Asian non-Hispanic	47,335	3.4	67,766	4.6	20,431	43.2	1.2
Some other race, non-Hispanic	12,494	0.9	19,866	1.3	7,372	59.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	15,962	1.2	28,370	1.9	12,408	77.7	0.7
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	511,896	100.0	547,030	100.0	35,134	6.9	0.0
Occupied housing units	483,449	94.4	522,450	95.5	39,001	8.1	1.1
Vacant housing units	28,447	5.6	24,580	4.5	-3,867	-13.6	-1.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Bronx Community District 5

	2010		2020		Change, 2010-2020		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percentage Point
AGE							
Total population	128,200	100.00	132,584	100.00	4,384	3.4	0.0
Total persons under 18 years	38,328	29.9	34,523	26	-3,805	-9.9	-3.9
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE RACE / HISPANIC ORIGIN							
Total population	128,200	100.0	132,584	100.0	4,384	3.4	0.0
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	85,600	66.8	90,730	68.4	5,130	6.0	1.6
White non-Hispanic	1,791	1.4	1,991	1.5	200	11.2	0.1
Black non-Hispanic	36,795	28.7	34,598	26.1	-2,197	-6.0	-2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	1,902	1.5	1,888	1.4	-14	-0.7	-0.1
Some other race, non-Hispanic	991	0.8	1,536	1.2	545	55.0	0.4
Non-Hispanic of two or more races	1,121	0.9	1,841	1.4	720	64.2	0.5
HOUSING OCCUPANCY							
Total housing units	43,460	100.0	45,814	100.0	2,354	5.4	0.0
Occupied housing units	40,946	94.2	44,332	96.8	3,386	8.3	2.6
Vacant housing units	2,514	5.8	1,482	3.2	-1,032	-41.1	-2.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files
Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning

Statement on Data Accuracy

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau is legally bound to protect the privacy of individuals participating in the decennial census. To adhere to the law and to avoid the disclosure of information about individual respondents, the Census Bureau has historically applied a host of techniques, such as top- and bottom-coding, imputation, table- and cell-suppression, and data swapping. The Census Bureau is employing a new technique with the 2020 Census, referred to as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS), based on differential privacy. With this approach, the Census Bureau “infuses noise” systematically across census data and sets a quantified disclosure risk, referred to as the Privacy Loss Budget (PLB).

While the new DAS approach may diminish the risk of disclosure concerns, it comes at a cost to data accuracy. Consequently, 2020 Census data users should be aware that all sub-state counts, except for housing units (which are unaffected by the DAS), may be adjusted to protect the privacy of Census participants and may be subject to reduced accuracy. Because DAS noise infusion is randomized, it is impossible for data users to know the degree to which any individual statistic is altered. However, it is possible to say that in general the relative size of errors decreases as counts increase. Consequently, data users should have greater confidence in the accuracy of the data as counts get larger. Further, an evaluation of a Privacy-Protected Microdata File (PPMF), treated with a Disclosure Avoidance System like the one applied to 2020 redistricting data, showed that counts of 300 or more rarely have sizable errors (error beyond +/- 10% of the count). Therefore, while data users need to be cognizant of data accuracy limitations, they should have confidence in conclusions based on sizable counts, which are relatively unaffected by the Census Bureau’s latest disclosure avoidance method.

3. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Bronx Community District 5, known as the West Tremont area, is located in the mid-West Bronx with a total land area of 1.4 square miles. It is bounded by the Harlem River to the West, in the Cross Bronx Expressway on the South, Webster Avenue on the East, and the northern boundary extends from Hall of Fame Terrace at Bronx Community College to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and 183rd Street, East to Jerome Avenue and North to Fordham Road. The major streets running East to West are Fordham Road, Burnside and Tremont Avenues. The major streets running North and South are Jerome Avenue, Grand Concourse, Bainbridge, and 3rd Avenue. The Grand Concourse is a major North/South corridor. Our district overlaps with City Council districts 14, 15, and 16. Bronx Community District 5 is comprised of the following four neighborhoods: South Fordham, University Heights, Morris Heights, and Mount Hope. The overall population count in this district was 131,879 in 2012, the last year the data was made available, and its population density (1,000 persons per square mile) was 87.4. There was a 2.8 percent increase in the population from the year 2010. The racial diversity of our residents is rich and the majority of the population is Hispanic and Black/African American. According to the 2010-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, 68.6 percent of the population in this district is of Hispanic origin; 33.7 percent of the residents are Black/African American; 1.1 percent of the residents are Asian or Pacific Islander; 12.9 percent of the residents are White; 0.8 percent of the residents are American Indian or Alaska Native. The ACS estimated that of the Hispanic/Latino group, 6.4 percent of the residents are Mexican; 18.3 percent of the residents are Puerto Rican; 0.5 percent of the residents are Cuban; 43.5 percent of the residents identify themselves as part of another Hispanic or Latino group. There are also a significant proportion of residents that is foreign born. The population of foreign-born residents increased from 34.8 percent in 2000 to 43.4 percent in 2012. The ACS 2008-2012 data breaks down the region of birth of the foreign born population in our district: 12 percent of the foreign born population is African of which 11 percent is West African; 85 percent of the foreign born population is Latin American; 2 percent of the population is Asian; 1 percent of the population is European. The growth of our foreign born population and the large population of Hispanic or Latino residents has potentially impacted the primary languages represented in our district. Of the residents living in our district for five years and more, 70.2 percent speak a language other than English and Spanish speakers make up 62.3 percent of this group. In addition to race, the age groups contribute to the diversity of the residents living in this area. The population of residents in the 65 and older age group increased from 5 percent in 2000 to 8.2 percent in 2012. The households with children under 18 years old decreased from 55.4 percent to 43.9 percent from 2000 to 2012. Although there is a range in the socioeconomic makeup of the residents in the district, the percent of households living near the poverty line and who are considered to be low-income is high. The proportion of residents with a household income below \$20,000 increased from about 35 percent to about 46 percent from 2000 to 2012. The poverty rate also increased from 40.6 percent to 42.3 percent from 2000 to 2012. It was ranked as one of the community districts with the highest number of households with the total income below the poverty level. For the year 2012, the median household income was \$21,959 which is significantly less when compared to the Bronx overall (\$33,006) and New York City (\$51,750). It was ranked as one of the community districts with the lowest median household income levels. The percent unemployed is about 20.9 percent. The proportion of residents who used supplemental security income was 18.3 percent. The proportion of residents who needed cash public assistance income was 12.3 percent. The proportion of residents requiring food stamps/SNAP benefits was significant at 50.6 percent. Morris Heights is the lowest density area in District 5. Morris Heights is along the western ridge of the district, covering the area from Jerome Avenue valley to the Harlem River Valley. Here, the zoning ranges from R5 (typically 2 and 3-family row houses and small apartment buildings). In addition to the low density development, several high-rise developments including Sedgwick Houses, a NYC Housing Authority Development complex and several large private apartment towers along the Undercliff and Sedgwick Avenues, as well as River Park Towers along the Harlem River. University Heights is part of the same rock ridge that characterizes most of Morris Heights,

and is similar, architecturally. One of the key landmarks in this area is the beautiful Bronx Community College Campus, which gives the neighborhood its name. This public facility is the highest geographic point in New York City. University Heights is the least dense area of the district and benefits from a large proportion of 1-4 family housing stock. The area East of Jerome Avenue and Fordham Road encompasses two neighborhoods: South Fordham, North of Burnside to Fordham Road, and Mount Hope, South of Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Both extend east to Webster Avenue. The Mount Hope/South Fordham neighborhoods are densely populated mostly with five and six-story housing. At the eastern edge of these neighborhoods is a large residential development known as Twin Parks West, consisting of four residential towers. At the northern portion of this area is the Fordham Road Shopping District, the third largest generator retail sales in the City of New York. Fordham Road has approximately 1-million square feet of retail space. During these times of anxiety and financial stress, funding for the community's priorities are even more important.

4. TOP THREE PRESSING ISSUES OVERALL

Bronx Community Board 5

The three most pressing issues facing this Community Board are:

Affordable Housing

Community Board #5 has an old housing stock with over half our housing built before 1930, and it is defined as a primarily a multi-dwelling bedroom community. The home ownership rate in our district is categorized as having the lowest rates in the New York City community districts. It has a homeownership rate of 2.8 percent. Also, our district is ranked as having the highest number of renter households whose gross rent was more than 50 percent of their pre-tax income. Other issues affecting housing quality are increasing utility costs for landlords and homeowners; the percentage of housing with five or more maintenance deficiencies has increased over 35 percent; a lack of code enforcement (this district ranks in the top 20 in serious housing code violations throughout the City); an increase in building debts due to over-financing. Approximately 44.4 percent of the rental housing units considered overcrowded (our district ranks 6th overall in the City). As the consequences of the Jerome Avenue Rezoning continue to be manifest, the need for affordable housing for the residents of the District has been enhanced.

Schools

There is a dearth of available school seats in our district, especially in elementary school seats. Community Board 5 encompasses School Districts 9 and 10. In CSD 9 the elementary school utilization rate is 118.23% In CSD 10 the rate is 122.06% (Jerome Avenue Rezoning EIS; p. 4-13). Community Board 5 was especially hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. There was prior to the health crisis a dearth of school seats in the District. Compounding the health-related deprivations is the looming and extant development related to the Jerome Avenue Rezoning. The lack of educational resources in the community are an impediment to the district's economic and social thriving. Redressing this deprivation would go a long way to improving the life-chances of our residents.

Unemployment

Community Board #5 currently has an unemployment of 18% compared to the Bronx overall unemployment rate of 8%. We have more than 10,000 households on cash assistance and 34, 000 cases for the SNAP. Which has impacted our median income of \$24, 000 which ranks us as one of the five lowest within in the city according to the NYU Furman Center report. The economy has been placed under great duress as a consequence of the current health crisis and the concomitant damage to the district's retail and other employers has been significant.

5. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Chronic disease prevention and management (diabetes, heart disease, etc.)

Our community has a high incidence for asthma and diabetes. Among adults the rate of hospitalizations for asthma are 571 per 100,000 adults. For the Bronx this rate is 508 and the average city-wide is 249. For children the rate for hospitalization is 55 in our community per 10,000 children between the ages of 5-14 years old. The rate for such children throughout the Bronx is 72 and for New York City the rate is 36. In regards to diabetes hospitalizations for adults, our community ranks as the sixth highest in the city. Per 10,000 adults we have a hospitalization rate of 616. For the Bronx the corresponding rate is 503. The rate of hospitalizations for New York City is 312. Among the leading causes of death in Community Board 5 diabetes related causes ranks 5th (26.7 per 100,000 adults). The rate of infant mortality and premature death (before the age of 65) is higher than city-wide. The infant mortality rate in Community Board 5 is 5.4 per 1,000 live births. For the Bronx his rate is 5.7. The New York City this rate is 4.7. By comparison the rate of infant mortality in the Upper East Side is 1.0. In our community the rate of premature death is 266.2 per 100,000 adults. The rate for the Bronx is 238.9 and the City is 198.4.

Community District Needs Related to Healthcare and Human Services

Needs for Health Care and Facilities

Within the Bronx, the infant mortality rate (IMR) remains extremely high for black women (including African American, African immigrants, and non-Hispanic Afro-Caribbean women) compared to the average IMR in the borough at the community level. This statistic is relevant for Community Board 5, since 33.7 percent of our residents are Black/African American. From 2007 to 2009, the IMR surpassed 10 deaths per 1,000 live births for black women under the age of 20 in the University/Morris Heights neighborhood. We urge the Department of Health Services to increase funding to address this health issue in our district. Also, Bronx Community Board 5 has the 4th highest number of asthma hospitalization in the City. Our district requests the DHS to increase funding for asthma treatment. Our other requests are an increase of funding for the expansion of the Pest Control Unit to add additional personnel and field inspectors/Exterminators, and to improve the teen pregnancy obesity programs in our district.

Needs for Older NYs

The elderly population in our district continues to increase. The proportion of the population group of 65 and older has increased from 5 percent to 8.2 percent from 2000 to 2012. We are requesting that the city provides for the special needs of our seniors especially for the recent seniors which require services that will keep them active. Community Board 5 is requesting that long range planning include housing, health and mental health care, home care and senior centers. With this approach, Community Board 5 feels we can improve their quality of life and prevent the isolation which many of our elderly are at risk for. Our priorities include:

- An Increase funding for the improvement of senior citizens' facilities in Community Board 5.
- Increase funding for senior housing

- Increase funding for innovative senior programs in Community Board District 5, such as a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community.
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HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOHMH	1 / 1	Other programs to address public health issues requests

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DFTA	1 / 3	Enhance educational and recreational programs
DFTA	2 / 3	Other senior center program requests
DFTA	3 / 3	Increase transportation services capacity
DOHMH	1 / 1	Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations
HRA	1 / 3	Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers
HRA	2 / 3	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults
HRA	3 / 3	Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

A large proportion of our residents fall under the youth category. The 2010 U.S. Census, as reported in the Community District Profile for Bronx Community Board 5, showed that about 42 percent of our population is under the age of 18. Also, Community Board 5 is ranked as the district with the 4th highest number of households with children under 18 years old. Students are performing at the lower levels of the city wide average scores in reading and math subjects; only 14.4 percent of the students were performing at grade level in math and only 12.3 percent of the students were performing at grade level in reading. Thus, it is very important for the Department of Education to assist our district to provide adequate services intended for this age group. We are requesting that as housing developments occur in our district, there are sufficient funds available for the needs of the youth.

Community District Needs Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Needs for Youth and Child Welfare

There is a dearth of programming for youth of all ages. We need further resources for anti-gang/violence programs, especially trying to combat youth against the elderly crime prevention.

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
SCA	1 / 1	Renovate exterior building component

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DYCD	1 / 4	Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services
DYCD	2 / 4	Other expense budget request for DYCD
DYCD	3 / 4	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)
DYCD	4 / 4	Other expense budget request for DYCD

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

General crime

Community residents feel that the 46th police pct physical appearance and chaotic parking, sanitation, are contributing to the quality life of local residents, like the broken window theory.

Community District Needs Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Needs for Public Safety

Safety in our community is a major concern, and we believe more investment and efforts should be dedicated to strengthening the capacity of the police force in our district since District 5 still has some of the highest crime rates in the City. Also another primary objective is to expedite the process of acquiring and constructing a new 46th Precinct with parking facilities. This will definitely improve police department services and consequently improve the quality of life of our residents. In addition, we request that the local police precinct increase funding for the Operation Clean Hallways program. It should work with the City's Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) agency to stop indoor drug dealing and loitering. This has been a quality of life and public safety issue for our community. In order to maintain security and enhance livability in our community, we require that there be more attention focused on the indoor drug dealing issue in our district. Our priorities for the NYC Police Department in our district include: Allocate funding to build a new front entrance ramp to make the existing 46th Police Precinct ADA accessible Increase funding for 911 emergency dispatchers to improve response time Increase funding to purchase noise meter devices and fire hydrant wrenches Increase funding for Narcotics Enforcement Increase funding for School Crossing Guards to assist students to navigate the wide street crossing corridors such as the Grand Concourse, University Avenue, and W. Tremont Avenue. Conduct a pilot initiative on Community Policing to enhance safety in our neighborhoods . Install security cameras along selected streets.

Needs for Emergency Services

Our priority for the NYC Fire Department is to increase funding for 911 dispatchers Emergency Response Time for Ambulance Services. The average response time from the 2013 Mayor's Management Report for the city was 4:06 for structural fires, and the response time in the Bronx was 4:12. We believe it is necessary to improve the capacity of our Fire Department to maintain the safety of our residents. We also request additional funding for carbon monoxide detectors, and medical kits for: each of our Engine Company and Juvenile fire setters program.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations
NYPD	1 / 6	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct
NYPD	2 / 6	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses
NYPD	3 / 6	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	4 / 6	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	5 / 6	Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras
NYPD	6 / 6	Add NYPD parking facilities

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
FDNY	1 / 1	Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives
NYPD	1 / 3	Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests
NYPD	2 / 3	Other NYPD staff resources requests
NYPD	3 / 3	Other NYPD programs requests

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

Community Board #5 has been a lock down community board with custodial hydrant locks since the early nineties. For the past ten years we have been top three in complaints. In the past four years we have been chosen for the HEAP Initiative. Community Board #5 welcomes this initiative but with changes for example: 1. the initiative is not operational until July, we would like to see it implemented earlier either late April or early May. 2. DEP should incorporate a speakers bureau to consist of DEP, FDNY, NYPD personnel and Community Boards in order to speak on the impact full running hydrants have on public safety property damage and the exorbitant cost of the city. 3. CB #5 recommends DEP change its policy on what agency is issued hydrant wrenches e.g. DSNY hydrants can be shut during am hours.

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Needs for Sanitation Services

Bronx Community Board 5 has the lowest sanitation score card rating in the borough related to sidewalk and street cleanliness. Sanitation has continued to be an important priority for Community Board 5 to improve the quality of life and economic stability and growth within our district. Therefore, we are requesting an increase of funding for cleaning personnel for our six commercial districts on Fordham Road, South Grand Concourse (Fordham Road), Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, West Tremont Avenue and University Avenue, and Featherbed Lane. Also, we request funding for our Canine Unit, additional personnel for the 13 Step Streets, cleaning personnel for Grand Concourse and University Malls, sanitation equipment (for cleaning the Grand Concourse and the University Malls, tree pruning, and weed whackers), and for personnel to service garbage baskets in our district (especially in commercial areas).

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

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CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DEP	1 / 1	Other expense budget request for DEP
DSNY	1 / 4	Provide more frequent litter basket collection
DSNY	2 / 4	Other cleaning requests
DSNY	3 / 4	Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws
DSNY	4 / 4	Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Affordable housing preservation

Community Board #5 has an old housing stock with over half our housing built before 1930, and it is defined as a primarily a multi-dwelling bedroom community. The home ownership rate in our district is categorized as having the lowest rates in the New York City community districts. It has a homeownership rate of 2.8 percent. Also, our district is ranked as having the highest number of renter households whose gross rent was more than 50 percent of their pre-tax income. Other issues affecting housing quality are increasing utility costs for landlords and homeowners; the percentage of housing with five or more maintenance deficiencies has increased over 35 percent; a lack of code enforcement (this district ranks in the top 20 in serious housing code violations throughout the City); an increase in building debts due to over-financing. Approximately 44.4 percent of the rental housing units considered overcrowded (our district ranks 6th overall in the City).

Community District Needs Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Needs for Land Use

Jerome Avenue Neighborhood Study: Jerome Avenue is a major street in our district running North and South, and the section we wish to focus on is an auto-body corridor from the Burnside Avenue to the Cross Bronx Expressway. The physical appearance of this corridor has a negative impact on the residents quality of life. Even though this corridor provides some employment opportunities (but not necessarily to residents in our community), we believe that the businesses should be relocated to another location. The objective is to change the existing C8 zoning along Jerome Avenue with the support of stakeholders and community members. We believe this is an opportunity area for mixed-use development, and request for a zoning change to residential with a commercial overlay. This is also an opportunity for affordable housing on Jerome Avenue, and the establishment of an Inclusionary Housing Program can be a tool to incentivize this type of housing development along the corridor. Many community stakeholders have suggested that Jerome Avenue be revitalized to meet existing area needs and plan for the future. Through the planning process, City Planning and sister agencies will seek to address the needs of local residents, businesses, and institutions. The study and resulting community plan will evaluate and identify opportunities to promote a range of elements to support community vitality: affordable housing, job growth and training, economic development, cultural activities, pedestrian safety, parks, schools and daycare, retail and services. The study and plan will promote coordinated investments in infrastructure and services to shape a resilient, sustainable community. The study and plan will include land use and zoning changes and the application of a mandatory Inclusionary Housing program within the area to promote affordable housing.

HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 1	Other capital budget request for EDC
HPD	1 / 1	Provide, expand, or enhance loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
EDC	1 / 1	Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Transportation and Mobility

Bus service and quality (frequency, access, crowding, etc.)

A large proportion of our residents, about 68.2 percent, use public transportation to commute to work. Other popular modes of commuting to work include driving to work alone (11.5 percent) or carpooling (5.8 percent), or walking (9.6 percent). The objective of Bronx Community Board 5 is to improve the existing transportation infrastructure. The resurfacing of our most important street, the Grand Concourse from 175th to Fordham Road, is an important priority for our district. The objective is to initiate a greening project which would be vital for enhancing the beautification and improving economic development in the area. Also, due to the heavily utilized major thoroughfares in our district (including Grand Concourse, Fordham Road, University Avenue, and Tremont Avenue), traffic mitigation efforts are of paramount importance. Sep street maintenance is important as the district's 13 step streets are a feature of significant aesthetic and pedestrian circulation value.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 6	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	2 / 6	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	3 / 6	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	4 / 6	Repair or build new step streets
DOT	5 / 6	Repair or provide new street lights
DOT	6 / 6	Repair or provide new street lights
NYCTA	1 / 1	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DOT	1 / 2	Other traffic improvement requests
DOT	2 / 2	Conduct traffic or parking studies
NYCTA	1 / 1	Other transit service requests

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bronx Community Board 5

Most Important Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Library facilities and access

The two libraries that serve our community, Francis Martin and Sedgwick Branch libraries are vital components of the cultural and educational resources in our community. The ongoing physical, programming and aesthetic accessibility of these branches are of vital concern. These libraries are hubs for community activity. They have also developed innovative programming through the 'Summer Reading in the park' program. Sunday/expanded hours would be of great benefit once the facilities are able to return to normal operations.

The reconstruction of the DCAS owned building at 2038 Davidson Avenue continues and there remains a need for further construction at this building. The extension of the second floor and a capital reserve for this work are required.

Community District Needs Related to Parks, Cultural and Other Community Facilities

Needs for Cultural Services

Immigration: The foreign born comprises more than one-third of the population within Community Board #5. In order to serve our immigrant residents a increase in funding is needed to enable our immigrant population to integrate into the social and economic fabric of Community Board #5. The recent influx of asylum-seekers has added to this matter.

Needs for Library Services

Community Board 5 (Bronx) has two branches of the New York Public Library (NYPL) system: Francis Martin and Sedgwick. These are vital resources for our community. The Bronx has seen a 225 percent increase in program attendance and a 35 percent increase in circulation. Data shows that these statistics will continue to increase throughout the New York public Library system.

- The libraries are especially important to low and moderate income residents who depend on the libraries for access to books, internet access, job search and film and as the only quiet place to read or do homework or other work.
- Residents who have laptop computers but cannot afford internet fees use the library for internet access. The arts and cultural programming along with English for Speakers of Other Languages and Out-of School Time programs in the neighborhood are extremely important to many residents, particularly families with children and seniors, who cannot otherwise afford access to commercial alternatives. The NYPL libraries within CB 5 (Bronx) are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation
- The NYPL will continue to work with the Mayor, Speaker, City Council and local elected officials to increase capital funding.

PARKS, CULTURAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DCAS	1 / 1	Other capital budget request for DCAS
DPR	1 / 6	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	2 / 6	Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park
DPR	3 / 6	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	4 / 6	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	5 / 6	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
DPR	6 / 6	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)
NYPL	1 / 1	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
DPR	1 / 5	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)
DPR	2 / 5	Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers
DPR	3 / 5	Other park maintenance and safety requests
DPR	4 / 5	Plant new street trees
DPR	5 / 5	Other expense budget request for DPR
NYPL	1 / 4	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections
NYPL	2 / 4	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections
NYPL	3 / 4	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections
NYPL	4 / 4	Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

6. OTHER BUDGET REQUESTS

Note: Please see Section 7 for the full content of each request. Requests are prioritized by agency.

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Community Board did not submit any Budget Requests in this category.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS

Agency	Priority	Title
NYCEM	1 / 1	Other expense request for NYCEM

7. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

1 of 1 Other capital budget request for DCAS

DCAS

Other capital budget request for DCAS

DCAS - Davidson Community Center is a DCAS leased property. The Center is seeking to renovate their existing space as well as to add 2 additional stories to the existing building. This space would be used for an expansion of youth and community services for the residents of the district.. Monies are needed to compete the expansion of the second floor to the property line. In addition, this renovation would add an elevator for handicap accessibility and add a kitchen for meal preparation.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The community board should submit a Space Request to DCAS/OMB for OMB conceptual approval. The CB should contact DCAS Real Estate Services, Hannah Marcus at hmarcus@dcas.nyc.gov for information on completing a Space Request Form

1 of 1 Other programs to address public health issues requests

DOHMH

Other programs to address public health issues requests

Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) is a vital resource for the delivery of medical and mental health care in our community. MHHC is piloting an innovative delivery model whereby services that contribute to health, outside of medical and mental health needs are delivered with the same level of prioritization. To facilitate this model MHHC needs monies to facilitate a build-out of their building at 25 East 183rd Street.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. MMHC is a federally quality healthcenter and excellent community partner. This is not a facility that DOHMH has oversight of but there could be contract RFP's for services that this facility can bid to partner with DOHMH on.

1 of 6 Repair or build new step streets

DOT

Repair or build new step streets

Location: Palisades Place - Sedgwick Avenue & Sedgwick Avenue
Reconstruct Step Streets from Palisades Place to Sedgwick Avenue. Step Streets are important access points. These are in extremely dangerous condition which must be addressed promptly.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Repairs can be made to existing Step Streets. If exact locations can be given they can be evaluated on a case by case basis.

2 of 6 Repair or build new step streets

DOT

Repair or build new step streets

Location: Sedgwick Avenue - Cedar Avenue & Cedar Avenue
Reconstruct Step Street from Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar avenue. Step Streets are important access points. This particular step street provides access form Sedgwick Avenue to Cedar Avenue which is the gateway to Roberto Clemente State Park. This location is in extremely poor condition and must be addressed promptly.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Major Capital Reconstruction of Step Streets are not possible at this time. However, make safe repairs can be made if the conditions are dangerous.

3 of 6 Repair or build new step streets

DOT

Repair or build new step streets

Location: Marion Avenue - 187th Street & 187th Street
Reconstruct Step Street from Marion Avenue to 187th Street. The Step Street has been seriously deteriorated. There is heavy pedestrian traffic e.g. students, patrons and residents. Request additional lighting.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Major Capital Reconstruction of Step Streets are not possible at this time. However, make safe repairs can be made if the conditions are dangerous. Additional Lighting should be separated from this request.

4 of 6 Repair or build new step streets**DOT**

Repair or build new step streets

Location: Kingsland Place - West Tremont Avenue & West Tremont Avenue
Create Step Street at Kingsland Place (between West Tremont Avenue and Harrison Avenue) This location is in poor condition. DOT has paved and resurfaced this location in the prior fiscal year, however it remains unsafe and is heavily used by pedestrians and children. Creating a step street would improve pedestrian mobility. Access now is dangerous for those that are mobility impaired. Repaving/reconstruction should make the step street ADA-compliant.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. There is no plan to build a Step Street at this location

5 of 6 Repair or provide new street lights**DOT**

Repair or provide new street lights

Location: Webster Avenue - 182nd Street & 182nd Street
Community Board members voiced concern about the lack of adequate lighting along Webster Avenue. A PAL is located at this corner so improved lighting would add to the security of youth and enhance the attraction of this youth recreation facility.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. this is a duplicate request to DOT-674192-C0K1

6 of 6 Repair or provide new street lights**DOT**

Repair or provide new street lights

Location: Sedgewick Avenue - Cedar Avenue & Cedar Avenue
The replacement of lighting from conventional lighting to LED will enhance the illumination of the street and increase the durability and service-life of such lights. An improvement in illumination will enhance this area as a commercial node.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. All lighting upgrades done citywide are being upgraded to LED

1 of 6 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Request Funding for Lighting Via Flood lights from the Light Post for the Steps of the park. Also funding Stage/Presentation/Community area at the top of the park. Restoration of walls, railings and update the fencing. To shift the current physical conditions and negative community perceptions of University Woods and help other communities use their parks to improve the conditions of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Agency supports this request. Funding and study are needed for this request.

2 of 6 Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a building in a park

Improve & Develop the Environment Walk at Aqueduct Land from Morton Place to Burnside Avenue. Build a Pedestrian Bridge, ADA Compliance Step Street or Ramp. Aqueduct Walk is adjacent to the newly constructed Morton Playground & Morton Place Homeowners Association. Walkway is in dire need of improvement.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Agency supports this request. Funding and study are needed for this request.

3 of 6 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: University Avenue - West Tremont Avenue & West Tremont Avenue
Community Board #5 is Requesting the Redesign of the University Avenue Park Malls. University Avenue from West Tremont Avenue to 175th Street. Community Board #5 is requesting that these malls be redesigned to accommodate some benches as well as some additional spaces for tree pits.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please request traffic study from CDOT for project feasibility.

4 of 6 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Phase II Construction for University Woods Park to Develop the Plaza/Stage area of the park. University Woods Park construction improvements will enhance public safety perception and will increase environmental and recreational programming activities within the park.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Agency supports this request. Funding and study are needed for this request.

5 of 6 Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Location: Townsend Avenue & Townsend Avenue
Transfer & Develop the Greenthumb Property at Walton Avenue & East 175th Street to the Department of Parks & Recreation. This Greenthumb, maintained by the Mount Hope Housing Company, is a beautiful resource with the potential of becoming a playground for neighborhood children.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. There is already an existing GreenThumb community garden as this location: Townsend Garden (Block 2849 Lot 68). This DPR garden has an active license agreement with an active community group. GreenThumb would welcome expense and/or capital funding to improve this DPR property.

6 of 6 Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)**DPR**

Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)

Bean-Morris Community Garden is dilapidated and needs to be overhauled and maintained. The garden is in need of picnic tables and seating so that this area may be better utilized by the community.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. This GreenThumb community garden will be renovated as part of a capital project led by Citywide Services.

1 of 1 Other capital budget request for EDC**EDC**

Other capital budget request for EDC

EDC - Requesting Phase II of Mount Hope Housing Inc. Project to Construct Indoor Gymnasium, Parking Facility as Well as a Useable Pavilion Roof top on City Owned Land. The Mount Hope Housing project has just completed phase I a state of the art Community Center. In order to make this facility viable it needs parking facilities to accommodate conference hall and gymnasium participants.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Additional information and further study by the agency of this request is needed.

1 of 1 Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations**FDNY**

Rehabilitate or renovate existing fire houses or EMS stations

Fund Firehouse Renovations/Upgrades. Funding is needed for firehouse renovations and upgrades in CD5 such as new roof (waterproofing), apparatus floor replacements, emergency generators, window replacements, pointing, electrical as well as kitchen and bathroom. Engine Company 42, Engine Company 43 and Engine Company 48

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. FDNY will seek to accommodate within existing resources, although this will depend on availability of funding and overall agency prioritization. The Community Board should continue work with their relevant elected officials to allocate Council/BP capital funding at Budget Adoption.

1 of 1 Provide, expand, or enhance loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings**HPD**

Provide, expand, or enhance loan programs to rehabilitate multiple dwelling buildings

Increase Funds to 8A Loan Program for Upgrading and Ongoing Maintenance Needs in Rehabilitated Buildings. New focus is to preserve existing housing of what has been rehabilitated. HPD indicates the fund is drying up.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. The 8A loan Program is now the Multifamily Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRP).

1 of 1 Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.**NYCTA**

Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.

Install an Elevator/Escalator at the IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station. The IRT #4 Burnside Avenue Station is heavily used in Bronx Community Board 5. It is highly elevated facility having three sets of stairs before a passenger arrives at the mezzanine level. Disabled individuals, people with carriages/strollers and seniors have a difficult time getting to the platform of this station serves as a main gateway to Bronx Community College, Roberto Clemente State Park and other institutions in our district. The community has signed a petition with over 1000 signatures for an elevator/escalator at this station.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1 of 6 Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct**NYPD**

Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct

Construct New 46th Precinct Facility. The 46th Precinct is in need of a new facility. The current facility is old, dilapidated, archaic and most of the furniture is old & broken. There is no space for parking, causing the streets to be congested with very little space for pedestrians. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYPD's capital plan doesn't include funding for a replacement precinct stationhouse. New funding to cover all associated costs are needed before this project can move forward.

2 of 6 Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses**NYPD**

Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses

Handicap Accessibility in Front of the 46th Precinct. Seniors and physically challenged residents are requesting a ramp and handrails to the entrance of the 46th Precinct to make it ADA accessible.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Capital project for ADA accessibility upgrades is in pre-design, part of citywide ADA improvement effort.

3 of 6 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Location: Burnside Avenue - Grand Concourse & Grand Concourse
New York Police Department Surveillance Cameras along Burnside Avenue Shopping District from Grand Concourse to Harrison Avenue. Burnside Avenue Shopping district is Vibrant. Merchants and shoppers have concerns about public safety. Surveillance cameras would enhance public safety and would serve as deterrent.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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.

4 of 6 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Location: West 181st Street - Grand Avenue & Grand Avenue
Aqueduct Homeowners Request Surveillance Camera's for Grand Avenue, Davidson Avenue and West 181st Street. Homeowners have public safety concerns. Surveillance camera's would enhance public safety and quality life. Cameras will serve as a deterrent.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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.

5 of 6 Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras**NYPD**

Provide surveillance (Argus) cameras

Location: Burside Avenue - University Avenue & University Avenue
Security cameras are needed along Burnside Avenue between University Avenue and Sedgewick Avenue. This extension of security cameras would effectively extend our request for cameras along Burnside Avenue to our eastern most shopping hub.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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.

6 of 6 Add NYPD parking facilities**NYPD**

Add NYPD parking facilities

Parking near the 46th precinct is very constrained. Officers, precinct vehicles, residents and commercial vehicles all compete for constrained space. A means to alleviate this is to build parking decks on the lots operated and owned by NYPD at 2069 and 2119 Valentine Avenue.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYPD's budget doesn't contain sufficient funding for parking lot upgrades to accommodate this request.

1 of 1 Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library**NYPL**

Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library

Partial Renovation of Francis Martin Library Branch. Francis Martin Library Branch needs the front faade rehabilitated, HVAC replaced additional units), electrical system upgraded, PC Refresh and VoIP Technology, 1st floor and lower level, (including ADA compliance), including elevator and bathrooms upgraded.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYPL would like to pursue a complete interior renovation of the Francis Martin library and has included this project in our new needs submission to OMB. Significant city funding is required.

1 of 1 Renovate exterior building component**SCA**

Renovate exterior building component

Community Board #5 requests that the schoolyard of MS 459X be renovated for use by the school community, as well as programs sponsored by Good Shepherd Services and B.R.A.G. The schoolyard includes basketball courts, handball courts and a play area and is need of rehabilitation and new fixtures and play equipment.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. FUNDING NOT AVAILABLE.

EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**1 of 1 Other expense budget request for DEP****DEP**

Other expense budget request for DEP

DEP - Hire additional Inspectors for the Department of Environmental Protection. Personnel Inspectors to Monitor Fire Hydrants (Opening and Closing). Community District 5, for the last three years, has experienced the highest rate of hydrant openings in the borough of the Bronx. Ranking in the top three citywide.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1 of 3 Enhance educational and recreational programs**DFTA**

Enhance educational and recreational programs

Community Board #5 is Requesting funding for Stay Well exercising programs for seniors who are fit and for those with disabilities. Seniors are in dire need of Aerobic exercise as well as routines designed to enhance balance, build muscle strength and aid in the performance o task associated with daily living.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We need additional funding to cover this request.

2 of 3 Other senior center program requests**DFTA**

Other senior center program requests

Requesting funding for computer labs and training. This will assist seniors to navigate computer and complex systems. The elderly have been an integral part of this community for generations. Seniors today live longer and despite some disabilities generally live better overall than their counterparts of previous generations. Many older adults are isolated, frail, homebound, vulnerable to fraud and intimidation.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We need additional funding to cover this request.

3 of 3 Increase transportation services capacity**DFTA**

Increase transportation services capacity

There is a dearth of access to the number 4 elevated train in our district. Through the length of Jerome Avenue in our district there is no access to the train for those with mobility impairments. We seek additional funding so that providers of services for the elderly can expand transportation services.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. We need additional funding to cover this request.

1 of 1 Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations**DOHMH**

Animal and pest control requests including reducing rat and mosquito populations

Expand Pest & Animal Control Units to also include Animal Inspectors; additional Personnel Needed. CD5 is experiencing a major rat infestation. With major redevelopment, new construction and a growing population, rats are multiplying and moving into buildings/homes. Rats pose a health and safety danger with diseases they carry, especially to children.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Every property in NYC, whether vacant or occupied has a designated owner or legally responsible party that must maintain the general upkeep and conditions of that property

1 of 2 Other traffic improvement requests**DOT**

Other traffic improvement requests

Increase Staff in Bureau of Highways Maintenance Division: Additional Staff Persons Needed. With an increase in the need to repair streets as well as sidewalks and radways, there is a serious need for additional manpower in the Bronx Highways Maintenance Division. One gang is not sufficient to address the street repair needs in the borough.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Staffing Appointments are done via the Office of Management and Budget.

2 of 2 Conduct traffic or parking studies**DOT**

Conduct traffic or parking studies

On Street Parking Study for Community Board 5 Area. On Street Parking is a priority Quality of Life issue for district 5. CB 5 is highly dense bedroom community. In addition, we have 7 Commercial Shopping Districts (Fordham Road, Webster Avenue, South Grand Concourse, Burnside Avenue, West 183rd Street, University Avenue/West Tremont Avenue and Featherbed Lane) and street parking is vital for our Community Board area.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Parking concerns are present citywide as curb space is needed for a mix of uses and needs. As per shopping district parking, there are many metered spaces throughout the corridors mentioned which support the need for vehicle turnover.

1 of 5 Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)**DPR**

Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)

Hire Parks Enforcement Police Officers for Bronx Parks. Our parks are becoming increasingly dangerous and are often unattended/un-patrolled by NYPD. Many parks are becoming havens for drug dealers.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. PEP is not the lead on crime however we do work with NYPD as it relates to drug use and sales in parks. We can increase patrols.

2 of 5 Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers**DPR**

Improve the quality/staffing of existing programs offered in parks or recreational centers

Hire Parks Recreation Specialist-Consider Seasonal Hires for Cost Containment. Our parks and playgrounds are in dire need of adequate staff with which to provide recreational activities for the tens of thousands of young people using our parks. We presently have only one recreation staff person for all our parks and playgrounds.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. Slattery playground operated as a 2025 Kids in Motion site. A Playground Associate was stationed there 5 days a week from June to September to provide programming to youth of all ages. This will be repeated in 2026. Half-Nelson Playground, Echo Playground, Galileo and Grand Playground are in a rotation of playgrounds that will be visited by our mobile play unit from May 2026 to Sept. of 2026. In addition, we partnered with CM Sanchez to provide 5 free family events in CB 5 in 2025. We anticipate a similar partnership in 2026.

3 of 5 Other park maintenance and safety requests**DPR**

Other park maintenance and safety requests

Restore Parks Maintenance Employees (to include the Division of Forestry and a Greenthumb Crew). Bronx Community District #5 has several playgrounds and parks which need to be properly maintained. Essential increases in maintenance staff are needed.

Agency Response: The agency does not understand the request as written and requires more clarification. Further clarification is needed on this request.

4 of 5 Plant new street trees**DPR**

Plant new street trees

Location: Sedgewick Ave - R CLEMENTE STATE PARK BRDG & R CLEMENTE STATE PARK BRDG
We are requesting tree plantings for the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue, Roberto Clement State park bridge and West Tremont Avenues. There are few plantings to this location and there are residences at this location. Tree plantings would also aesthetically link the park with the nearby community.

Agency Response: Agency does not support but can address the need alternatively. Trees will be planted throughout CB 5 as part of our Neighborhood Tree Planting approach. More details can be found on the Parks website: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting>.

5 of 5 Other expense budget request for DPR**DPR**

Other expense budget request for DPR

There is a lack of green space in Bronx Community Board 5. An identified resource that the community would like to expand and support so as to mitigate this deprivation is to expand the Community Garden program. This would include both greater outreach/recruiting efforts and also greater support for group formation and planning..

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 91% of the people in CB5 live within a 10-minute walk to a community garden. There are eight (8) GreenThumb community gardens in CB5. GreenThumb would welcome expense and/or capital funding to improve all of these DPR properties.

1 of 4 Provide more frequent litter basket collection**DSNY**

Provide more frequent litter basket collection

Recently there has been an increased incidence of waste baskets overflowing. This has occurred primarily (but not exclusively) in our main commercial corridor, Burnside Avenue). Increased basket pick-ups would help a great deal.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time.

2 of 4 Other cleaning requests**DSNY**

Other cleaning requests

Create a Step Street Task Force to Clean the City's 128 Step Streets. Until the recent use of Work Experience Program (WEP) workers for cleaning step streets, DOS had abandoned its responsibility for these public streets. CD5 has 12 step streets which are made unsightly and dangerous by litter.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time.

3 of 4 Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws**DSNY**

Increase enforcement of illegal dumping laws

Increase Illegal Dumping Task Force from Current Low Level. Sanitation police personnel cannot serve the need of our district. Must improve ability of Department to conduct surveillance and apprehend illegal dumpers. This is a major quality of life concern in CD5.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. The agency supports this request, but funding is not available at this time.

4 of 4 Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal**DSNY**

Expand opportunities for electronic waste collection and disposal

Bronx Community District 5 has no electronics waste recycling infrastructure. There is no collection point within the district. The Community District has been rezoned and residential development is accelerating. This will increase the volume of electronic waste. Our community thereby requests infrastructure for electronic waste disposal/recycling.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. DSNY operates a special waste drop off location for the Bronx at Hunts Point. It is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed legal holidays and during severe weather). It is located at Farragut Street and the East River, next to the Fulton Fish Market, with an entrance on Farragut Street, off Food Center Drive. Additional information can be found on DSNY's website: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>

1 of 4 Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services**DYCD**

Provide, expand, or enhance adolescent literacy programs and services

Community Board #5 requests that DYCD establish a Computer Coding Program in the district for residents, (Youth and Young Adults and senior citizens) to learn computer coding. This is a very important skill which leads to quality job opportunities and assists in their educational development.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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.

2 of 4 Other expense budget request for DYCD**DYCD**

Other expense budget request for DYCD

Youth have a dearth of recreational facilities in our community and there is significant gang violence. These factors combine to make our youth vulnerable to substance-abusing behaviors. It is for that reason that we are requesting enhanced services for anti-substance abuse programs in our community.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Within the district, DYCD funds two community centers, three sports programs, and many afterschool programs.

3 of 4 Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

DYCD

Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)

The mission of the Featherbed Lane Improvement Assoc. two-fold: 1) to reduce the risk of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use / abuse, and 2) to assist socially and economically disadvantaged youth and young adults in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation to become responsible self-sufficient citizens. The end result is stronger families and a better community. FLIA also utilizes evidence based program curriculums designed to help students develop self-control, communication skills, and acquire resources to help them resist drug use, improve decision making strategies, and develop the motivation not use drugs. The philosophy is to help children and families grow physically, healthy, emotionally strong, socially involved, educationally prepared, and more culturally aware.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. DYCD cannot fund individual organizations outside the request for proposals process.

4 of 4 Other expense budget request for DYCD

DYCD

Other expense budget request for DYCD

There is a dearth of programming for youth of all ages. We need further resources for anti-gang/violence programs, especially trying to combat youth against the elderly crime prevention.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Within the district, DYCD funds two community centers, three sports programs, and many afterschool programs.

1 of 1 Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses

EDC

Expand programs to support MWBE-owned firms and businesses

Community Board #5 requests that a business incubator be established in the district to assist local business and Entrepreneurs to grow the businesses or establish new business ventures in technology, health care and retail areas, etc.. Possibly using Bronx Community College as a location for such an incubator.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. Further study by the agency of this request is needed.

1 of 1 Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives

FDNY

Expand funding for fire prevention and life safety initiatives

Funding fire safety education outreach. The fire department needs to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distributing to the public.

Agency Response: Agency supports and can accommodate. FDNY has existing funding for fire safety education outreach, both City resources as well as outside funding from the Fire Foundation. The Community Board should continue work with their relevant elected officials to allocate discretionary funding at Adoption for smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

1 of 3 Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers

HRA

Other request for services for vulnerable New Yorkers

Requesting more Funding for Special Needs Services for Immigrants. For example, citizenship applications, residency, employment applications, spousal waivers, accessing resources and other legal documents. The foreign born are more than one-third of the population in Community Board #5. By addressing these immigrant specific concerns will ultimately enable the foreign born to contribute even more to the economic vitality of the community.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. Defer to the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

2 of 3 Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults**HRA**

Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults

Provide more Independent Living Skills Programs for Single Mothers. Community Board #5 is in dire need of funding for the Independent Skills Services program in our district. This program will provide a solid support system to single mothers who are working to make the transition from public dependency to self sufficiency.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. HRA's Career Services provides services to clients to assist them in developing job skills, obtaining employment, financial counseling and building sustainable careers that provide a path out of poverty.

3 of 3 Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)**HRA**

Expand, or enhance Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

The experience of the recent pandemic has illustrated the vulnerability of our community to food insecurity. There was an increase of 500% in demand for some of our food pantry/emergency food providers. There remains a great need to expand the capacity of our Community Based Organizations to deliver emergency food for the community

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. HRA continues to maintain funding for Community Food Connection (CFC; formerly EFAP). During the COVID pandemic funds were added to the budget to purchase additional food. Note that, in general, pantries are funded by a wide variety of funding sources. CFC is supplementary program. Pantries generally also get food or funding from: food banks, state programs, as well as CFC and City Council discretionary funding. Generally, pantries do not rely on just one funding stream, they have a variety of funding streams.

1 of 1 Other expense request for NYCEM**NYCEM**

Other expense request for NYCEM

The Community Resiliency Network (CRN) helps the community prepare for and recover from an emergency. The CRN provides training to the community to prepare for emergencies. As a part of this training CRN would like to provide 'go-bags'. These bags would contain items pertinent for households in an emergency.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. CRN is already a member of the Strengthening Communities program. Our Strengthening Communities program will continue to work with the Community Resiliency Network as needed.

1 of 1 Other transit service requests**NYCTA**

Other transit service requests

Create a NYC Transit Authority Clean Team. A special team is needed to clean and paint elevated subway line stations, fight graffiti and work with communities on anti-litter/anti-graffiti activities.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY AND PROMPTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

1 of 3 Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD facilities and equipment requests

Feasibility Study for the Expansion of the Existing 46th Precinct. Increase in personnel has made it extremely crowded in this old dilapidated and archaic building. This situation must be improved not only for the working police officers, but also for the surrounding community.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. NYPD's funding constraints, project capacity, and Department priorities rule out including this project at this time.

2 of 3 Other NYPD staff resources requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD staff resources requests

Hire Additional Clerical Workers for the 46th Precinct. The addition of 100 new officers to the 46th Precinct over the next 24 months will require additional support staff to process paper work and service community requests/complaints.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. 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. The availability of future funding for civilian personnel depends on the decisions made in the Preliminary and Executive budget process.

3 of 3 Other NYPD programs requests**NYPD**

Other NYPD programs requests

Community Board #5 requests that the city enhances funding for a Victim Support Services Program in the district which would deal with the victims of crimes or the families of victims of crime. The program would assist these victims and their family's with funeral arrangements, counseling, financial support and other needs of these residents.

Agency Response: Agency supports but cannot accommodate. This is outside of the NYPD's jurisdiction. However, there is a State Agency designed to compensate innocent victims of crime for their out of pocket expenses. <https://ovs.ny.gov/>

1 of 4 Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections**NYPL**

Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

New York Public Library Request the City Restore Funding. The New York Public Library requests that the City restore funding to provide robust six day service including increased hours, diverse programming, strong collections and sufficient staff to support these functions. in these challenging economic times, the services provided through the Library are needed by New Yorkers more than ever.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. All NYPL locations offer six-day service.

2 of 4 Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections**NYPL**

Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

Location: Martin Luther King Blvd.
Extend the library's programming so that it may be open 6 days per week.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. All NYPL locations offer six-day service.

3 of 4 Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections**NYPL**

Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

To extend the Francis Martin branch hours to 6 days per week.

Agency Response: This request has already been completed. All NYPL locations offer six-day service.

4 of 4 Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections**NYPL**

Extend library hours, expand library programs, and enhance library collections

We are requesting monies so that staff may be allocated to provide services outside the Francis Martin Library branch. The proposed project will provide one library staffer to supervise reading of library materials in the park abutting the Francis Martin library during summer hours.

Agency Response: Agency does not support and cannot accommodate. Please contact NYPL to discuss this request.